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BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS: BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Ruder Ware assists clients who are starting a business with selecting the proper form of organization (e.g., traditional corporations or partnerships, limited liability companies, and other forms of business organization) for the entity's anticipated activities, taking into account both state and federal tax considerations. Once the organization form is selected, often done in conjunction with a client's accounting advisor, our attorneys develop the documentation (such as articles of incorporation, articles of organization, bylaws, partnership or shareholder agreements, and limited liability company operating agreements) necessary to ensure that the governance of that entity is consistent with the client's objectives. Specific services include:

- Selecting the appropriate form of business organization:
 - Sole Proprietorship
 - Unincorporated Association
 - Corporation (Including Subchapter S and Service Corporations)
 - Limited Liability Company
 - General Partnership
 - Limited Liability Partnership
 - Limited Partnership
 - Joint Venture
- Preparing Charter Documents:
 - Articles of Organization
 - Articles of Incorporation
 - Bylaws
- Drafting shareholder agreements, limited liability company operating agreements, partnership agreements, voting trust agreements, and other governance and ownership documents
- Assisting with annual meeting documentation and filing required reports
- Advising clients regarding the various types of employee benefit plans that are available to particular forms of business organizations

As part of a full-service law firm, our attorneys provide clients with a one-stop approach to their legal needs. Ruder Ware, the largest Wisconsin law firm headquartered north of Madison, also provides legal counsel in Litigation & Dispute Resolution; Employment, Labor & Benefits; and Trusts & Estates. ♦

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- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Business Organizations
- Commercial Contracts
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- Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits
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- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Real Estate & Construction

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- Labor Law

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- Employment Litigation
- Environmental Litigation
- Preventative Litigation Services
- Products Liability Litigation
- Real Estate & Construction Litigation

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- Asset Protection Planning
- Elder Law
- Estate Planning
- Family Business Succession Planning
- Fiduciary Services
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