

## WSWE Monthly Program

November 17, 2011

8:00am – 10:00 am

Location: Ashton Place 341 75th Street, Willowbrook, Illinois

### ***Legal Issues for the Business Owner Starting or Operating a Business***

More women than ever before are grabbing the reins and starting their own businesses. The number of women-owned small businesses is growing approximately twice as quickly as the national average for all start-ups.

***For entrepreneurs of all stripes -- women and men included -- the pre-start-up phase is typically characterized by a flood of questions about what exactly it takes to make it in business.***

This presentation is your chance to learn the basic legal steps of setting up your small business and the common legal pitfalls to avoid. We will discuss how to determine the best legal structure for your business, the pitfalls to avoid in contracts, partnership agreements, and leases, employee versus independent contractor, and how to protect your brand and much more. Here's your chance to get answers to your business legal questions.

#### **Nancy Fallon-Houle**

Business Lawyer

[Nancy Fallon-Houle, P.C.](#)



Nancy has been a business transactions lawyer for 25 years. She spent 12 years at a large downtown Chicago law firm learning her trade with larger clients. She now has also spent 13 years being an entrepreneur, and serving entrepreneurs, in her own small boutique law firm, representing small to mid-sized businesses. She acts as outside general counsel advising the smaller business and the business owner. She is meticulous about thorough and accurate documentation in business formation and corporate compliance. She writes all legal documents in Plain English so that the business owner can understand the agreement. She is a skilled negotiator focusing on getting a deal sealed, while maintaining the relationship between the two parties.

She is active in the American Bar Association, and serves on committees addressing issues of Small Business and of Venture Capital & Private Equity. She is also active in the Illinois State, Chicago, and DuPage County bar associations, as well as the DuPage Women's bar association. She is an avid mountain biker, gardener, a healthful cook and has two grown kids, and one husband of 31 years.

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