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7 **STATE OF WASHINGTON**
8 **KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

9 In Re: The Matter of CA Certificate
10 Service, LLC d/b/a WA Certificate
 Service, *et. al.* and Labor Poster
 Compliance, LLC, *et. al.*

DECLARATION OF BEN
LATHWELL

11 I, BEN LATHWELL, declare as follows:

12 1. I am over the age of 18 years, am competent to make this declaration, and have
13 personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.

14 2. I am currently enrolled as full-time college student at Gonzaga University located
15 in Spokane, WA. My primary area of study is Business/Marketing.

16 3. On February 2, 2022, I registered Ben Lathwell LLC with the Washington Secretary
17 of State (SOS).

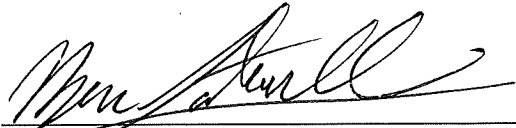
18 4. Attachments 1 and 2 are copies of separate letters I received from Washington
19 Certificate Service (WACS) and Labor Poster Compliance (LPC) approximately one week after
20 registering my business. The WACS letter requests payment of \$82.50 for a certificate to complete
21 registration of my business, and the LPC letter requests payment of \$79.25 for labor law posters
22 that LPC purports to be necessary to comply with the law.

23 5. Upon my review of the WACS and LPC letters, I noticed that both used similar
24 verbiage throughout the letter. Both resembled a bill with requests for payment that included
25 invoices and due dates in each letter. Initially, I thought the letters might be legitimate state or
26 federal correspondence, but I was unsure so I conducted online research and discovered that WACS

1 and LPC were neither Washington SOS nor government related offices.

2 6. Based on the details I've referenced in this declaration I believe WACS and LPC
3 may be sending out their mailers in hopes of fooling new business registrants. As a result, I filed
4 complaints with the Washington Attorney General's Office. Attachments 3 and 4 are copies of my
5 complaints.

6 I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, that the
7 foregoing is true and correct.

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BEN LATHWELL

9 Place Signed: Spokane, WA
10 City, State

11 Date: 02/25/2022
12 MM/DD/YYYY

ATTACHMENT 1

2022 CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE REQUEST FORM



WA Certificate Service
321 High School Rd NE
Ste D3 - 744
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

QUESTIONS?



TOLL FREE (888) 842-9265

Ben Lathwell LLC

63310WA-108

IMPORTANT! FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY WHEN COMPLETING THIS FORM. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Key Code: WA-CS3847-0203

UBI Number: 604863677

Notice Date:

02/03/2022

PLEASE RESPOND BY:

February 24, 2022

Business Address:

Ben Lathwell LLC



Congratulations on registering your business with the State of Washington. Your Articles have been filed with the secretary of state and are complete. You have one step left in order to attain your elective Washington Certificate of Status.

Below is a form for your newly registered business. Please confirm the accuracy of the information below for your Washington Certificate of Status Request.

A Washington Certificate of Status is issued by the Secretary of State and may be required for loans, to renew business licenses, or for tax or other business purposes. A Certificate of Good Status certifies that your Washington business is in existence, is authorized to transact business in the state and complies with all state requirements. The Certificate of Status shows the official evidence of an entity's existence and provides a statement of an entity's status, current legal name and date of formation. The Certificate of Status bears the official seal of the Washington Secretary of State.

Business Information

Entity Type: WA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Date Of Registration: 2/2/2022

Certificate Of Status Fee: \$82.50

This is not a government agency

Step 1: Please Confirm Business Name & Address Are Correct.

Business Name: Ben Lathwell LLC

UBI Number:

604863677

Step 2: Contact Information - DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP! Email & Contact Number Are Required For Processing

Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Step 3: Payment - Select Payment Method & Double Check Payment Information

☐ CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ENCLOSED
IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$82.50

Please make your check or money order payable to:

WA Certificate Service
321 High School Rd NE
Ste D3 - 744
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

**[PLEASE ALLOW UP TO TWO WEEKS FOR
PROCESSING AND RETURN OF DOCUMENT]**



Step 4: Authorization - Please Sign, Date & Return This Form With Payment Enclosed In Return Envelope Provided

Signature:

Date:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: WA-604863677

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ATTACHMENT 2

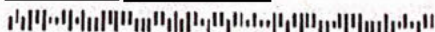
LABOR POSTER COMPLIANCE
720 Seneca St Ste 107 #129
Seattle, WA 98101

LABOR LAW COMPLIANCE NOTICE
Failure to comply with posting regulations can lead to fines up to \$7,000
(29 USC Sec. 666 (i) & (29 USC Sec. 2005)

Record ID#	604863677
	
Sent Date:	02/03/2022
Please Respond By:	February 24, 2022
Document Fee:	

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Ben Lathwell LLC

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****2022 LABOR LAW POSTER** \$79.25**

ID: 604863677

**Please Respond By:
February 24, 2022**

**2022 State & Federal
All-In-One Labor Law
Poster English
\$79.25**

Your business is required by Federal Law to post a current compliant labor law poster in the workplace. Federal law requires that this poster be placed on the property of the business whether you have 1 employee or 1,000. You must post **UP-TO-DATE** employment posters in the workplace. The poster must also include information about workers' compensation benefits.

Pursuant to Federal Law 29 USC Sec. 666 (i) & 29 Sec. 2005 penalties and risks of non-compliance with posting regulations can lead to potential fines in excess of \$7,000 per instance, for failure to post federally required information. Further, lawsuits can be tolled based on failing to display mandatory posters. You must post a compliant employment poster in a conspicuous place in the workplace where all employees and applicants can see it. To obtain your federal employment labor law poster, please detach the bottom portion of this letter and return in the enclosed envelope with your document processing fee of \$79.25. Please allow 2 - 3 weeks for delivery of the All-In-One Labor Law Poster.

Business Name: Ben Lathwell LLC	Document Number: 604863677
Address: [REDACTED]	Amount: \$79.25
City, State, Zip: [REDACTED]	Notice Sent: 02/03/2022

All company information listed above is the information used in issuance of the federal labor law compliance poster. Please confirm all of the company information that is currently on file. If any information is incorrect make note of it and include it with your coupon and payment. All corrections will be made prior to issuing the compliance poster. Please allow 1-3 business days for corrections to be made. For your convenience we have simplified the process for you with this form.

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT US AT 844-258-8386



Detach & Mail

STEP 1. Check the appropriate payment method and fill out the sub items

☐ **CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ENCLOSED: \$79.25**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Labor Poster Compliance



Date Notice Sent: 02/03/2022	Business Name: Ben Lathwell LLC
Document #: 604863677	Address: [REDACTED]
Amount: \$79.25	City, State, Zip: [REDACTED]

Contact & Signature Authorization

CONTACT NUMBER:	CONTACT NAME:	EMAIL ADDRESS:	SIGNATURE:
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Return this completed form with the return envelope included. Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery of labor law poster
Labor Poster Compliance is a Non-Government publisher of copyrighter compliance poster compilations which are intended to assist employers in meeting their legal obligations under labor posting regulations. If you are not 100% satisfied with this product, simply return it within 30 days for a full refund
See Reverse for More Information and Disclaimer

ATTACHMENT 3

Complaint Extract

613086

Complaint

Number	613086	Status	New
Date	2/18/2022	Assignee	
Location		Actual Savings	\$0.00
NAICS	560000-Admin. & support services (office admin., faciliti	Amount Disputed	\$0.00
		Estimated Savings	\$0.00

Description

Posing as a government agency that requires this form to continue a business. Recently filed an LLC and this company sent me mail appearing to be the Secretary of State and requiring money.

Complainant

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Day</u>	<u>Phone Evening</u>	<u>Email</u>
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Ben Lathwell

Respondent(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Toll Free</u>	<u>Email</u>
WA Certificate Service 321 High School Rd Ste D3-744 Bainbridge Island, WA 98110	Ryan Schmidt		(888) 842-9265	ryan@coats-schmidt.com

Referral(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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Practice(s)

<u>Code</u>	<u>Practice</u>
999	Other/Miscellaneous

Activities

<u>Date Added</u>	<u>Activity Type</u>	<u>Activity</u>
2/18/2022	Intake Notes	Selected existing entry for R
		C mentions SOS. Not added

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ATTACHMENT 4

Complaint Extract

613087

Complaint

Number	613087	Status	New
Date	2/18/2022	Assignee	
Location		Actual Savings	\$0.00
NAICS	560000-Admin. & support services (office admin., faciliti	Amount Disputed	\$0.00
		Estimated Savings	\$0.00

Description

This scam company is saying that new businesses are required to pay them for this documentation. They list federal law and appear to be trying to pose as a government agency. The address is not legit and looks to be an apartment complex.

Complainant

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Day</u>	<u>Phone Evening</u>	<u>Email</u>
Ben Lathwell			

Respondent(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Toll Free</u>	<u>Email</u>
Labor Poster Compliance 720 Seneca St Ste 107 #129 Seattle, WA 98101				lposterservices@gmail.com

Referral(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>

Practice(s)

<u>Code</u>	<u>Practice</u>
999	Other/Miscellaneous

Activities

<u>Date Added</u>	<u>Activity Type</u>	<u>Activity</u>
2/18/2022	Intake Notes	Selected existing entry for R

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