



The State Bar Association of North Dakota

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Legal Services for Small Businesses

Founded in 1899, the 3,000-plus member State Bar Association of North Dakota (SBAND) is the official statewide organization of lawyers and the oldest unified state bar association in the nation.

Starting or running a small business can be daunting. Making sure you receive sound legal advice that can prevent costly legal errors may not be in the budget for start-ups or emerging businesses. Working with volunteer lawyers, SBAND can help you and your business grow and succeed.

The SBAND can help provide free legal assistance in non-litigation matters to low-income owners of small businesses and small nonprofit organizations.

Though a unique program initiated by SBAND, volunteer lawyers may be able to assist qualifying individuals, startups, existing small businesses and nonprofits, with business law services they could not otherwise afford and by referring you to a lawyer who can help you navigate legal issues relating to your business, including the following:

- Choice of Business Entity
- Contract Review
- Intellectual Property Protections
- Commercial Lease Review
- Employment Issues

WHY WORK THROUGH SBAND?

By working through the SBAND, you can be assured that the lawyer you meet with is a lawyer in good standing with the SBAND and has the skills needed to help you succeed.

HOW REFERRALS WORK

Free legal services are available for individuals starting or running a small business and based on annual gross household income. Due to the volunteer nature of the program, SBAND is not able to guarantee the availability of a pro bono lawyer but will endeavor to place requests at the earliest possible opportunity.

WHAT IF I DO NOT QUALIFY FOR FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE?

Individuals and small business that do not qualify for free legal assistance, will, upon request, be referred to a roster of business lawyers who will meet with you for a free 30-minute consultation where they can provide information on their services and costs.

To take advantage of this offer, and to see if you qualify, please contact Tony Weiler at SBAND at Tony@sband.org.