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*Just think - you can incorporate  
right over the phone, or online.  
It's easy. It's quick. And you'll save  
a substantial amount of money.*

Listen, we are glad you inquired about our services, because there's no reason for you to spend a ton of money to incorporate when you don't have to.

If you've priced the same identical services locally, you know that being there "in person" is costly. Very costly. Yet the services you receive are no better than those you can get from us directly on the phone or online.

Let us explain...

We will form your corporation under the personal direction of a qualified attorney who makes certain that all requirements are met.

**For one low fee of \$149.95, you get...**

- **Articles of Incorporation**
- **Corporate minutes**
- **Corporate by-laws**
- **Corporate kit**
- **Stock certificate**
- **Corporate seal**
- **And a preliminary name search.**

Included in this fee are the attorney's fee and the State of California filing fee. The works!

## MORE SERVICES FOR YOU.

To save you time and run around, we can get your Federal Tax Identification Number for you and start the paper work for your State Sales Tax Number.

And that's not all.

We can even prepare documents to qualify your corporation for tax-saving Sub Chapter S status under the Internal Revenue Code provisions.

## STILL MORE...

Want a Tax-saving home office lease? Car lease? Indemnification Protection? We'll provide them. What's more, if yours is a multi-shareholder corporation, we strongly urge you to get a shareholders restrictive agreement. Then you can prevent the sale of corporate stock to outsiders, unless the remaining stockholders agree to it, and numerous other thorny issues unique to multi-shareholders. We'll work up these agreements for you, if you wish.

**ONLY \$149.95 GETS YOU INCORPORATED  
CALL OR LOG ON TODAY WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD HANDY.**

**SAVE TIME AND MONEY....  
USE OUR EXPERTISE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE!**

Spiegel & Utrera, P.C. is a full service law firm that can help you solve most of the problems associated with incorporating, **before** they happen. Here are solutions to most of your incorporating needs....

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## ***MORE SERVICES & FEES***

### **General Counsel & Registered Agent Service**

Our firm has what we call the "General Counsel Service". For an annual fee of only \$139.95, you get unlimited telephone consultations all year long on all your legal matters, both business and personal, plus our firm will prepare the Notice and Minutes of your corporation's Annual Meeting of Shareholders or Directors or your LLC's Annual Meeting of Members or Managers; our firm will comply with all statutes and applicable laws relating to your corporation's or LLC's Registered Agent & Registered Office; our firm will review all mandatory State corporation or LLC filing documents as required by the Secretary of State; our firm will act as your corporations' or LLC's General Counsel; you will receive our firm's newsletter, "Entrepreneur's Alert<sup>®</sup>", which is published six times a year and provides valuable insight into running your business from a legal and business point of view. Select this valuable service at the time of ordering your corporation or LLC and receive an additional one month Bonus – so that your first year of service will cover 13 months PLUS take a \$50. discount, so you pay only \$89.95 for the first 13 months of service.

### **Detours and Contradictions**

Want more out of your corporation? Then don't miss Lawrence Spiegel's, 223 page Detours and Contradictions. Use this book, and all your available resources, to begin the challenging yet fulfilling journey of entrepreneurship. As we'll see... having a marketable idea is only the first step in a lengthy process. Along the way you'll encounter numerous detours and contradictions, risks and rewards. The regular price of Detours and Contradictions is \$16.50 but if you order when forming your corporation, the price is just \$13.50, almost a 20% saving. PLUS there is no extra charge for shipping, handling and processing as your book will be shipped with your corporation. ***Also, as an added bonus, your copy of Detours and Contradictions will be personally autographed by Lawrence J. Spiegel.***

### **Service Agreement**

*If your Corporation is a service business, you'll need a Service Agreement.*

The bedrock foundation of many service businesses is a customized written agreement entered into with its customers. Many franchises sold for tens of thousands of dollars are business formats revolving around a Service Agreement. The key with a Service Agreement is to make it work as a marketing tool offering the business services in the widest variety of formats to your customers. For example, a one-time use customer needs to be converted to a monthly, quarterly or annual type repeat customer. At Spiegel & Utrera we want to help you get, and keep, your customers while looking professional and at the same time maximizing each sale with a friendly service agreement. A Service Agreement is only \$367.95 if ordered at the time of forming your corporation. We will prepare a draft of your Service Agreement and deliver the draft by fax or email to you for your review. Once you have had an opportunity to review the Service Agreement we will meet over the telephone to discuss the various aspects of the draft Service Agreement. Thereafter, Spiegel & Utrera will make changes to the Service Agreement to finalize it. Once the Service agreement has been finalized and delivered to you, you should take it to your printer to be printed and padded so it will always look professional and non-negotiable.

## **TAX RELATED OPTIONS**

### **Federal Tax ID Number**

The equivalent of a social security number for a Corporation. You will need it to operate your business and open a bank account for the Corporation. We can obtain this number for you and the advantage of allowing us to get it for your Corporation, is that we will deliver it with your Corporation for only \$35. so you may open your bank account immediately.

### **Sub-Chapter S (Tax Savings)**

If you are a **Citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States**, this is the most tax advantageous type of Corporation you can have. A regular Corporation is subject to Federal Corporate Income Taxes. Therefore, profits are taxed first on the Corporate level and then again at the individual level of the shareholders to whom the profits are distributed. This double taxation could result in a combined taxation rate of 70% or higher. A Sub-Chapter S Corporation is Exempt from Federal Corporate Income Tax, so that the earnings of the Corporation flow directly to the owners. The Sub-Chapter S Corporation costs only an additional \$75. and comes with all the necessary Tax Election documents, including Corporate Resolutions and Special Stock Certificates.

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## **IRS Section 1244 Corporate Stock / 1244 LLC Membership Interests**

This is another powerful tax provision which can be used by almost all corporations and LLC's taxed as a corporation. This special provision of the Internal Revenue Code allows you to deduct as an ordinary loss, rather than as a capital loss, a loss on the sale, trade or worthlessness of the stock in your corporation or LLC taxed as a corporation. The amount you can deduct as ordinary loss is up to \$50,000 per year or \$100,000 per year, if filing a joint return with your spouse. Generally, without 1244 stock, your loss would be limited to \$3,000 per year or \$6,000 per year, if filing a joint return with your spouse. A corporation or LLC taxed as a corporation that issues 1244 stock and elects to be an S corporation gives its shareholders the best of both possible worlds from a tax stand point. The issuance of 1244 stock costs only an additional \$50 when ordered with the formation of your corporation or LLC and comes with all the necessary documents, including corporate resolutions, 1244 plan and special stock certificates

## **California Unemployment Tax Account Number**

This number is used to withhold California Unemployment Taxes from your Corporation's payroll. If you have any employees on the payroll, including yourself, you will need this account number. We can initiate the documents for this account number for you and deliver it with the corporation. The cost at the time of incorporating is only \$35.

## **California Sales Tax Number**

If you sell goods or taxable services, this is your Seller's Permit and Registration as a retailer with the State of California. This account number also allows you to buy goods for resale or export and not pay any State sales tax. The fee to initiate the paperwork for you to obtain this number is \$35. when included as part of your incorporation package.

## **California Statement of Information**

Every California corporation shall file an initial Statement of Information with the State of California within 90 days after filing its original Articles of Incorporation. A corporation is required to file this statement even though it may not be actively engaged in business at the time this statement is due. Failure to file this Statement of Information by the due date will result in the assessment of a \$250 penalty. The fee to have Spiegel & Utrera, P.C. complete and file your corporation's initial Statement of Information with the State of California is \$100 if ordered along with the formation of the corporation.

## **California Retailer's Resale & Exemption Certificates**

State and local tax laws require that vendors have in their files properly executed Exemption Certificates given to them in good faith by all of their customers who claim California Sales Tax Exemption. We can prepare a set of Exemption Certificates for you to give to vendors from whom you intend to buy goods for either resale or export to be exempt from paying State or local sales taxes. The fee for a set of 6 Re-Usable Certificates is only \$35. when ordered in conjunction with the Corporation.

## **California New Hire Reporting**

Federal law requires all California employers to report basic information about employees, who are newly hired, rehired, or who return to work after a separation of employment. You must submit a report for each newly hired employee. **Failure to report new hires within 20 days of their hire date may result in civil penalties.** *There may be a \$24 fine per each newly hired employee or, if the State determines there is a conspiracy between employer and employee not to report **the penalty can be up to \$500 per newly hired employee.*** We can provide you with a package of 6 New Hire Registration Forms for \$35. The forms are customized with your Corporation's information, and you may re-use them for each person you employ.

## **California Stock Registration**

*The owners of a corporation may be referred to as shareholders or stock holders. Documents indicating the ownership of a corporation may be referred to as shares, stock or securities. These terms simply signify the percentage of ownership you have in your corporation. A person cannot own a corporation without being issued shares.*

All stock issued by California Corporations must comply with the Corporate Securities Laws of the State of California. The regulations governing Corporate Securities are very strict. Whenever you incorporate, and you decide who the owners of the corporation will be, you are determining who the stockholders of the corporation will be on the share certificates we include with your Corporate Records Book. Your corporation must file a "Notice of Transaction" with the state of California, advising the State that newly created stock has been issued. **The registration of the shares in your corporation is mandatory and in order to comply with state law the Notice of Transaction must be registered with the state within 15 days of the issuance of your shares in the corporation; otherwise the state can fine you up to \$2,500.** As long as the initial value of the securities is less than \$25,000, we can file your registration along with your incorporation documents for an additional \$75.

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Please note: *State filing fees vary for stock valued at higher amounts, you may increase the value at any time, however as long as the **initial value** is under \$25,000 you may take advantage of the lowest filing fee the state offers*

## **SPEED OF SERVICE OPTIONS**

### **REDDI CORP**

If you need a corporation immediately, we have many California corporations, both current year and aged, which are ready for delivery. This is the best option for clients who need a corporation within 2 business days. For more information and a complete list of all our Reddi or Shelf corporations [CLICK HERE](#) or call our office at (888) 520-7800 for details.

### **2 BUSINESS DAY CORP**

If you need your corporation formed urgently, for an additional \$560.00, we can expedite the preparation of the corporate records and file your corporation within 24 hours. The State of California under this process guarantees the corporation will be filed and completed by their office within 24 hours. Once our office receives your filed documents we prepare the rest of your Corporate Records including your Corporate Seal, and ship to you in 2 business days. If you request this class of service, we will also fax your filed articles of incorporation to you on the 2nd business day of your order.

### **5 BUSINESS DAY CORP**

If you need your corporation formed quickly, for an additional \$460.00, we can expedite the preparation of the corporate records and file your corporation. Our office receives your filed documents we prepare the rest of your Corporate Records including your Corporate Seal, within 5 days of their filing and then ship to you in 5 business days. If you request this class of service, we will also fax your filed articles of incorporation to you on the 5th business day of your order.

### **REGULAR SERVICE**

The Corporate Package is complete and includes Certificate of Incorporation, By-Laws, Corporate Book, Corporate Seal, Preliminary Name Search, State Filing Fees, and Attorneys Fees. Any additional documents or agreements you may order will also be delivered with your Corporate Records book. We complete your paperwork the same day you place your order and speak with us. Then your documents are immediately sent to the State of California for filing. The State of California files the documents received from us according to their own work flow schedule. This process varies depending on the time of year but generally takes 2 to 4 weeks. So if you need your corporation sooner select one of our expedited services. If you need your corporation sooner, you have two choices, either a REDDI CORP or an EXPEDITED CORPORATION.

## **PROTECT YOURSELF!**

### **Lender's Agreement & Promissory Note**

Initially a corporation needs a cash infusion. Additionally, the corporation may require a continuing advance of funds for some time. How does it get the money? After the initial purchase of shares of the corporation for at least their par value, generally, the corporation has two choices on obtaining additional money; (1) shareholders pay for their initial shares in excess of their par value thereby creating excess Paid-in Capital or (2) loan money to the corporation. Lending money to the corporation is the preferred method to advance money to the corporation because the lender is seen as a creditor of the corporation. The lending of money to the corporation is accomplished with a Lender's Agreement and a Promissory Note. Both of these instruments together provide for an initial amount of a loan to the corporation and also provide for future advances of money the lender might make to the corporation. In the event of failure of the business, the loan will be fully tax deductible by the lender as a bad debt. Additionally, the lender may take this concept one step further and secure his or her loan to the corporation by using a Security Agreement. The Security Agreement is much like a mortgage generally securing all the assets of the corporation and the Security Agreement can be recorded to perfect the lien the lender may have against any other subsequent creditors of the corporation. The fee for the Lender's Agreement and Promissory Note at the time of incorporating is only \$75, the Security Agreement, if ordered at time of incorporation, is an additional \$75.

### **Indemnification Agreement**

We strongly recommend that you include special provisions in your Articles of Incorporation and additional Corporate agreements which trigger this important protection requiring the Corporation to indemnify and hold harmless it's Directors and Officers from any actions they take on behalf of the Corporation. If a Director or Officer is ever sued for actions taken on behalf of the Corporation, these provisions require that the Corporation be held responsible, as agreed upon by the Directors and Officers and the Corporation. These important provisions and agreements cost only an additional \$75. if ordered at the time of Incorporation.

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## Shareholders Restrictive Agreement

If your Corporation has more than one shareholder, we **strongly recommend** you enter into a Shareholders Restrictive Agreement. This agreement is entered into by the shareholders to define their duties and responsibilities to each other and to the Corporation. It is like a partnership agreement between the Shareholders. A draft of this agreement will be prepared as part of our service, so you may review the Agreement and make changes and discuss it with one of our Attorneys. Normally, the fee to prepare such a comprehensive agreement of this nature would be \$1,500. or more. However, your cost is only \$150. if prepared in conjunction with the incorporation process.

Just look at it's many provisions:

- Provides a frame work for the settlement of disputes between shareholders.
- Prevents a shareholder from selling his stock to a third party without first offering it to existing shareholders.
- Provides a framework for the purchase of stock by the remaining shareholders in the event a shareholder dies, or becomes disabled.
- Prevents a shareholder from competing against the Corporation both now and as an ex-shareholder for a stated period of time.
- Requires shareholders to maintain the confidentiality of all customer names and other Corporate records.
- Prevents a shareholder from impairing the goodwill of the Corporation.
- Prevents a shareholder from soliciting customers of the corporation except for the Corporation's business.

Obviously, this is a very thorough Contract. It is drafted by our attorneys and used by business owners such as yourself. This agreement is very versatile and an absolute necessity for a company with multiple shareholders. Remember the old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

## LEASE/AGREEMENT CONSULTATIONS

Avoid costly mistakes, **always, always, always** have any type of Contract/Lease or otherwise legally binding agreement reviewed by an Attorney BEFORE you sign it. We offer Consultations at our Los Angeles office and over the phone for \$100. per half hour or a fraction thereof. For your convenience, you can fax us the documents that need to be reviewed and the attorney can advise you over the phone. Some of the topics you may wish to discuss include:

**Real Estate Purchase Reviews:** Review of purchase/sale agreements associated with the purchase of real property. **Business Purchase Review:** Review of purchase/sale agreements associated with the purchase or sale of a business. **Commercial Lease Reviews:** (including Business Spaces such as: Offices, Stores, Warehouses, and Commercial Lofts)

Our staff has many years of experience representing Tenants. Having your lease reviewed BEFORE you sign on the dotted line can save you thousands of dollars.

In our review we address issues such as:

- Rentable vs. Usable Space
- Reasonable Rental Rates
- Free Rent
- Best Length of Lease
- Options to Extend the Lease & Purchase the Premises
- Leasing contiguous space for expansion
- Assignment and Subletting
- Caps on Rent increases and expenses demanded by Landlords
- Repair Responsibilities
- Exclusivity of Tenant's Business
- Early Termination Rights
- Personal Guarantees, should you or should you not
- Renewal Terms
- Zoning Issues
- Landlord buildout costs
- Change of Control of Tenant
- Signage Protection

## TAX SAVING LEASE AGREEMENTS

### Home Office Lease

Agreement detailing the leasing of office space by a homeowner or tenant with a corporation for use as the Corporation's principal place of business. The typical tax savings under this agreement can exceed \$1,200. – per year. The Home Office Lease is only \$150. when ordered with your Corporation, and as an added bonus to our clients, we draft the Lease in such a manner that it is automatically renewable.

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### **Motor Vehicle Lease**

If you use your vehicle for business purposes, it is usually much more advantageous to keep the vehicle in your name and lease the vehicle to the Corporation. The typical tax savings under this type of arrangement ranges between \$1,500. and \$3,000. per tax year. We can prepare the lease for only \$150. when ordered with your Corporation.

### **Office Equipment Lease**

A lease which details the leasing of office equipment by a business. Once again, by leasing equipment to the Corporation, you create a legitimate business expense for the Corporation and a Tax Deduction. Typically, the tax savings under this type of arrangement can exceed \$1,000 per tax year. The cost for an Office Equipment Lease is only \$150. when ordered with your Corporation.

## ***EMPLOYEES / INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS***

### **Employment Agreement**

If you are using employees in your business, it is important to have a written Employment Agreement to document the conditions of Employment. An Employment Agreement can be very advantageous for a business and should be required for all employees, whether new or existing. It creates a clear understanding of the arrangement between the employee and the Corporation and provides protection for the business. The Employment Agreement also contains other important provisions:

- It spells out the terms of employment, such as the duties, responsibilities and compensation of the employee. It states that the employee will not compete against the Corporation for a specific period of time after leaving its employment.
- It prohibits the employee from disclosing any of the Corporation's business records, computer data, trade secrets, methods of operation, et cetera.
- It prevents the employee from soliciting customers or clients of the Corporation.
- It prevents an employee, after leaving the Corporation's employment, from soliciting the Corporation's employees to work elsewhere.

The Employment Agreement is prepared in such a way that you can use it over and over again to avoid additional costs in the future. By having this Employment Agreement, the Corporation is given substantial clout in preventing an employee from joining a competitor, or competing against the Corporation and disclosing business secrets to anyone. The Agreement may be re-used by the Corporation as it hires additional employees, the cost of the Employment Agreement is just \$150.

### **Independent Contractor Agreement**

There are many reasons for using Independent Contractors, however, simply verbally stating that a worker is an Independent Contractor is not enough according to the IRS. Certain criteria must be met. The IRS considers 11 factors in three specified areas: *Behavioral Control*, *Financial Control* and *Type of Relationship*. So, before you engage the services of an Independent Contractor, it is essential that you document that relationship with a written Independent Contractor's Agreement, otherwise the IRS could hold your Company and you personally liable for the Independent Contractor's Income Tax, Social Security, Medicare Tax and Federal Unemployment Tax, which should have been withheld. As a signatory on the check used to pay the Independent Contractor, you could be held **personally liable** for these taxes.

The Independent Contractor's Agreement also contains other important provisions:

- It spells out the duties, responsibilities and compensation of the Contractor.
- It states that the Contractor will not compete against the Company for a specific period of time after the project is completed.
- It prohibits the Contractor from disclosing any of the Company's business records, computer data, trade secrets, methods of operation, et cetera.
- It prevents the Contractor from soliciting customers or clients of the Company.
- It prevents the Contractor, after leaving the Company, from stealing the Company's employees.

For a detailed explanation of the Benefits of using Independent Contractors' Agreements, including a breakdown of the 11 factors the IRS analyzes and Industry examples provided by the IRS, please refer to document 239 of this Free Faxback Service. We can provide an Independent Contractor's Agreement that covers all the legal requirements and many business advantages for your Company for only \$150.

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**OTHER SERVICES:** *Please call for pricing and ordering.*

**Voting Trust:**

Allows a group of shareholders to vote as a unit.

**Stock Options:** Provides the opportunity to purchase stock at a pre-determined price and is frequently used to control blocks of Stocks.

**Trademark:** Protection of a name, symbol, or slogan used by a business.

**Copyright:** Protection of literary, dramatic, musical, or artistic works.

**Franchise Agreement Review:** Review of agreements associated with the purchase of a franchise.

Spiegel & Utrera, P.C. also has Offshore Corporations, Private Stock Offerings, Buy-Sell Agreements, Contracts, Registered Agent Services, Non-Profit Corporations, Articles of Religion, Limited Liability Companies, Limited Partnerships, Limited Partnership Agreements, Fictitious Name Registrations, Trademark Searches, Trademark Registrations, Copyright Registrations, and More!

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