



The North Carolina State Bar

Registration and Organization of a Professional Limited Liability Company

Application processing time is 3-5 business days from date of receipt.

Before filing Articles of Organization with the NC Secretary of State (NC SOS,) you must register a professional limited liability company (PLLC) with the North Carolina State Bar. The following documents and fees must be submitted to register a PLLC with the NC State Bar:

- (1) The original NC State Bar Application for Certificate of Registration, attached.
- (2) One copy of the completed Articles of Organization (please retain the original for filing with the NC SOS). You can find NC SOS Articles of Organization (Form PLLC-02) on their website: https://www.sosnc.gov/forms/by_title/Business_Registration_Business_Entities_Common
- (3) \$50.00 check or money order payable to NC State Bar. Fee is non-refundable upon processing of application.

Mail the above to: NC State Bar

Membership Department
Attn: Phillip McWilliams
P.O. Box 26088
Raleigh, NC 27611

or FedEx: NC State Bar

Membership Department
Attn: Phillip McWilliams
217 E. Edenton Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Name of the Firm: Pursuant to 27 N.C.A.C. Chapter 1E § .0102(b), the name of the firm must include the owner's full or surname and no additional wording other than the very basic type of service being rendered (e.g. "John Doe Law," "Doe Law Firm," "Jane Doe Legal," "The Law Office(s) of Jane Doe.") Firm names may not include any legal specializations, nor any city/state locations.

If there is any impediment to approving the registration, you will be advised of the problem and given an opportunity to correct it.

If the registration is approved, we will email the Certification of Registration to you. A copy of the certification must be submitted along with your articles of organization to the NC SOS. Detailed instructions will be included with the email for filing online through the NC SOS website.

The NC SOS will return the filed/date-stamped articles to you via mail or email. Upon receipt, please email the filed articles to pmcwilliams@ncbar.gov to receive your Certificate of Registration. You must renew your Certificate of Registration annually through your NC State Bar portal. You will receive an email notice when it is time to renew.

If you have any questions, please contact Phillip McWilliams at 919-828-4620, ext. 225 or email at pmcwilliams@ncbar.gov.

****Please Note:** If your firm maintains offices in NC and one or more jurisdictions outside NC, and if any non-NC licensed attorney practices on behalf of your firm in state court matters in their home state, your firm must register as an [Interstate/International Law Firm](#).

Application for Certificate of Registration for a Professional Limited Liability Company

The undersigned, being all of the persons executing the articles of organization of _____ (Please include business designation in the name of the firm,) a professional limited liability company ("PLLC") to be organized under the laws of the state of North Carolina for the purpose of practicing law, hereby certify to the Council of the North Carolina State Bar:

1. At least one person executing the articles of organization, at least one person who will be an original member, and all persons who, to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, will be original members and /or employees who will practice law for said PLLC in North Carolina are duly licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina. The contact information of such persons are (attach additional sheets as necessary):

Name and Position:

(Signer of Articles, Manager,
Member, Employee)

NC Bar ID Number:

Phone:

Email:

Firm Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

2. Each original member who is not licensed to practice law in North Carolina but who will perform services on behalf of the PLLC in another jurisdiction in which the PLLC maintains an office is duly licensed to practice law in that jurisdiction. The names, addresses and license information of each such person are (type N/A if not applicable):

Name:

Address:

Jurisdiction of
Licensure:

License
Number:

3. The jurisdictions other than North Carolina in which the PLLC will maintain an office are¹ (Type N/A if not applicable):

Name of Jurisdiction

Address of Office(s)

4. The undersigned represent that the PLLC will be conducted in compliance with The Professional Corporations Act and with the North Carolina State Bar's Regulations from Professional Corporations and Professional Limited Liability Companies Practicing Law (27 N.C.A.C. Chapter 1E § .0100)
5. Application is hereby made for a Certificate of Registration to be effective upon the effective date of the PLLC's articles of organization after said articles are filed with the NC Secretary of State.
6. Attached hereto is the registration fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00.)

This the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(Signatures of all persons executing
the articles of organization)

¹ If the PLLC will maintain an office in another jurisdiction, contact the NC State Bar Membership Department (919-828-4620) to determine whether the PLLC must also register as an Interstate/International Law Firm.