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# BEST OF PIKE COUNTY AWARDS



## Beauty & Health

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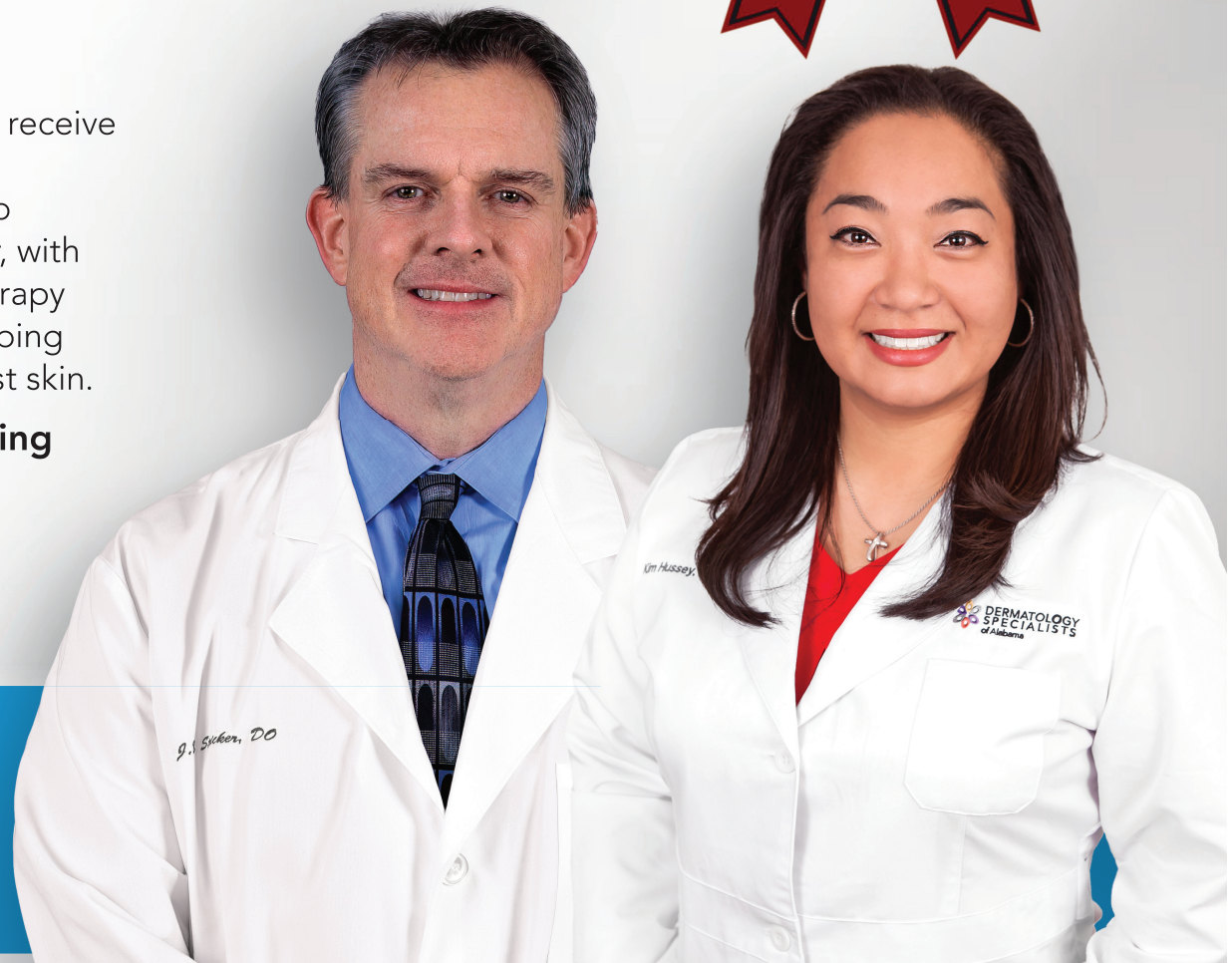
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## Dining

### **All-Around Restaurant**

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### **Bakery**

BSweet Dessert Boutique

### **BBQ**

Hook's BBQ

### **Breakfast**

Byrd Drug Company

### **Burger**

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### **Business Lunch**

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### **Carry Out/Take Out**

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### **Chicken Wings**

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### **Chinese Restaurant**

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### **Country Cooking**

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### **Dessert**

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### **Fine Dining**

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### **Ice Cream**

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### **Local Chef**

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### **Local Coffee Shop**

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### **Meat & 3**

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### Should your business be incorporated or be structured as an LLC?

By James N. Thomas, PC

In this article, I will cover the benefits of using a Limited Liability Company (LLC) or Corporation for your business.

The most common form of business ownership remains the sole proprietor whereby you simply run the business from your personal name. However, with the advent of the LLC, many business owners are choosing to convert their sole proprietorship to an LLC. LLCs have rapidly gained popularity in Alabama primarily because their operating structure is far less complicated than a corporation.

For example, an LLC does not require the establishment of a controlling Board of Directors; the formality of required annual meetings; and the use of stock certificates to track ownership interests.

Further, unlike a corporation, an LLC does not require the election of officers and directors each year to run the company. Instead, the business is managed by the members or, if you so desire, the members of the LLC may designate a single member to manage the business.

Both LLCs and corporations offer their owners protection from liability to third parties for the liabilities or obligations of the company, meaning the LLC is liable for the debts of the business and any other obligations which might result from lawsuits.

The LLC offers the owner the flexibility of allowing the members of the company to manage it and receive distributions of profits from the company in respect to their initial contributions to the company and/or capital accounts.

For tax purposes, LLCs can now elect to be treated as partnerships or as a S-corp, therefore, only the members are subject to taxation. In comparison, a Corporation pays tax twice at both the corporate level and shareholder level, meaning the government will essentially get paid twice unless an S election is made.

#### LLC allows participants to shield personal assets from liability

Most people choose to form an LLC to shield their personal assets from liability to third parties. An LLC member's or owner's liability on a debt or claim resulting from a lawsuit is, as a general rule, limited to their investment in the business and their personal assets remain protected. Members are not personally liable for the acts or omissions of any other member, manager or employee of the company.

However, a member may be personally liable to anyone injured by reason of the member's own act or omission. Therefore, if you were personally negligent in causing an injury to an individual in your business, your personal assets may not receive protection. On the other hand, as a general rule, if your employee were negligent in causing an injury to an individual, and you in no way contributed to the injury of the person, only the LLC will be deemed liable for the injury and your personal assets would not be subject to the claim.

By using an LLC or corporation, you can also provide your business with name protection in this state. In other words, if you form an LLC named "Widget World, LLC" another person could incorporate using the same name which could result in a name dispute whereby your business could lose its name.

The LLC may be amended any time after it is formed to change the name or reflect any changes to the business as long as the change is not inconsistent with the Alabama LLC Act. Any change to the LLC articles must be approved by a majority vote of the members.

Further, if an operating agreement is prepared to control the management of the company, unless stated otherwise, it cannot be changed without the approval of all or a majority of the members.

Finally, unless stated otherwise in the LLC documents, any member of the LLC may have authority to legally bind the company in contract. Therefore, a check signed by one member or a note to a lender signed by one member does bind the LLC even if the other members were unaware of it.

#### Also consider these factors ...

In closing, one should consider several factors in deciding whether to form an LLC or corporation. For example, if you are operating an over the road trucking company, courier service or construction business, you are in a high claims field and should seriously consider forming an LLC or corporation.

On the other hand, a copying service, which is low liability, may not justify the additional expense of the LLC. The size of the business is also an important consideration as the more employees you have the higher the probability that one of them may act negligently in causing an accident or injury. The value of your personal assets is also an important factor to weigh since this is the very thing most people are seeking to protect by using the LLC or corporation.

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### **Day Care**

Troy First Methodist Church

### **Pre-school**

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### **Private School**

Pike Liberal Arts School

### **Public School**

Charles Henderson High School

## People & Places

### **Best Firefighter**

Curtis Shaver

### **Best Healthcare Worker**

Tom Farrar - Troy Regional Medical Center

### **Best Police Officer**

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### **Museum**

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### **Funeral Home**

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### **Stationery and Invitations**

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## Shopping

### **Boutique**

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### **Firearms Dealers**

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### **Floor Covering Store**

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### **Florist**

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### **Furniture**

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### **Gift Store**

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### **Grocery Store**

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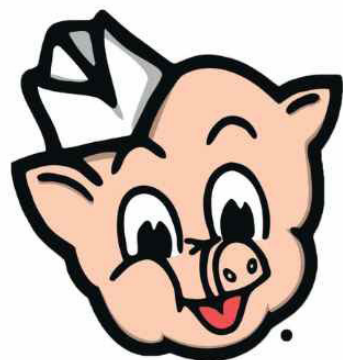


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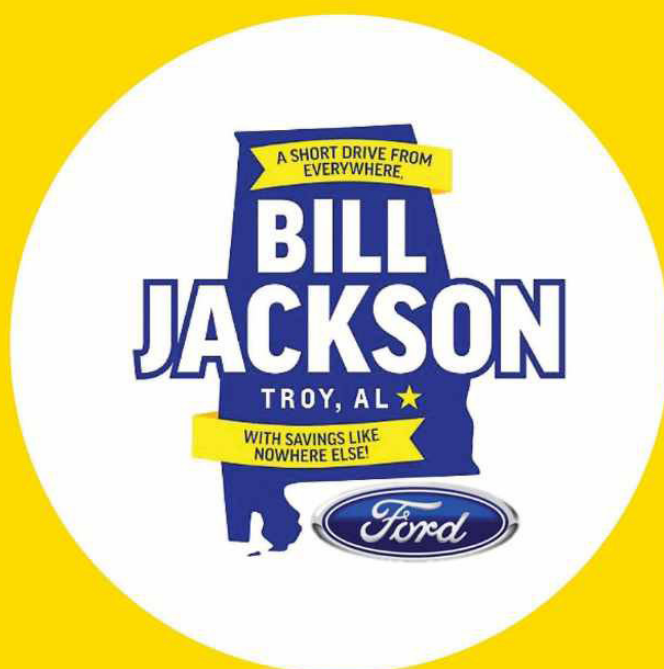
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Thank you to the business owners, and hard-working employees who have made Pike County such a wonderful place to live and who are working every day to make sure our community's best days are still to come.

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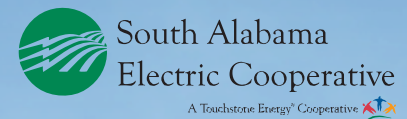
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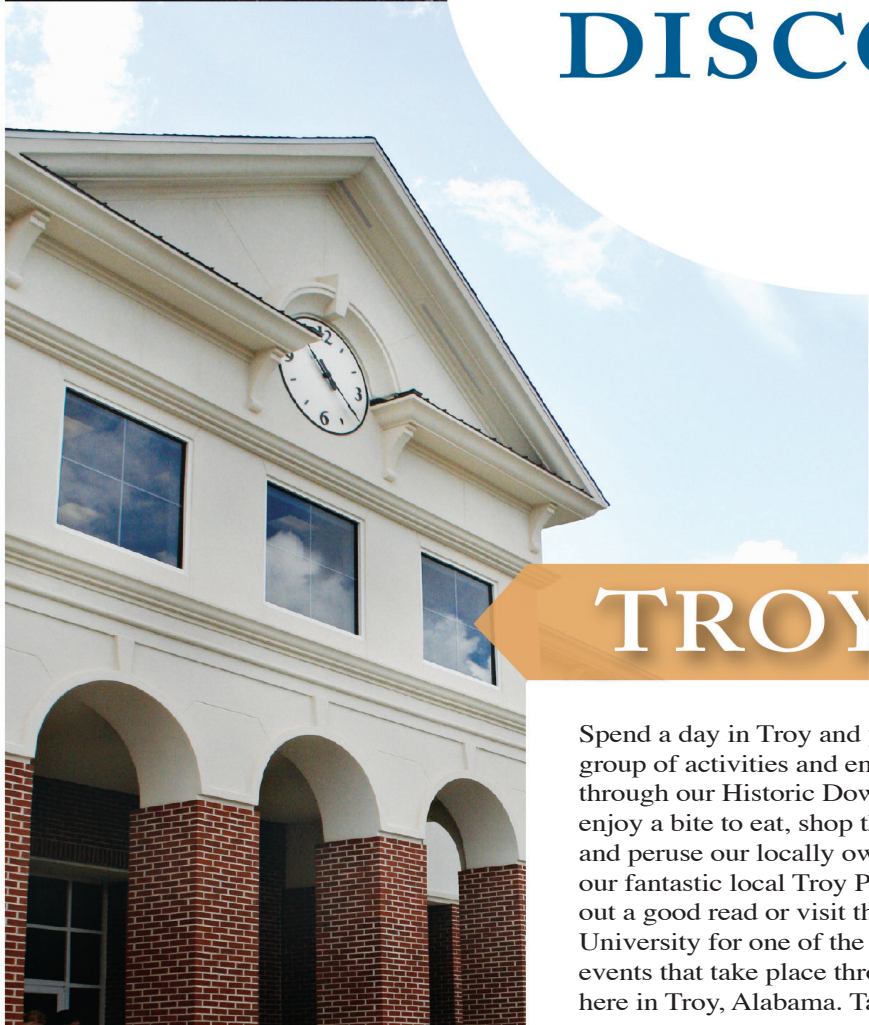
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