

Article - Corporations and Associations

§1-502.

(a) (1) The name of a corporation must include one of the following words or an abbreviation of one of the following words:

(i) “Company”, if it is not preceded by the word “and” or a symbol for the word “and”;

(ii) “Corporation”;

(iii) “Incorporated”; or

(iv) “Limited”.

(2) If a corporation is a benefit corporation, the name of the benefit corporation must include:

(i) The words “benefit corporation”;

(ii) “Benefit Corp.”;

(iii) The words “benefit company”, if not preceded by the word “and” or a symbol for the word “and”; or

(iv) “Benefit Co.”, if not preceded by the word “and” or a symbol for the word “and”.

(b) (1) The name of a limited liability company must include:

(i) The words “limited liability company”;

(ii) “L.L.C.”;

(iii) “LLC”;

(iv) “L.C.”; or

(v) “LC”.

(2) If a limited liability company is a benefit limited liability company, the name of the benefit limited liability company must include:

- (i) The words “benefit limited liability company”;
 - (ii) “Benefit L.L.C.”;
 - (iii) “Benefit LLC”;
 - (iv) “Benefit L.C.”; or
 - (v) “Benefit LC”.
- (c) The name of a limited liability partnership must include:
 - (1) The words “limited liability partnership”;
 - (2) “L.L.P.”; or
 - (3) “LLP”.
- (d) The name of a limited partnership must include:
 - (1) The words “limited partnership”;
 - (2) “L.P.”; or
 - (3) “LP”.
- (e) The name of a limited liability limited partnership must include:
 - (1) The words “limited liability limited partnership”;
 - (2) “L.L.L.P.”; or
 - (3) “LLL.P.”.
- (f) (1) The corporate name of a professional corporation must include:
 - (i) The word “chartered”;
 - (ii) The abbreviation “chtd.”;
 - (iii) The words “professional association”;
 - (iv) The abbreviation “P.A.”;

(v) The words “professional corporation”; or

(vi) The abbreviation “P.C.”.

(2) A professional corporation need not use any word specified under paragraph (1) of this subsection if:

(i) The corporation has registered the name to be used in the manner provided in § 1–406 of this title; and

(ii) The name is the same as its corporate name except for the allowable omissions.