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The Difference Between a Limited Liability Partnership/Company and a Corporation

The biggest differences concerning limited liability companies/limited partnerships and corporations is that creditors can get at assets held by corporations much more easily than assets held by a limited liability company or a limited partnership.

With limited liability companies and limited partnerships, the

best creditors can hope to get is an economic interest, which means they can get a right to receive the owner sprofits but have no say in the management of the entity. For this reason, creditors tend to be put off with having to go after ownership interests in a limited liability company or a limited partnership.

The operating agreement or partnership agreement should contain a provision stating that ownership interests cannot be sold nor the entity dissolved without the other ownerspermission.

In some states creditors cannot get at a limited liability company□s membership interests at al. This is based upon the theory that it would unfairly harm the other members. This list of states includes Arkansas, Illinois, Nevada, Connecticut, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Delaware, Maryland, Rhode Island, Idaho, Minnesota, Virginia. This works well if you reside in one of these states and your assets are located in them as well.

The problem with other states is that they are unlikely to honor this approach because they fail to recognize it for their own limited liability companies. This means this kind of shielding only works if the litigation is brought in one of those states which allows the shielding.

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