

## TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Georgia Law **REQUIRES** that every person, firm or partnership doing business in the state under any name which does not disclose the individual ownership of the trade, business or profession **SHALL** before commencing to do business, file a registration statement in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court and that notice of such filing **SHALL** be published in the legal organ of the county once a week for two weeks.

Any person or entity subject to the law carrying on any trade or business without registration as required shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to other penalty or forfeiture. O.C.G.A 10-1-1493.

It should not be assumed that registration under such law necessarily “secures” or “protects” the use of the name registered exclusively to the use or benefit of the person filing the registration. As the laws concerning protection of trade names is complex and rights in and to any name may depend on the factual circumstances, it is suggested you consult your legal advisor for guidance in the event you are concerned with protecting the use of such name. It shall not be assumed that registration will ensure that the county will issue any business license or zoning variance to allow the conduct of such business.

The Clerk’s office will be happy to assist with the filing of your registration statement. We are, however, prohibited from giving legal advice on such complex legal issues.

**FILING FEE:** \$161.00 payable to the Clerk of Superior Court (cash, business check, certified check, or money order **ONLY**)

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ROCKDALE SUPERIOR COURT

APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED  
UNDER A TRADE NAME

STATE OF GEORGIA

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COUNTY OF ROCKDALE

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The undersigned does hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
is/are conducting a business at \_\_\_\_\_  
in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of Rockdale, in the State of Georgia, under  
the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
and that the nature of the business is \_\_\_\_\_  
and that the names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnership owning and carrying on  
said trade or business are \_\_\_\_\_  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public