

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME RESTRICTIONS IN KEY STATES

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STATE	STATUTE	TYPE OF RULE	CONSENT FOR USE OF NAME FROM EXISTING COMPANY ALLOWED?	FULLY RESTRICTED WORDS	WORDS REQUIRING SPECIAL CONSENT OR DOCUMENTATION	APPROVED INDICATORS (STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS OF THESE TERMS ALSO ACCEPTABLE)
California	Cal. Corp. Code § 17052	Deceptively similar	Yes	Name may not mislead the public. May not contain the words "Bank", "Trust", "Trustee", "Incorporated", "Inc.", "Corporation", "Corp.", "Insurer", or "Insurance Company".	"Insurance," and words requiring permission of the U.S. Olympic Committee under U.S. Code, Title 36, Section 220506.	"Limited Liability Company" Abbreviation "Ltd. Liability Co." also acceptable.
Delaware*	6 Del. C. § 18-102	Distinguishable on record	Yes, except if the existing entity is a domestic LLC.		"Bank" requires banking consent unless context clearly shows it is not a banking business.	"Limited Liability Company"
Florida	Fla. Stat. § 608.406	Distinguishable on record	Yes	Name may not imply limited liability company is organized for a purpose other than one permitted in the statute. May not imply that the LLC is connected with a state or federal government agency.		"Limited Company" or "Limited Liability Company". Abbreviations "Ltd." and "Co." also permitted.
Georgia	O.C.G.A. § 14-11-207	Distinguishable on record	No	Name may not exceed 80 characters and may not falsely imply a government affiliation.		"Limited Company" or "Limited Liability Company". Abbreviations "Ltd." and "Co." also permitted.

*In Delaware, you may use the words: Company, Association, Club, Foundation, Fund, Institute, Society, Union, Syndicate, Limited or Trust (or abbreviations of like import).

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Illinois	805 ILCS 180/1-10	Distinguishable on record	No	Name may not contain words restricted by any other statute. May not contain the following words: "Corporation", "Corp.", "Incorporated", "Inc.", "Ltd.", "Co.", "Limited Partnership", or "L.P."	Words that indicate company is in the banking business: "Trust", "Trustee", or "Fiduciary". Words requiring permission of the U.S. Olympic Committee under U.S. Code, Title 36, Section 220506 or any licensed professional services.	"Limited Liability Company", "L3C" if organized as a low profit limited liability company.
New York	NY CLS LLC § 204	Distinguishable	No	Name may not contain any word or phrase prohibited by any other statute. (See fully restricted words for corporations for more details.)	<u>Entity Names in N.Y. That Require Approval From Various State Departments</u>	"Limited Liability Company"
North Carolina	N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 55D-20 to 55D-21	Distinguishable on record	Yes, consenting company must also change name.	Name may not imply company is organized for a purpose other than one permitted by GS 55-3-01, 55A-3-01 or 55C-2-01 and by its formation document.	"Bank", "Banker", "Banking", "Trust", "Mutual", "Cooperative", "Co-op", "Insurance", "Engineer", "Engineering", "Architect", "Architecture", "Architectural", "Surveyor", "Survey", "Surveying", "Certified Public Accountant", or "Wholesale".	"Limited Liability Company". Abbreviations "Ltd. Liability Co." or "Ltd. Liability Company" also acceptable. "Low-Profit Limited Liability Company" or "L3C" if organized as a low profit limited liability company.
Texas	Texas Bus. Orgs. Code §§ 5.001 to 5.257	Distinguishable on record	Yes	Name may not imply that the entity is engaged in a business it is not authorized to pursue. May not contain the words "Lottery" or "Lotto".	"Veteran", "Legion", "Foreign", "Spanish", "Disabled", "War", or "World War".	"Limited Company" or "Limited Liability Company".
Virginia	Va. Code Ann. § 13.1-1012	Distinguishable on record	Yes, consenting company must also change name.	Name may not imply a corporation or LP, any word or phrase prohibited by law.		"Limited Company" or "Limited Liability Company".