

*California business laws typically are shaped through statutes and the courts, but some laws are decided by voters. For instance, in the general election, Californians voted to raise the standards for the confinement of livestock and approved funds for a high-speed rail project, both of which directly affect businesses.*

Click on team member for bio. Pasha Managing Attorney Nasir N. Pasha is the managing attorney of Pasha Law PC. His clients appreciate his ability to present solutions in a way that the everyday businessperson can easily understand. He regularly helps clients tackle issues relating to contracts, intellectual property rights, employment law, risk management, litigation management, and corporate governance, offering a crucial balance between conservative advice and practical solutions. Pasha also produces and co-hosts a podcast Legally Sound Smart Business with fellow Pasha Law attorney Matt Staub, answering client questions and analyzing current legal events that impact the business world. Pasha also serves as a legal expert on corporate law for various radio programs. Outside the office, Mr. Pasha is a programmer hobbyist whose interests also include hiking, campaigning for displaced refugees, mountain biking, and traveling. Staub is an attorney with experience in business, taxation, trusts and estates, and business succession planning. Staub has represented a wide range of businesses against the Internal Revenue Service and Franchise Tax Board, as well as provided estate and succession planning for business owners. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Staub attended the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, where he majored in accounting and entrepreneurship. While his background in accounting drove his interest in tax, his foundation in entrepreneurship is what attracted him to Pasha Law. Staub also attended the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, where he received a taxation specialization. Staub is active in the San Diego community by volunteering his time towards pro bono legal work and sitting on the board of a charitable organization. A native of Northern Ireland, Ms. McConville graduated from the University of Ulster, Magee at the top of her class with first class honors in Law with Accounting. With the opportunity to work in the United States, Ms. McConville passed both the New York and California bar exams before becoming an associate attorney for a prominent criminal practitioner in San Francisco. In , she served as co-counsel to Brendan Hickey and Thomas Mesereau during a five-month high profile public corruption trial in Alameda County. An entrepreneur herself, Ms. McConville was immediately attracted to Pasha Law and the services they provide to business owners. McConville is active in the Irish community in the Bay area and provides pro bono legal services. He also provides legal support in the preparation and negotiation of license agreements and contracts, especially those within significant Intellectual Property content. Mark has a J. His 20 years with Hewlett-Packard includes intellectual property strategy for the Inkjet Products Group. He now applies this experience and education to the exciting world of the small business entity. Close Logan Vega Communication Specialist Logan Vega is a communications specialist and linguist with professional experience in the areas of corporate law, immigration law, human resources and information technology. A fourth generation Texan, born in San Antonio, he studied linguistics and communication stateside and abroad in Italy. In Logan proudly accepted the honor to interpret for the Italian forum at the sixtieth liberation commemoration of the Dachau concentration camp. After living in the UK, Logan relocated to Houston In where he provided communication services to Houston area law firms. Attracted to the entrepreneurial spirit of Pasha Law, in he began working with the firm at its Houston Office in a communications capacity.

## Chapter 2 : How to Start a Solo Practice Law Firm In California

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This act includes quite a few regulations, but the one that will likely apply to your site is the inability to collect any personal information from a child under the age of 13. Sites selling items like vapes or alcohol, for instance, need to have age verification tools before checkout in order to be legally sold, for instance. Every country is different as far as their demands on how to run a business, and things get especially tricky when it comes to age restrictions on products. Do your research and stay on top of legislation to ensure your business is on the up-and-up. There are multiple types of insurance for small businesses, including general liability, product liability, professional liability, commercial liability and home-based insurance. Reach out to your local provider to find out which type would be best for your business and location. Also look into professional liability insurance also known as errors and omissions insurance , which protects your business against malpractice, error and negligence. Depending on which product you decide to offer, you may need a license to sell it. Legal Zoom is also a great resource that can not only help with licensing, but also with some of the other red-tape items in this section. Rather, the business licensing required for an online retail business is not substantially different than that of a storefront business. It was an awesome learning experience for me though! PCI compliance is a necessary protection for online sellers , and nearly all SaaS ecommerce platforms have it baked in to some degree. Online businesses tend to be prime targets for data theft, which is why ecommerce providers take it so seriously. However, make sure to educate yourself. BigCommerce has your covered. This protects against credit card data breaches and eliminates the significant cost and hassle of compliance. What it takes to become PCI Compliant. There are also individual platform requirements that you may need to be aware of before starting your business. For instance, when you download Facebook Messenger which you can now use to transfer payments! No, you were not imagining ads popping up after having a conversation with your spouse in the kitchen earlier that night. Understanding the implications of all these laws is essential for the health of your business “ and the protection of consumers who become your customers. Continue on to the next chapter to learn how to conduct market research to ensure that your product idea is not only feasible, but profitable, too. Want more insights like this? Sign up for our weekly newsletter.

### Chapter 3 : [blog.quintoapp.com](http://blog.quintoapp.com) : Form a Business

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Show Filters Set Location Frequently Asked Questions How do I check or reserve a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership name, and can this be done over the phone or online? Please refer to our Name Availability webpage for complete information and request forms. Corporation, limited liability company and limited partnership names can be checked by phone upon establishing a prepaid account with the Secretary of State. Corporation and limited liability company names can be reserved by phone upon establishing a prepaid account with the Secretary of State. Online requests to check or reserve a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership name are not available at this time. How do I form a business entity in California? A business entity can be formed in California by filing the applicable document or form as described below with the Secretary of State. The document samples and forms described below are available on our Forms, Samples and Fees webpage. Please refer to the applicable document sample or form for complete filing instructions, fees, any additional requirements and relevant statutory filing provisions: File Articles of Incorporation. The following Articles of Incorporation forms for the most common types of corporations are provided. The forms have been drafted to meet the minimum statutory requirements. You can either use the form or compose your own statutorily compliant document: Filing Form GPâ€™1 is permissive. To ensure that all issues are considered and addressed appropriately, you should consult with private legal counsel prior to submitting formation documents to the Secretary of State. Many corporation, limited liability company and limited partnership documents are returned for correction without being filed because of name issues, errors, omissions or misstatements contained in the proposed filings submitted to this office. Filing tips have been drafted to assist with meeting the minimum filing requirements of the California Corporations Code. How do I obtain a license or permit for my business entity? The Secretary of State does not issue licenses or permits for business entities. Please refer to the CalGold California Government:

## Chapter 4 : Home | California Business Law Group, PC

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Entity Type In starting a solo practice law firm, the first issue that you should consider is what type of entity you will form. In California, a solo attorney basically has 2 options for forming a legal practice. They can either operate as: Sole Proprietorship, or Professional Corporation. However, that type of entity cannot be formed in California. However, the drawback is that it does not provide any limited liability for your personal assets. This means that if you are sued in connection with your legal practice, your personal assets may be at risk. This exposure can be lessened by insurance coverage, as discussed below. The drawback is that there are more guidelines in maintaining a corporate entity, including meetings, minutes, issuance of shares, and keeping separate finances, bank accounts and tax returns. Further, there is major catch that has a substantial affect on attorneys. Therefore, even if with a PC, an attorney is still personally liable for malpractice. Which Is Right For You? With either a Sole Proprietorship or Professional Corporation, an attorney should have Malpractice Insurance to protect from a malpractice lawsuit. If you are still working out of your home office, need to keep expenses at a minimum, and do not have substantial assets, then you may consider a Sole Proprietorship. However, if you have substantial personal assets you need to protect, work out of an office that clients regularly visit, and can absorb the extra cost and maintenance efforts, then you may want to consider a Professional Corporation. Business Name Now that you have selected your business entity, its time to choose a name. Though this process can be fun and creative, it is not always as easy as it seems. Professional Corporation If you have formed a Professional Corporation, your business name should be something that is applicable to the profession, and that is not misleading, or substantially similar to an already existing business. Click here to search the database of registered California at the Secretary of State. The naming of a Professional Corporation is governed in part by California Corporations Code section A Fictitious Business Name is also required if the name suggests the existence of additional owners ex. Name Cannot be Too Similar to an Existing Business Once you determine what you can legally name your business, the next step is to determine what name is actually available. If your name is John Smith you might technically be able to name your firm Smith Law under California law, but due to the popular nature of the name, there is likely already a person or company doing business as Smith Law. If you attempt to register a name that is too similar to an existing one, the Secretary of State will likely reject the application. If you operate under a name that is too similar to an existing one, even of that business did not register its name, you potentially open yourself up to the risk of trademark or trade name infringement. When in doubt, you should try to select a name that is appropriate, available and unique. This phase of the naming process can require a little trial and error, and a lot of patience, since your first choice may not be available. In order to select an available name, the following are several advisable steps to take: Search the database of California business entities registered with the Secretary of State Search the database of Fictitious Business Names registered with the Secretary of State Check the USPTO for registered trademarks Perform a regular online searching using your favorite search engine Check whether the domain name is available If your name clears each of these, you are probably safe to move forward with your name. But if you find any conflicts, you should assess how much risk you are willing to take on, and possibly consider choosing a different name. Pick something that will work, and move on to the more fundamental aspects of your practice. Professional Liability Insurance One of the most important aspects of starting a solo practice law firm is securing a professional liability aka legal malpractice insurance policy. There are many insurance providers to choose from, and offer different rates and features. The American Bar Association has a database of carriers categorized by state. Click here for a list of malpractice insurance carriers in California. This allows new attorneys with a solo practice to have proper insurance coverage, while keeping overhead low. If you meet with a client, start performing work, and then get insurance, you may not be covered. Even if you have not yet solidified your business entity or name, you should have insurance in

place if you plan on meeting with clients or conducting business. This requirement basically allows the local governing agencies to have a record on file for the individuals and companies doing business within their borders. The tricky part is that each city or county may have its own rules regarding local businesses, may have different names for their licenses. Some cities may require a business license, others may require a business permit, or a business tax certificate. Some may not require any filings at all. For example, all business operating in the city of San Diego are required to file a Business Tax Certificate, within 15 days after they have started doing business. Depending on where exactly you do business, you may need to file business permits in several different cities or counties. For example, if an attorney primarily does business in San Diego, but regularly meets with clients in the neighboring city of Del Mar, they may be required to file for a Del Mar business license as well. [Click here to file a Del Mar Business License](#). This list is not intended to be comprehensive. Continuing with San Diego as an example, additional licenses may also be required for areas like Coronado, Carlsbad, Encinitas, El Cajon, etc. If you are doing business in California, you should determine all cities and areas that you will be conducting business, and obtain all necessary permits and licenses for those areas. Once the trust funds have been earned through legal work, or otherwise become payable to your firm, the attorney may then transfer the funds from the trust to the operating account, and the funds then belong to the firm. There are many banking institutions throughout California that offer trust and operating accounts. However, operating accounts will typically have a minimum balance requirement, and if that minimum is not met, the bank will typically charge a monthly maintenance fee. Some banks will also waive the monthly service fee for a few months while you get up and running. Some banks, such as the San Diego based Torrey Pines Bank, specifically market to lawyers, and provide a host of services specifically for lawyers. But larger banking companies, though they have more established services, typically have less flexibility in those services, and provide less personal banking experience. Whereas smaller local banks are more eager to establish a banking relationship, and probably more willing to tailor their services, and provide a more personal banking experience. In addition, some banks have more locations than others, but some offer free mobile banking where you can deposit checks simply by taking a photo of them. The final decision will depend on a what specific services are important to you, b how much of a minimum balance you can comfortably maintain, c whether you value traditional or more personal service, and d where you are most comfortable. Virtual Office Traditionally, attorneys have operated their practice from a business office. This is very convenient for having a dedicated space to perform work, meet with clients, and otherwise operate your business. It is also potentially the largest source of overhead costs incurred by a firm. Traditional office spaces are quite plentiful, can be found in most areas of the city, and can offer a various combination of features depending on your requirements. If you can absorb that range of cost, then start researching and contacting offices in your area to find a location that suits your needs. There are several companies in California, such as Regis, Premier, and Barrister Suites, that offer a range of virtual office services. Virtual office services include:

### Chapter 5 : Real Estate Law - DRE

*Providing legal services to business entities and individuals in civil litigation, real estate, and general corporate matters.*

### Chapter 6 : 10 Online Business Laws You Need to Know for Ecommerce []

*Select a business entity type from the following list for a brief overview of the principal types of legal business structures available in California. Private legal and tax advisors should be consulted before making a determination as to the type of business entity to form.*

### Chapter 7 : California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

*Doing Business in California New Law. Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) section was amended to change the*

*definition of doing business in California. For taxable years beginning on or after 1/1/, a taxpayer is doing business in California if it actively engages in any transaction for the purpose of financial or pecuniary gain or profit in California or if any of the following.*

### Chapter 8 : Welcome to the California State Web Portal

*In fact, if your business is located in a city with stricter regulations, you have to comply with both " local (city) sick leave mandates in the location where your employees live or work as well as the state of California laws.*

### Chapter 9 : Business Taxes Law Guide - Board of Equalization

*Business Laws and Regulations Small businesses are subject to various state and local laws and regulations related to employment, intellectual property, insurance, and other matters. The type and scope of your business will generally determine which laws and regulations are applicable.*