

## WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §31B-13-1302

### **§31B-13-1302. Who may become a member; professional limited liability companies authorized.**

(a) One or more persons duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render the same or compatible professional services or to otherwise practice together within this state may become members of a professional limited liability company under the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of rendering the same or compatible professional services.

Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, including any limitation or restriction set forth in any licensing provision of chapter thirty of this code, a professional limited liability company may be formed to provide any of the professional services as defined in section one thousand three hundred one of this article.

(b) Any one or more persons who, under applicable legal or ethical rules or principles, can collectively practice the same or compatible professions, whether as general partners, joint venturers, fellow shareholders, fellow members or common business owners, may form, own and operate, as members, a professional limited liability company under this article. For purposes of this section, members of professional limited liability companies may be natural persons, professional corporations, other professional limited liability companies and professional partnerships. Professional limited liability companies may form, own and operate separate limited liability companies.

(c) No professional limited liability company organized under this article may have as a member anyone other than a person who is duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render the professional services for which the professional limited liability company was organized. The names of members of professional limited liability companies who have signature authority shall be furnished to the Secretary of State. Any change in the persons who have signature authority for a professional limited liability company shall be promptly reported to the Secretary of State.