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Professional
Legal Advice for
Entrepreneurs &
Business Owners



The American Dream

Owning and running your own business has been described as the American Dream. But making that dream a reality isn't easy, even if you have a great idea and willingness to work hard. Legal requirements, from negotiating a lease to obtaining proper business permits, can be challenging for business owners or entrepreneurs.

Womble Carlyle can help. The firm's Operation Access program was developed to provide legal expertise from experienced attorneys to members of our community with limited economic means who are *or* aspire to be business owners. Best of all, this advice is absolutely free of charge to prospective business owners who qualify for this program.

Operation Access is designed to help business owners address legal and related business challenges that arise during the life cycles of their entrepreneurial ventures and professional pursuits. Operation Access provides business owners with "access" to legal advice and other resources that can help them resolve problems and overcome challenges.

Who We Are

Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC is one of the largest business law firms in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic region. With more than 500 attorneys, we assist clients with a wide range of business concerns.

Womble Carlyle is committed to and seeks diversity in many ways including multifaceted recruitment and community programs such as *Operation Access*. We believe that diversity strengthens the firm and enables us to better respond to client needs.

Working in conjunction with law school students who intern at the firm, we offer a broad and deep Operation Access team. Operation Access provides law school students with an unparalleled experience to collaborate with Womble Carlyle attorneys on a *pro bono* basis. The firm welcomes the opportunity to include diverse law students on our Operation Access *pro bono* team.

Our Lawyers Mean Business

Our lawyers can provide existing or aspiring business owners with *pro bono* assistance on a wide array of legal matters including;

- **Forming business entities including corporations, partnerships, joint ventures and limited liability companies**
- **Meeting state and local permit and licensure requirements**
- **Purchase and sale transactions**
- **Leasing transactions**
- **Financing transactions of businesses or business assets**

How to Qualify

Interested entrepreneurs of limited economic means should have a basic business plan and budget, together with a need for specific legal assistance.

Interested entrepreneurs and law students, please contact us at operationaccess@wcsr.com.