<u>About Us</u>

Founded in 1997, Legal Services for Entrepreneurs (LSE) provides free business legal services to low-income individuals starting businesses, businesses in economically distressed areas, and "mom and pop shops" where gentrification is a force for displacement.

LSE recognizes that a business's longterm viability may be jeopardized when it forgoes legal assistance on fundamental matters, including liability issues, terms of a commercial lease, business contracts, employment law, intellectual property, and other business concerns.

LSE assists entrepreneurs develop sustainable businesses that invest back into diverse communities, create local jobs, and provide goods and services to local residents.

To date, LSE has assisted more than 2,000 businesses.

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We're a project of Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, founded in 1968, works to advance, protect and promote the legal rights of communities of color, and low-income persons, immigrants, and refugees. Assisted by hundreds of *pro bono* attorneys, the Lawyers' Committee provides free legal assistance and representation to individuals on civil legal matters through direct services, impact litigation and policy advocacy.

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Need business law advice? We can help!

Free services for business owners:

- 30-minute clinics
- ongoing legal representation
- informational workshops

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Client Testimonials

"LSE is one of the best things [entrepreneurs] can get. If you're going to take all the steps to start a business, you have to **know the legal steps** as well"

"They did more than simply tell me I need a trademark; they **explained why** it's important and helped me feel confident about what I was doing."

"the difference between succeeding and not"

"LSE made my company real to clients so they would have the **confidence** to do business with me."

"The attorneys **knew the answers** to questions I hadn't asked yet ... They helped me bypass the trial and error aspect of business law."

"It was **like a dream** for me.... The attorney and the interpreter were so good to me and treated me so professionally and so well."

"They were able to discuss every detail of my business, called me all the time, helped me make things **come to fruition**."

<u>Our Services</u>

LSE provides the legal help you need to start or grow your business. Expert advice can guide you through legal pitfalls and steer your business in the right direction.

LSE offers:

- Legal Clinics: General legal advice provided to entrepreneurs on a drop-in basis on legal issues that arise in the formation or operation stages of their businesses.
- Ongoing Legal Representation: Business attorneys are matched with clients and provide continuing one-on-one representation on a pro bono basis.
- Legal Workshops: Facilitating legal workshops to groups of entrepreneurs at community organizations, covering a wide range of business legal topics.

While LSE is pleased to assist clients with business legal needs, we do <u>not</u> provide advice on litigation matters or business disputes.

In the community

LSE offers its clinics and workshops throughout the Bay Area, bringing its services directly to the community.

Workshop Topics

Business Law Basics – Legal Tips for Starting a Small Businesses

Choosing the Right Entity – Legal Structures for Your Business

Commercial Leasing Basics for Small Business Tenants

Contracts and Negotiations

Employment Law Basics: Hiring 101

Intellectual Property Basics for Small Businesses and Social Media

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