

## Legal Alert

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### CHANGES AT THE ARIZONA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE

The Arizona Secretary of State is taking strides to make filing with that office easier than ever. A few highlights:

- The AzSOS can now take credit cards; no longer cash or checks only.
- All UCC filings can be done online (except big bulk filings and they are working on implementing that).
- Notary applications and renewals can now be done online as well.
- Trademark and trade name applications and renewals will soon be able to be filed online (they are aiming for some time in March). Cancellations or transfers of either will still have to be paper-filled though, at least for the time being.
- Partnership documents should be able to be filed online by the end of the year, maybe much earlier.

Reminder – if you have a Limited Liability Partnership or a Limited Liability Limited Partnership, your annual report is due to be filed with the AzSOS by **April 30**. It is unknown whether online filing will be available by this deadline. We recommend that you not wait until the last minute before the deadline hoping that you will be able to file online. We are happy to help out with the filing of these reports – just give us a call.

Some upgrades are not yet in the pipeline. For example, there is still no easy way to convert entities between/among LPs, LLPs and LLLPs. If that is something you need to do, or if you just want to discuss the pros and cons of such a conversion, please contact us.

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