WORD ON THE STREET

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"The way to get started is to quit talking and start doing."

- Walt Disney

Welcome

By Charles J. Esposito, Esq.

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of "Word on the Street" the semi-occasionally occurring newsletter from the Taft Street Law Firm.

Taft Street was founded with a focus on helping our clients achieve their goals. Whether it be starting a small business, navigating the regulatory issues surrounding that business, or helping our clients assert their legal rights, Taft Street offers professional, client-focused legal services.

"Word on the Street" will blend the services Taft Street provides with helpful and hopefully entertaining information provided by our staff, industry professionals, and other businesses that we believe can provide valuable information to our clients and friends. I might even convince my wife to offer up a recipe here and there.

This first issue will mostly showcase the services Taft Street provides and familiarize our readers with our company.

Onward!

Virtual Corporate CounselSM

By Charles J. Esposito, Esq.

Are you a small business owner? Have you ever wanted to pick up the phone to ask your lawyer a simple question? Did you not make the phone call because you were afraid you'd be charged?

Worse, do you not have a lawyer in mind to call?

As a small business owner, there are times when I would value a second opinion on a regulation or an employment issue and I am a lawyer.

While serving as the Chief Legal Officer at Seastone of Delray (a company we sold in 2017) my duties involved most things a general counsel would normally handle. As a small business, however, we could not justify adding on a separate general counsel position. Since then, I've come to realize that many businesses are in the same spot — Needing general counsel, but unable to afford it.

Navigating the regulatory framework that surrounds small businesses is difficult.

Don't go it alone!

A Virtual Corporate CounselSM can help.

Thus, we've created the Virtual Corporate CounselSM: Outside general counsel services for small businesses. We provide:

- Risk Management and Risk Mitigation
- Corporate Governance and Compliance
- Counsel on Employment Law Issues
- Intellectual Property Protection

- Outside Counsel Management
- Real Estate Transactions
- Dispute Resolution Services
- Policies and Procedures Development

For more information on Virtual Corporate CounselSM visit <u>TaftStreetLaw.com</u>



Filing Your Florida LLC

with Taft Street Law Firm

Starting a new business can be an exhilarating experience. It can also be a daunting task.

Filing your Articles of Incorporation for your LLC and selecting Registered Agent Services shouldn't occupy space in the mind of a budding entrepreneur. Nevertheless, limiting your liability by filing for a Florida LLC is an important step in protecting your assets.

Taft Street is here to assist. We provide Florida LLC filing services at FileMyFloridaLLC.com, and when you file your LLC with us, we provide FREE registered agent services until your next annual report is due.

As registered agents, we'll receive official mail from the state and accept service of process should your company officially be served. We'll also handle your compliance calendars and make sure your company remains active by filing your annual report each year.

Accidents & Injuries – Steps to Take

By Charles J. Esposito, Esq.

If you are injured in an accident, there are several steps you can take to help yourself and any injury claim you might file:

- Seek Emergency Medical Attention. Your health is paramount. Your first call if you are injured should not be to your lawyer, it should be to emergency medical responders.
- 2. **Contact Law Enforcement**. Although police reports are not admissible in court, they can help identify witnesses and clarify facts.
- 3. **Follow up on Medical Referrals**. If the doctor prescribes you medication or physical therapy, and you do not follow through with it, it can hurt your injury claim.
- 4. **Contact an Experienced Injury Lawyer**. Even if you are not going to use a lawyer, it's helpful to get their opinion.

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Florida law requires all active businesses to maintain a valid registered agent.



Don't let an injury control your life.

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- 5. Report the Accident to Your Insurance Company. Your insurance company is there to help you. They can let you know information like what your uninsured motorist coverage limits are. You don't have to file a claim with them, but you should let them know.
- 6. **Keep a Journal of Your Recovery.** Your recovery can have peaks and valleys. If you're feeling good one day, and that happens to be the day you need to speak to an insurance adjuster, it's helpful to look back at your recovery to remember all the pain you've been through.
- 7. **Keep Track of Missed Time at Work**. If you miss work due to an injury, you could be entitled to lost wages. Even if you use paid time off, diligently keep track, as you could still recover.

Disclaimer: Taft Street Law Firm may choose to refer your injury claim. Past awards not indicative of future.

Future Endeavors

By Charles J. Esposito, Esq.

New and Exciting Times!

Big things are on the horizon for Taft Street. Our firm intends to grow and take on new and interesting work on behalf of our clients.

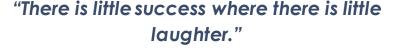
In addition to business services and injury law, we will be expanding to take on real estate closings. Be on the look out for our next newsletter for an update on our progress.

Be sure to visit our website at TaftStreetLaw.com, where we have more information including a presentation on Worker Misclassification.

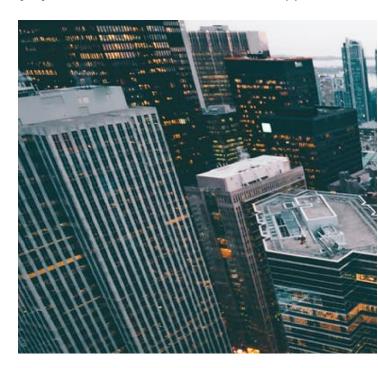
Thank you for reading and please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any help.

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