

Fictitious Business Names

The BBB warns consumers and businesses to be aware of mail solicitations designed to look like local county notifications regarding fictitious business names.

Local county agencies do not use third party solicitors to process, renew, update, or change fictitious business name information. Protect yourself by verifying that the direct mail solicitation you have received is authentic.

California state law (Business and Professions Code section 17910) requires that every person, partnership, corporation, or other association, who regularly transacts business in California for profit under a fictitious business name, file a 'Fictitious Business Name Statement' with the county in which the principal place of business is located.

The initial filing fee for local counties ranges from \$10.00 to \$36.00 depending on the county fee schedule. The fee covers one business name under one owner and is good for 5 years. Additional fees apply for multiple businesses and/or owners and the cost varies by county. After 5 years, the fictitious business name statement must be renewed within the corresponding county. If a business ceases to transact business under a fictitious business name, an 'Abandonment Statement' must be filed with the appropriate county.

Before making any purchase, always be sure to obtain a BBB report as part of your decision making process

For more information on fictitious business names statements, you can contact your local county office.

For Butte County residents: Butte County Clerk Recorder's Office. Phone (530) 538-7691.

Web Link

<http://clerk-recorder.buttecounty.net/clerk/fbn.html>

For Colusa County residents: Colusa County Clerk's Office. Phone (530)458-0500.

Web Link

<http://www.colusacountyclerk.com/faq.asp>

For El Dorado County residents: El Dorado County Fictitious Business Name Office.
Phone (530) 621-5490.

Web Link

<http://www.co.eldorado.ca.us/countyclerk/index.html>

For Glenn County residents: Glenn County Recorder. Phone (530) 934-6412.

Web Link

Not Available

For Lassen County residents: Lassen County Recorder. Phone (530) 251-8234.

Web Link

http://www.co.lassen.ca.us/govt/dept/county_clerk/County_Recorder.asp

For Modoc County residents: Modoc County Clerk's Office. Phone (530) 233-6204.

Web Link

Not Available

For Nevada County residents: Nevada County Clerk Recorder. Phone (530) 265-1221.

Web Link

<http://www.mynevadacounty.com/Search/Index.cfm>

For Placer County residents: Placer County Clerk Recorder. Phone (530) 886-5600.

Web Link

<http://www.placer.ca.gov/Business.aspx>

For Plumas County residents: Plumas County Clerk Recorder. Phone (530) 283-6218.

Web Link

http://www.countyofplumas.com/clerkrecorder/fic_bus_name_forms.htm

For Sacramento County residents: Sacramento County Tax Collection & Licensing Division. Phone (916) 874-6644.

Web Link

<http://www.finance.saccounty.net/Tax/FBNGeneral.asp>

For Shasta County residents: Shasta County Clerk. Phone (530) 225-5730.

Web Link

http://www.co.shasta.ca.us/html/Clerk/fict_bus_name.htm

For Sierra County residents: Sierra County Clerk Recorder. Phone (530) 289-3295.

Web Link

http://www.sierracounty.ws/index.php?&MMN_position=4:4

For Siskiyou County residents: Siskiyou County Clerk's Office Phone (530) 842-8081.

Web Link:

<http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/recorder/index.htm>

For Sutter County residents: Sutter County Clerk Recorder. Phone: (530) 822-7134.

Web Link:

http://www.co.sutter.ca.us/doc/government/depts/cr/cr_fictitious

For Tehama County residents: Tehama County Clerk Recorder. Phone (530) 527-3350.

Web Link

http://www.co.tehama.ca.us/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=24

For Trinity County residents: Trinity County Clerk Recorder. Phone (530) 623-1215.

Web Link

<http://www.trinitycounty.org/Departments/assessor-clerk-elect/clerkrecorder.htm>

For Yolo County residents: Yolo County Clerk Recorder. Phone (530) 666-8130.

Web Link

<http://www.yolorecorder.org/recording/fictitious/requirements/>

For Yuba County residents: Yuba County Clerk. Phone (530) 749-7851.

Web Link

<http://www.co.yuba.ca.us/departments/Clerk/fbn.aspx>