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# Protecting assets in uncertain times

Safeguarding Client's savings and property

Nevada has a reputation as a state where things are done differently, a haven for entrepreneurs who champion personal freedom without government intrusion. That reputation, combined with the state's favorable incorporation laws, made Las Vegas the ideal locale for clients seeking asset protection from seizures and shielding clients' assets from lawsuits by forming Nevada corporations and offshore corporations in the Cayman's and British Virgin Islands.

John Ewing's extensive knowledge of tax, investment banking and asset

protection began with his opening of Bridgeway Financial Corporation. He teamed up with Thomas Adams attorney at law and Joe Craft CPA. He quickly built up the firm, ultimately handling more than 1000 personal and corporate clients by providing Asset Preservation with Nevada and Offshore Corporations.

Bridgeway's corporate philosophy comes in large part from its President and CEO, John Ewing who has prepared thousands of Financial Statements, Corporate Resolutions, Audited Statements, Government Representation, Corporate & Personal Tax Returns for

If you own anything, you've got a bull's-eye on your chest. You don't want to own anything; you just want to control it.

- John Ewing

over 21 years while serving in a public practice and was executive counsel for some of the most elite corporations in the country. Mr. Ewing has worked as controller, comptroller and accountant



John Ewing helps people protect their financial assets using Asset Preservation with Nevada and Offshore Corporations

for national and international companies in retail, industrial, commercial, medical, oil and gas corporations. His expertise is Corporate Management, Investing and Money Management, International Taxation, Corporate & Public Accounting and Taxation made him well suited to the world of asset protection.

Got assets?

Make them disappear....sort of.

Innocent people have lost everything to a frivolous lawsuit.

John Ewing

In reality, clients keep their assets and their money, but no one can see them. The reason? If you don't have anything, no one can take anything away. But a lifetime of savings and assets can evaporate as quickly as one can say, "frivolous lawsuit."

"These days, most lawyers handle lawsuits on a contingency basis," says Thomas Adams a former plaintiff's attorney who turned asset protector. "They're not going to spend a lot of time going after someone if they don't think that person has anything."

"In Nevada, one person can hold all the corporate positions, have gross negligence protection holding harmless the officers and directors from the debts and misgivings of the corporation and only in Nevada, corporations have charging order protection where the shares of a corporation are protected from creditors."

With Nevada's pro-asset protection approach the state now has its own business court assuring predictable outcomes but also Nevada is the only state that does not share confidential information about its corporations with the Internal Revenue Service. In 2001 the IRS formally requested such an exchange program and the Nevada Governor turned them down flat. The reason... Nevada has no tax!

Asset protection is now being sought after by middle-class Americans who

desperately are seeking ways to protect their hard earned savings. Once a financial planning tool used only by millionaires and movie stars, these asset protection techniques are now becoming mainstream.

Average U.S. citizens are now learning the advantages of removing assets out of their names and then creating a "friendly lien" to strip out all the equity out of their home and real estate. Placing financial liens on equipment, cars, boats, airplanes has been the "tool" of choice used by the rich. Then they do what is called a "lease back" to their operating companies in the state they live in. So like a "hand in glove" approach everything is removed and locked up.

Individuals from outside of United States having been doing this for years and using corporate laws in Nevada to literally, "own nothing but control everything"

#### The rich incorporate in Nevada

So what's driving the trend? Nevada is the only state in the country that allows corporations and limited liability company owners to operate in complete anonymity. Nevada has in recent years made it easier and faster for everyday citizens to form these asset protection structures.

As John says, "It's no wonder that Bill Gates incorporated in Nevada, along with others like Madonna, Michael Jackson, Prince, Steve Jobs, Paul Allen, Donald Trump, Warren Buffet, Ted Turner, Tiger Woods, Oprah Winfrey, Mel Gibson, Diane Keaton, Kevin Costner, Chevy Chase, Robert Wagner, Jay Leno and David Copperfield."

"In fact, most Fortune 500 Companies like Microsoft, CITI Bank, Porsche, Amazon.com and many others are all incorporating in Nevada." John goes on to say, "There are over 60,000 corporations being filed every year; that is a lot for a state that has roughly 2 million residents, most of whom are employed in the gaming industry, tourism or government services. Not much when you consider how many people are coming to the state to incorporate their lives and their business holdings." He concludes, "This is no wonder when in today's climate of personal identity theft that any individual is just one password away from having all of their savings accounts stolen without protection."

Complete professional asset protection has long been bought and paid for by the rich and famous – but unknown to and unaffordable to everyday working people.

You can bet that Donald Trump has his personal assets protected. But a postal carrier who has two or three investment properties, does not. You can bet that the CEO of Wal-Mart has his family's assets well protected. But a business owner who owns three local hardware stores, does not. You can bet that the chairman of the United Way has his assets well protected. But your next-door neighbor, who volunteers in the community and coaches Little League, has everything he owns at risk. He is just one greedy lawsuit away from trauma, turmoil, huge expense, possibly the loss of everything he has worked for.

Chances are...you do not have your own assets adequately protected!

Internet access and a global economy have made bank accounts easier to view,

## Very few people realize they are a target. But all it takes is one little event, even a traffic accident.

#### - John Ewing

understand, locate and plus a decade of prosperity has given a large number of individuals in America's middle class unprecedented wealth and equity in their homes and investments.

Meanwhile, nine out of every 10 lawsuits in the world are now filed in the United States, which now boasts 80 percent of the world's lawyers. In fact it is now reported in a study by the Institute for Legal Reform that a new lawsuit is now filed every two (2) seconds. "In fact," says John "one in every three business owners will be sued in his or her lifetime."

So why are so many average people incorporating in Nevada?

#### **The Swiss accounts of today**

When one thinks about anonymous offshore bank accounts; James Bond and Switzerland probably come to mind. Along that venue, wealthy individuals and the punch line of Hollywood ransom movies, Swiss bank accounts have lost popularity in recent years as Switzerland made its laws less amenable to privacy-seeking foreigners.

However, these days increasingly more Americans and financial planners are turning to Nevada and offshore countries for safe, government sanctioned ways to protect their assets. "The interest in asset protection over the last seven years has grown exponentially since September's 911, and interest in financial privacy is at an all-time high," explains Adams, an asset-protection guru who made his name as an early pioneer in the asset protection industry.

P. Thomas Adams JD, Esq, a licensed attorney and a member of the American Association's asset protection Bar committee, is an expert on constitutional law. He also formerly served on the board of directors of the ACLU of Idaho and has extensive experience opposing the new civil forfeiture laws. He spent many years as a divorce attorney, assisting his clients in disputes over the division of community assets. As a plaintiffs' attorney Mr. Adams sued professionals, employers, businesses, police officers, sheriffs, prosecutors, municipalities and government officials. Mr. Adams sued anybody and everybody and as a result, he learned every trick know about financial investigations, discovery, money trails, collections and bankruptcy.

Dissatisfied with the inequities of the legal system, he switched sides and is now pioneering "preventive law" in the areas of asset protection, civil forfeiture and financial privacy.

Adams saw how some defendants protected their financial assets from lawsuits, judgments and creditors by

You have one chance in three of being named a defendant in a lawsuit.

using previously formed corporations and limited partnerships and further by transferring their funds out of the country.

Intrigued, Adams researched all 50 states and determined that Nevada would be the best place to help everyday individuals do the same.

#### The best place is Nevada

Many people are surprised to find out that the corporations with whom they are doing business are NOT incorporated in their home state.

Common sense tells you there has to be a reason. What is the reason? Obviously, the reason is people who really understand the ball game know it pays to incorporate in a state with the most advantageous corporate tax laws in the country.

Another great feature is that a Nevada corporation can own property in any



state without having to be incorporated in that state and shareholders and directors need not be residents of Nevada (or even U.S. citizens) and do not need to come to Nevada to form the corporation.

A Nevada corporation and limited liability company can maximize profits by taking advantage of the tax laws. Business friendly Nevada is tax heaven for companies and individuals. A carefully organized structure can provide both asset protection and lower overall taxes. You pay the government less-and take home more!

A final unique feature, Nevada does not require the immediate issuance of any corporate stock thereby insuring the total privacy of the owners. Nevada remains the only state with all the features and benefits that provide asset protection, tax savings and financial privacy.

#### **Bridgeway Financial**

Mr. Ewing now heads up a network of independent consultants across the country expounding the virtues of Nevada and Offshore corporations for asset protection, tax savings and offshore accounts to protect cash and stock investments.

The company gained prominence by offering one-stop services — including Asset Protection, Accounting and Tax Preparation from a partnering CPA firm, Investment Banking, Real Estate Consulting, Private Placement Memorandum for those seeking to raise money, Captive Insurance Companies and Tax Benefit Plans to reduce taxes and a whole host of additional services — along with unlimited consultations.