

# Legal Entrepreneur and Association Card

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_

Choose a legal career that may include self-employment, contract work, or a small business. Use the career and association banks on page 2. Do not assume that every person in the career can open a business without training, a license, insurance, equipment, or other requirements.

Career: \_\_\_\_\_

The service or problem this business handles:

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Training, license, equipment, or other startup need:

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One risk of running the business:

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One possible reward of running the business:

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Professional association: \_\_\_\_\_

How the association could support this career:

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Source name and date checked: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fixed Career and Association Bank

Use these as starting points. Membership, certification, and a license are different things. Joining an association does not replace the education, examination, or state requirements for a career.

### CAREER OPTIONS

| CAREER                                   | POSSIBLE INDEPENDENT WORK                                                    | BOUNDARY TO REMEMBER                                                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lawyer                                   | Solo practice or a small law firm serving clients in an area of law          | A lawyer must meet the requirements to practice law in the jurisdiction.                                                    |
| Paralegal or legal assistant             | Contract document, research, or case-support services for attorneys or firms | A paralegal supports legal work and does not independently provide legal advice as an attorney. Employer requirements vary. |
| Court reporter or simultaneous captioner | Freelance reporting, deposition, captioning, or transcription services       | State requirements and the type of work vary. Equipment, accuracy, and confidentiality matter.                              |

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OPTIONS

| ASSOCIATION                                        | CAREER CONNECTION                                    | SUPPORT IT PROVIDES                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>State Bar of Texas</b>                          | Lawyers practicing in Texas                          | Regulates the profession in Texas and provides ethics, education, and practice resources. |
| <b>NALA — The Paralegal Association</b>            | Paralegals and legal assistants                      | Certification, professional development, advocacy, networking, and career resources.      |
| <b>National Court Reporters Association (NCRA)</b> | Court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers | Education, certification, professional development, networking, and industry resources.   |

### SOURCE RECORD

- State Bar of Texas, official website, checked August 2026: **texasbar.com**
- NALA, official website, checked August 2026: **nala.org**
- NCRA, official website, checked August 2026: **ncra.org**

### LANGUAGE SUPPORT / APOYO DE LENGUAJE

- professional association = **asociacion profesional**
- self-employment = **trabajo por cuenta propia**
- legal advice = **asesoria legal**
- certification = **certificacion**
- license = **licencia**