

STATE COVER PAGE AND STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in **Exhibit D** for information about the franchisor, or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH <u>DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS</u> IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

- I. CURRENTLY, THIS FRANCHISE IS AVAILABLE ONLY TO <u>CALIFORNIA</u> LICENSED ATTORNEYS.
- II. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH THE FRANCHISOR BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN <u>CALIFORNIA</u>, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DISPUTES. OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH THE FRANCHISOR IN <u>CALIFORNIA</u> THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE IF THIS FRANCHISE IS OFFERED OUTSIDE OF <u>CALIFORNIA</u>.
- III. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT <u>CALIFORNIA</u> LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW, IF THIS FRANCHISE IS OFFERED OUTSIDE OF <u>CALIFORNIA</u>. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- IV. THE FRANCHISOR HAS BEGUN OFFERING FRANCHISES IN 2017.
- V. THE FRANCHISOR IS A NEW ENTITY AND DOES NOT HAVE A LONG OPERATING HISTORY.
- VI. YOU MUST PAY THE FRANCHISOR MINIMUM MONTHLY FEES EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO REVENUES.
- VII. TO MAINTAIN YOUR EXCLUSIVE TERRITORY, YOU MUST ACHIEVE MINIMUM GROSS REVENUES EACH MONTH.
- VIII. AS AN ATTORNEY, YOU SHOULD, AND ARE EXPECTED TO, READ THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY. IF ANY OF THE TERMS ON THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT AND/OR ITS EXHIBITS CONCERN YOU, YOU SHOULD <u>NOT</u> PURCHASE THIS FRANCHISE.
- IX. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We do not use franchise brokers or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise.

Effective Date for California: _____, 2017





FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

AVAILABLE ONLY FOR CALIFORNIA LICENSED ATTORNEYS

FRANCHISOR:

Legal Value Franchise, Inc. 4641 Torrance Boulevard Torrance, CA 90503 Telephone: 310.499.9534

The franchise offered is for the operation of Legal Value Firm law practice offices, which offer a wide range of legal practice areas to the general public. Legal Value Firm is a law practice operated by licensed attorneys, practicing a wide range of legal services for mostly flat fees, in shopping center types of retail environments.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Legal Value Firm law practice franchise ranges from one hundred fifty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$158,500.00) to three hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$337,000.00). This includes the initial franchise fee of forty-seven thousand dollars (\$47,000.00) for a franchise, such initial franchise fee must be paid to Legal Value Franchise, Inc.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your Franchise Agreement and other information in plain English. Read this disclosure document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this disclosure document at least fourteen (14) calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the Franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this disclosure document to an advisor, such as a lawyer – *one besides yourself*, or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "*A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise*," which can help you understand how to use this disclosure document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"). You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at <u>www.ftc.gov</u> for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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