**Marquette Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic**

**Application for Legal Services**

**(FOR MARQUETTE FACULTY ONLY)**

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| **Information for Applicants** |
| Thank you for your interest in the Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic at Marquette University Law School (the “LEC”, “we”, or “us”). The LEC provides free legal services to entrepreneurs and new businesses in southeastern Wisconsin, including at Marquette. We operate as an independent law office within the Law School. The LEC is staffed by law students, who provide legal services under the supervision of Nathan Hammons, the director of the LEC and a licensed Wisconsin attorney.  As a resource of Marquette University, the LEC is committed to supporting Marquette faculty members who are starting or spinning off a business relating to their primary area of research or study. In most instances, this involves helping a faculty member create a business entity (LLC or corporation) and put in place appropriate ownership and governance documents. The LEC may be able to assist with other matters (e.g., business contracts, employment matters, licensing and permitting, trademarks, copyright, commercial leases) in certain circumstances. **However, the LEC generally will not provide representation for matters involving conflicts with the University (reviewing or preparing contracts with University, interpreting the MU Intellectual Property Policy, etc.)**.  We refer businesses needing help with patents to other resources (such as the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs). In addition, we do not represent parties involved in litigation. The LEC is a learning opportunity for its students, so we ask clients to respond promptly to all emails and phone calls. Clients must directly pay all out-of-pocket expenses (e.g., filing, registration, and license fees).  If you are interested in applying for the LEC’s services, please complete this Application for Legal Services (this “Application”) and email it to [entrepreneurclinic@marquette.edu](mailto:entrepreneurclinic@marquette.edu). If you wish to start a nonprofit organization, please contact the Marquette Legal Initiative for Nonprofit Corporations (M-LINC) at [mlinc@marquette.edu](mailto:mlinc@marquette.edu) or (414) 288-4965.  **The LEC will use reasonable efforts to keep your Application confidential, except so far as disclosure is required or permitted by law or by the Wisconsin Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys. The Internet is not necessarily secure, however, and your business may not be selected as a client. We therefore strongly suggest that you limit sensitive and/or confidential information in your Application.**  **Please note that submitting an Application does not create an attorney-client relationship with the LEC. The LEC is not the attorney for your business until the LEC has checked for conflicts of interest *and* a formal engagement letter is in place. Please also note that the LEC generally serves as the attorney for the actual or anticipated business entity only (i.e., the corporation, LLC, or partnership), and not for any individuals (e.g., owners or employees) affiliated with that entity.** |

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| **Contact Information** |
| 1. Business Name (actual or anticipated): 2. Business Location (actual or anticipated): 3. Mailing Address: 4. Phone Number: 5. Email Address: 6. Website (if applicable): 7. Other (preferred contact times and method, etc.): |
| **Founder/Owner Information** |
| 1. List the name, home address, phone number, and email address for each co-founder of, and owner in, the business: 2. Is your business women-owned, i.e., at least 51% owned, controlled, and actively managed by a woman or women?  Yes  No 3. Is your business minority-owned, i.e., at least 51% owned, controlled, and actively managed by a person or persons who are: Native American, African American, Hispanic, Asian Indian, Asian Pacific, Aleut, Eskimo, or Native Hawaiian?  Yes  No   **The information in this application about gender and minority ownership is used for statistical purposes only and is not used to determine client eligibility for services.** |
| **Business Information** |
| 1. What products or services does your business offer or will it offer? 2. Have you formed a business entity yet?  Yes  No If “yes”, please identify the name of the business entity and the date it was formed: 3. Describe the past activities and milestones of your business (developing the concept, testing the product/service, conducting market research, selecting real estate, etc.), including the dates of those activities and milestones: 4. Describe what you hope to accomplish with your business in the next 6-12 months: 5. What is the target market for your product or service? 6. Please describe how your business has the potential to create jobs or help the local economy in other ways: 7. Describe how you plan to fund your business (personal savings, credit cards, loans, angel/venture capital investment, etc.) and if you have received any funding to date: 8. How much time do the founders/owners of the business plan to devote to it? |
| **Legal Services** |
| 1. Please describe ***all*** the legal services you believe your business currently needs and may need in the next 3-6 months: 2. What is your desired timing for completion of the legal services? 3. Has a lawyer ever worked with your business?  Yes  No If “yes”, please list that lawyer’s name and contact information, and state why they are no longer your attorney: 4. Are you willing to be represented by law students who will be closely supervised by an attorney or attorneys who are licensed to practice law in Wisconsin?  Yes  No |
| **Finances** |
| Marquette faculty who are starting or spinning off a business relating to their primary area of research or study are not subject to the LEC’s standard financial eligibility guidelines. The LEC requests the financial information below for statistical purposes and to assess business readiness and access to resources. The LEC will maintain confidentiality as indicated on page 1 of this Application. **If you are concerned about privacy, however, you may omit personal financial information**.   1. Complete the following:  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | Household Size  (including the number of people in the house claimed as dependents) | Total Annual Gross Income (including spousal income) | | Owner 1 |  |  | | Owner 2 |  |  | | Owner 3 |  |  | | Owner 4 |  |  | | Owner 5 |  |  |  1. Complete the following:  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | Liquid Assets\* | | Owner 1 |  | | Owner 2 |  | | Owner 3 |  | | Owner 4 |  | | Owner 5 |  |   \* **Liquid assets** are cash or other assets that can easily be converted into cash in a short time. For purposes of this Application, it includes money in checking and savings accounts, funds in money market accounts, certificates of deposit (CDs), treasuries, mutual funds, bonds, and stocks (excluding investments held in retirement accounts).   1. Total amount of money the owners have invested into the business to date: 2. Total amount of money third parties (e.g., friends, family, and investors) have provided for, or invested into, the business to date: 3. Total outstanding loans or other debt (commercial and personal, including credit cards) connected to the business at present: 4. Total loans or other debt (commercial and personal, including credit cards) the business likely *could* obtain at present, if the owners/business were to seek such loans/debt: 5. Total amount of money the business likely *could* obtain at present from third parties (friends, family, and investors), if the owners/business were to seek such money/investment: 6. Total liquid assets (see definition above) of the business at present: 7. Revenue of the business over the past 12 months: 8. Expenses of the business over the past 12 months: 9. Anticipated revenue of the business over the next 12 months: 10. Anticipated expenses of the business over the next 12 months: 11. Estimate the market cost of the legal services you believe the business needs or will likely need in the near future (described in Question 17 above):       ***NOTE: If you are unsure of the cost, please make your best guess. The LEC will make its own internal determination*.** 12. Please state whether there is any additional information you would like the LEC to consider in determining financial eligibility: |
| **Other** |
| 1. Does anyone involved with your business have any affiliation with Marquette University?  Yes  No If “yes”, please explain: 2. Does your business now, or might it in the future, do business with Marquette University?  Yes  No If “yes”, please explain: 3. Please let us know if there is any other information you would like us to consider in reviewing your application: 4. How did you hear about us? |