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The use of the following words and phrases are restricted or prohibited by statute\* in the name of a Business Corporation (“BC”), Not-for Profit Corporation (“N-PC”), Limited Liability Company (“LLC”) and/or Limited Partnership (“LP”):

academy	cooperative	institute	preschool
acceptance	cooperation	insurance	redevelopment
"America Espirito Sport Fraternite"	council	investment	savings
annuity	doctor	kindergarten	school
arboretum	education	labor	secondary
assurance	elementary	lawyer	state police
attorney	endowment	library	state trooper
bank	exchange	loan	surety
benefit	fidelity	mortgage	tenant relocation
blind	finance	museum	title
board of trade	guaranty	nursery school	trust
casualty	handicapped	Olympiad	underwriter
chamber of commerce	historical	Olympic	union
"Citius Altius Fortius"	historical society	Pan-American	United Nations
college	history	Paralympiad	university
community renewal	incorporated	Paralympic	urban development
conservatory	indemnity	partnership	urban relocation
corporation	industrial organization	prekindergarten	

\* Unless otherwise specified in the chart, the use of any abbreviation or derivative of the word or phrase is subject to the same restriction or prohibition.

Word or Phrase	Restricted or Prohibited	Entity Type(s) Affected	Required Consent (if applicable)	Statute(s) (See code identification listing at bottom of chart)
<b>academy</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP	Education	BCL §301(a)(11) LLCL §204(i) PL §121-102(a)(3)(A)
<b>acceptance</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	BCL §301(a)(5)(B) N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f) PL §121-102(3)(B)
<b>"America Espirito Sport Fraternite"</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	US Olympic Committee	36 U.S.C. §220506
<b>annuity</b>	Restricted	BC	Financial Services	BCL §301(a)(5)(B)

		N-PC LLC LP		N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f) PL §121-102(3)(B)
<b>arboretum</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP N-PC	Board of Regents and Commissioner of Education	BCL §301(a)(11) LLCL §204(i) PL §121-102(a)(3)(A) EL §216
<b>assurance</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	BCL §301(a)(5)(B) N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f) PL §121-102(3)(B)
<b>attorney</b>	<i>Prohibited</i>	LLC		LLCL §204(f)  Judiciary Law §485
<b>bank</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	BCL §301(a)(5)(B) N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f) PL §121-102(3)(B)
<b>benefit</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP	Financial Services	BCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f) PL §121-102(3)(B)
<b>blind</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP	Social Services	BCL §301(a)(7) LLCL §204(g) PL §121-102(3)(C)
<b>board of trade</b>	<i>Prohibited</i>	BC LLC LP		BCL §301(a)(5)(A) LLCL §204(e) PL §121-102(3)(A)
<b>bond</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	BCL §301(a)(5)(B) N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f) PL §121-102(3)(B)
<b>casualty</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	BCL §301(a)(5)(B) N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f) PL §121-102(3)(B)
<b>chamber of commerce</b>	<i>Prohibited</i>	BC LLC LP		BCL §301(a)(5)(A) LLCL §204(e) PL §121-102(3)(A)
<b>"Citius Altius Fortius"</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	US Olympic Committee	36 U.S.C. §220506
<b>college</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP N-PC	See "university" for details Board of Regents and Commissioner of Education	BCL §301(a)(11) LLCL §204(i) PL §121-102(a)(3)(A) EL §224(1)(a)
<b>community renewal</b>	<i>Prohibited</i>	BC LLC LP		BCL §301(a)(5)(A) LLCL §204(e) PL §121-102(3)(A)

<b>conservatory</b>	Restricted	BL LLC LP	Education	<i>BCL §301(a)(11)</i> <i>LLCL §204(i)</i> <i>PL §121-102(a)(3)(A)</i>
<b>corporation</b>	<i>Prohibited</i>	LLC		<i>LLCL §204(e)</i>
<b>cooperative</b>	<i>Prohibited</i>	BC N-PC LLC LP		<i>Cooperative Corporations Law §3(j)</i>
<b>cooperation</b>	<i>Prohibited</i>	BC N-PC LLC LP		<i>Cooperative Corporations Law §3(j)</i>
<b>council</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC	See "union" for details.	<i>BCL §301(a)(6)</i> <i>N-PCL §404(j)</i>
<b>doctor</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC	See Endnote <sup>(1)</sup> for details.	<i>BCL §301(a)(5)(B)</i> <i>N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B)</i> <i>LLCL §204(f)</i>
<b>education</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP	Education	<i>BCL §301(a)(11)</i> <i>LLCL §204(i)</i> <i>PL §121-102(a)(3)(A)</i>
<b>elementary</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP	Education	<i>BCL §301(a)(11)</i> <i>LLCL §204(i)</i> <i>PL §121-102(a)(3)(A)</i>
<b>endowment</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	<i>BCL §301(a)(5)(B)</i> <i>N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B)</i> <i>LLCL §204(f)</i> <i>PL §121-102(3)(B)</i>
<b>exchange</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP	Attorney General	<i>BCL §301(a)(10)</i> <i>LLCL §204(h)</i> <i>PL §121-102(3)(D)</i>
<b>fidelity</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	<i>BCL §301(a)(5)(B)</i> <i>N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B)</i> <i>LLCL §204(f)</i> <i>PL §121-102(3)(B)</i>
<b>finance</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	<i>BCL §301(a)(5)(B)</i> <i>N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B)</i> <i>LLCL §204(f)</i> <i>PL §121-102(3)(B)</i>
<b>guaranty</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	<i>BCL §301(a)(5)(B)</i> <i>N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B)</i> <i>LLCL §204(f)</i> <i>PL §121-102(3)(B)</i>
<b>handicapped</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP	Social Services	<i>BCL §301(a)(7)</i> <i>LLCL §204(g)</i> <i>PL §121-102(3)(C)</i>
<b>historical</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP	Education	<i>BCL §301(a)(11)</i> <i>LLCL §204(i)</i> <i>PL §121-102(a)(3)(A)</i>
<b>historical society</b>	Restricted	BC	Education - see	<i>BCL §301(a)(11)</i>

		LLC LP N-PC	Endnote <a href="#">(6)</a> for details	LLCL §204(i) PL §121-102(a)(3)(A) EL §216
<b>history</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP	Education	BCL §301(a)(11) LLCL §204(i) PL §121-102(a)(3)(A)
<b>incorporated</b>	<i>Prohibited</i>	LLC		LLCL §204(e)
<b>indemnity</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	BCL §301(a)(5)(B) N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f) PL §121-102(3)(B)
<b>industrial organization</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC	See "union" for details.	BCL §301(a)(6) N-PCL §404(j)
<b>institute</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP	Education	BCL §301(a)(11) LLCL §204(i) PL §121-102(a)(3)(A)
<b>insurance</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	BCL §301(a)(5)(B) N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f) PL §121-102(3)(B)
<b>investment</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	BCL §301(a)(5)(B) N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f) PL §121-102(3)(B)
<b>kindergarten</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP	Education	BCL §301(a)(11) LLCL §204(i) PL §121-102(a)(3)(A)
<b>labor</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC	See "union" for details.	BCL §301(a)(6) N-PCL §404(j)
<b>lawyer</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC	See Endnote <a href="#">(2)</a> for details.	BCL §301(a)(5)(B) N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f)
<b>library</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP N-PC	Education - see Endnote <a href="#">(6)</a> for details	BCL §301(a)(11) LLCL §204(i) PL §121-102(a)(3)(A) EL §216
<b>loan</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	BCL §301(a)(5)(B) N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f) PL §121-102(3)(B)
<b>mortgage</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	BCL §301(a)(5)(B) N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B) LLCL §204(f) PL §121-102(3)(B)
<b>museum</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP N-PC	Commissioner of Education	BCL §301(a)(11) LLCL §204(i) PL §121-102(a)(3)(A) EL §216
<b>Olympiad or</b>	Restricted	BC	US Olympic	36 U.S.C. §220506



<b>underwriter</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Financial Services	<i>BCL §301(a)(5)(B)</i> <i>N-PCL §301(a)(5)(B)</i> <i>LLCL §204(f)</i> <i>PL §121-102(3)(B)</i>
<b>union</b> <i>or</i> <b>council</b> <i>or</i> <b>industrial organization</b> <i>or</i> <b>labor</b>	Restricted  ----- Restricted	BC ----- N-PC	Approval of Industrial Board of Appeals may be required. See Endnote. <sup>(3)</sup>  ----- Approval of Industrial Board of Appeals may be required. See Endnote. <sup>(4)</sup>	<i>BCL §301(a)(6)</i> ----- <i>N-PCL §404(j)</i>
<b>United Nations</b>	Restricted	BC N-PC LLC LP	Secretary General of the United Nations.	<i>General Business Law §141</i>
<b>university</b>	Restricted	BC LLC LP N-PC	Board of Regents and Commissioner of Education See endnote <sup>(5)</sup> for details	<i>BCL §301(a)(11)</i> <i>LLCL §204(i)</i> <i>PL §121-102(a)(3)(A)</i> <i>EL §224(1)(a)</i>
<b>urban development</b>	<i>Prohibited</i>	BC LLC LP		<i>BCL §301(a)(5)(A)</i> <i>LLCL §204(e)</i> <i>PL §121-102(3)(A)</i>
<b>urban relocation</b>	<i>Prohibited</i>	BC LLC LP		<i>BCL §301(a)(5)(A)</i> <i>LLCL §204(e)</i> <i>PL §121-102(3)(A)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BCL</b> = Business Corporation Law</li> <li>• <b>N-PCL</b> = Not-for-Profit Corporation Law</li> <li>• <b>LLCL</b> = Limited Liability Company Law</li> <li>• <b>PL</b> = Partnership Law</li> <li>• <b>EL</b> = Education Law</li> <li>• <b>U.S.C.</b> = United States Code</li> </ul>				

1. The word “doctor” can be used by:

1. a BC or LLC, if used in a context which clearly denotes a purpose other than the practice of medicine (NB: there is no provision allowing a N-PC to use the word “doctor” in its name, even if the context clearly denotes a purpose other than the practice of medicine; however, certain N-PC’s can use the word “doctor” [see #3, #4 and #5 below]); or
2. a PC whose shareholders are composed exclusively of doctors (NB: there is no provision allowing a medical PLLC to use the word “doctor” in its name); or
3. a N-PC whose membership is composed exclusively of doctors, or
4. a university faculty practice corporation formed under Article 14 of the N-PCL, or
5. a N-PC that is a foundation organized for the sole purpose of publishing the literary works of a deceased person, provided that the word “doctor” or any abbreviation or derivative thereof is used in the N-PC’s name to identify the person whose works are to be published (see N-PCL §301(a)(9).)

2. The word “lawyer” can be used by:

1. a BC or LLC, if used in a context which clearly denotes a purpose other than the practice of law (NB: there is no provision allowing a N-PC to use the word “lawyer” in its name, even if the

context clearly denotes a purpose other than the practice of law; however, certain N-PC's can use the word "lawyer" [see #3 below]); or

2. a PC whose shareholders are composed exclusively of lawyers (NB: there is no provision allowing a legal PLLC to use the word "lawyer" in its name); or
3. a N-PC whose membership is composed exclusively of lawyers.

**3.** For BC's: union, council, industrial organization, or labor cannot be used in a context which indicates or implies that the corporation is formed or authorized as an organization of working men or women or wage earners, or for the performance, rendition or sale of services as labor or management consultant, adviser or specialist, or as negotiator or arbitrator in labor-management disputes, unless approval of Industrial Board of Appeals is annexed.

**4.** For N-PC's: union, council, industrial organization, or labor cannot be used in a context that indicates or implies that the corporation is formed as an organization of wage-earners for their mutual betterment, protection and advancement; the regulation of hours of labor, working conditions, or wages; or the performance, rendition or sale of services as labor consultant, labor-management advisor, negotiator, arbitrator, or specialist, unless approval of Industrial Board of Appeals is annexed.

**5.** Education Law §224(1)(a) provides that "No individual, association, partnership or corporation not holding university, college or other degree conferring powers by special charter from the legislature of this state or from the regents, shall confer any degree or use, advertise or transact business under the name university or college, or any name, title or descriptive material indicating or tending to imply that said individual, association, partnership or corporation conducts, carries on, or is a school of law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, nursing, optometry, podiatry, architecture or engineering, unless the right to do so shall have been granted by the regents in writing under their seal."

**6.** Education Law §216 provides that "Under such name, with such number of trustees or other managers, and with such powers, privileges and duties, and subject to such limitations and restrictions in all respects as the regents may prescribe in conformity to law, they may, by an instrument under their seal and recorded in their office, incorporate any university, college, academy, library, museum, or other institution or association for the promotion of science, literature, art, history or other department of knowledge, or of education in any way, associations of teachers, students, graduates of educational institutions, and other associations whose approved purposes are, in whole or in part, of educational or cultural value deemed worthy of recognition and encouragement by the university. No school; college; university or other entity providing post secondary education; library; or museum or historical society shall be incorporated under the business corporation law, the not-for-profit corporation law, or any other general law without the consent of the commissioner or, in the case of a college or university, without the written authorization of the Regents."