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Registered Agent Services

Maintaining Continuous Statutory Compliance in California and Nevada

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I. Introduction

Every LLC, corporation, and similar entity formed or registered to do business is legally required to maintain a Registered Agent — also called an Agent for Service of Process — in each state where it is formed or authorized to transact business. Barth Agency Services, Inc. (“BAS”) provides statutory Registered Agent services in both California and Nevada, giving clients a reliable in-state presence and a dependable point of contact for service of process, government correspondence, and other official notices.

This white paper explains what a Registered Agent does, why the role is legally required, and how BAS handles this responsibility on behalf of its clients.

II. What Is a Registered Agent, and Why Is One Required?

A Registered Agent is the individual or entity legally designated to receive service of process — lawsuits, subpoenas, and other legal documents — as well as official correspondence from the Secretary of State and other government agencies, on behalf of a business entity. California and Nevada, like every state, require every formed or registered entity to continuously maintain a Registered Agent with a physical street address in that state. The requirement exists so that courts, regulators, and third parties always have a reliable, publicly listed way to reach an entity — regardless of where its owners or managers happen to be located.

Maintaining an active Registered Agent is not optional. A lapse can result in real, avoidable consequences for the entity and its owners.

III. BAS's Registered Agent Services in California and Nevada

As Registered Agent, BAS's engagement with each client covers:

- **Statutory representation in both states** — BAS maintains a physical, in-state address in California and Nevada, satisfying each state's Registered Agent requirement for entities formed or registered there.
- **Acceptance of service of process** — BAS accepts lawsuits, subpoenas, and other legal service of process delivered to the entity's registered address.
- **Receipt of government correspondence and official notices** — including Secretary of State filings, franchise tax notices, and other official state correspondence directed to the entity.
- **Prompt logging and forwarding** — all documents received are logged and forwarded to the client's designated contact, creating a clear administrative record of receipt and delivery.
- **A stable address entities can rely on** — an entity may not use BAS's address as its own business or mailing address; BAS's role is limited to statutory representation and reliable document handling.

IV. How Service of Process and Official Notices Are Handled

When a document is served on or delivered to BAS as Registered Agent, BAS forwards it to the client in accordance with the client's instructions on file — by first-class mail, U.S. Priority Mail (within the continental United States), or email. Clients are responsible for keeping their forwarding instructions and contact information current; if BAS is unable to reach a client at the address on file, or documents are returned as undeliverable, BAS's ability to continue serving as Registered Agent for that entity may be affected.

BAS's function ends with reliable delivery. BAS does not read, interpret, or advise on the content of any document it forwards. Once a document reaches the client, it is the client's responsibility to review it and, where appropriate, seek legal advice and respond within any applicable deadline.

V. Why This Matters — Consequences of a Lapse

A continuously maintained Registered Agent protects an entity in several concrete ways:

- **Avoiding administrative penalties and loss of good standing** — States can assess penalties against, or revoke the good standing of, an entity that fails to maintain an active Registered Agent.
- **Preventing suspension or forfeiture** — an extended lapse can lead to suspension or administrative dissolution of the entity, jeopardizing its ability to conduct business, enter contracts, or maintain its liability protections.
- **Ensuring notice is actually received** — a missed or misdirected legal notice can mean a lawsuit proceeds without the entity's knowledge, potentially resulting in a default judgment against it.
- **Preserving privacy and administrative separation** — using a dedicated Registered Agent keeps an owner's or manager's personal address out of the public record and off of unsolicited legal service at a home or office.
- **Supporting multi-state compliance** — an entity formed in one state but registered to transact business in another must maintain a Registered Agent in each state; BAS's coverage in both California and Nevada allows a single, coordinated point of contact rather than two disconnected vendors.

VI. Scope of BAS's Role

BAS's role as Registered Agent is limited to maintaining the required in-state presence and ensuring the reliable handling of official communications. BAS does not interpret legal documents, provide legal advice, or respond to governmental agencies or opposing parties on a client's behalf. BAS is independent of BarthCalderon LLP, a law office, and does not undertake any duty to act as legal counsel in

connection with the documents served on or delivered to BAS in its capacity as Registered Agent. Clients remain responsible for taking appropriate action upon receipt of any notice, and for obtaining legal advice regarding its content and any deadline it may impose.

VII. Keeping Your Registered Agent Information Current

Because timely delivery depends on accurate, up-to-date instructions, clients should promptly notify BAS of any change in forwarding address or designated contact. BAS's engagement as Registered Agent renews automatically each year unless terminated by either party, and continues only for entities that remain active, in good standing, and current on their Registered Agent fees. This service is designed to provide administrative continuity and help prevent the lapses that most often arise from missed or misdirected communications — not from a failure of the underlying requirement itself. Combine Registered Agent with EMS so your in-state representation and your recurring entity filings – annual reports and other required state filings – stay on a single, coordinated compliance calendar.

VIII. Conclusion

A Registered Agent is a small, easily overlooked requirement with outsized consequences when it lapses. Barth Agency Services, Inc. gives entities formed or registered in California and Nevada a dependable statutory presence in both states, and a clear, documented process for handling service of process and official notices as they arrive. Clients with questions about the legal content of a document received through BAS as Registered Agent should consult their attorney.

For more information or to begin a Registered Agent engagement, contact Barth Agency Services, Inc.