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A professional Registered Agent, also referred to as a Resident Agent, Statutory Agent, or Statutory Representation, is an individual or Registered Agent Service Company designated to receive Service of Process (SOP) communications for the company they represent (these notices can be related to litigation, taxes, Secretary of State communications, etc.).

In all 50 states, companies are legally required to appoint and maintain the services of a Registered Agent in the state in which they are incorporated, or qualified to do business as a foreign corporation in that state. Limited Liability Companies (LLCs), Limited Partnerships (LPs), and Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) are also required to have Registered Agent representation.

The Right Registered Agent Is Critical

Occasionally, a business will designate an employee as their Registered Agent. This is a bad idea on many levels. For one, it leaves the company vulnerable because it has tasked someone without legal expertise to handle SOP communications.

Also, leaving this business-critical responsibility to just one person can be problematic when immediate action is required – he or she may not be available outside of business hours, could go on vacation, get sick, or be unavailable for any number of reasons.

A Registered Agent Service Company Is the Best Solution

When you partner with a Registered Agent Service Company, you are enlisting the services of legal experts who know how to receive and respond to SOPs.

For example, when legal action is served against a company, your Registered Agent would immediately:

- Call to notify you of the action and provide details.
- Prepare a summary transmittal form specifying the details of the documents served, examples would be date of service, court of jurisdiction, type of pleading served, name of plaintiff etc.
- Express mail a copy of the transmittal form.
- Send an email notification containing identical information as the SOP.

As you can see, handling an SOP is serious business. Leaving these responsibilities to someone without experience can result in devastating consequences for the business being served.

What Happens When a Company Doesn't File a Registered Agent Contact?

The failure to designate a Registered Agent may bar or hinder a company from legally entering into contracts and gaining access to state courts. It may also make them subject to monetary, civil, and criminal sanctions, which would ultimately cause the company to fall out of "good standing" within the state.

What to Look for in a Registered Agent Service Company

Google the words “Registered Agent Service Company” and you’ll receive a flood of companies proclaiming to be your Registered Agent solution. The fact is, many of them do not specialize in Registered Agent Services; they simply offer it as an extra option.

Here are a few factors you should consider:

- Has the Registered Agent Service Company been in business long enough to provide extensive industry knowledge and resources?
- Are there any hidden or extra charges that may not be included in their service fee?
- Are priority postage fees included?
- What is the company’s reputation or Better Business Bureau rating?
- What extra tools or services of value does the company offer?
- What is the customer service experience like?

Call **National Registered Agents, Inc.** today for answers to all your questions regarding Registered Agents– **1.800.520.6724**.

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