PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR BUSINESS.

BUSINESS CHECKUP

- 1. Have you reviewed the type of entity in which you are conducting business to make sure it is the best type of entity in which to conduct your business?
- 2. Have you reviewed whether you are treating your business as a separate entity from yourself and any other owners?
- 3. Have you reviewed whether business cards, letters, bills, advertising, and other documents and communications accurately reflect the type of entity your business is?
- 4. Have you reviewed how you, and others, sign documents on behalf of the entity and whether it clearly reflects that you, and others, are an agent of your business?
- 5. Have you reviewed whether all filings with governmental entities for the business are current?
- 6. Have you reviewed whether all records for the business are current?
- 7. Have you reviewed whether you have written agreements with third parties?
- 8. Have your reviewed your agreements with third parties to make sure they are good agreements?
- 9. Have you reviewed your agreements to determine if there should be a paragraph that you recover your attorney fees and costs if you must file a lawsuit?
- 10. Have you reviewed whether you have implemented enough checks and balances to protect your business from unscrupulous and dishonest employees?
- 11. Have you reviewed whether you have taken the necessary steps to protect the confidential and proprietary information of your business?
- 12. Have you reviewed whether you are able to protect your business from key employees leaving your business and competing with your business?
- 13. Have you reviewed whether your business should have employment agreements with certain employee?
- 14. Have you reviewed whether you should have an employee handbook?

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- 15. Have you reviewed whether all of your employees have legal status?
- 16. Have you reviewed with your tax advisor if there are steps that should be taken by the business concerning taxes?
- 17. Have you reviewed whether your business has all of the appropriate types, and amounts, of insurance?
- 18. Have you reviewed whether your business needs worker's compensation insurance?
- 19. Have you reviewed whether your business has a business plan?
- 20. Have you reviewed whether you have thought sufficiently about business succession?
- 21. Have you reviewed whether your personal estate plan reflects your ownership in your business?
- 22. Have you reviewed what happens to your business if you become disabled or suddenly pass away?
- 23. Have you reviewed what happens to your business if a key employee becomes disabled or suddenly passes away?
- 24. Have you reviewed loans that you have made to your business to make sure that the proper documents have been filed or recorded to make you a secured creditor instead of an unsecured creditor?
- 25. If you have partner(s), have you reviewed what happens if you or your partner would like to transfer your or his or her ownership interest, becomes disabled, or passes away suddenly?
- 26. If you have partner(s), have you reviewed whether you should have a buy-sell agreement, and if you have a buy-sell agreement have you recently reviewed it?

THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE NOT COMPREHENSIVE AND SOME MAY NOT APPLY TO YOUR BUSINESS. THE QUESTIONS ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A LIST OF AREAS THAT YOU SHOULD REVIEW.

YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE AS IT RELATES TO YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

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