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BUSINESSES CAN BE SUED IN STATES WHERE THEY REGISTER

Businesses, usually corporations, can be sued in states that they register even if they actually do not do business that that state or are not located in that state. Thus, a plaintiff can forum shop to find a favorable venue for their case.

An example is a business which is incorporated in California, is operating & has operations in California & Nevada, has an accident in Nevada, but has elected to also register their corporation in Pennsylvania. The ruling this year from the U.S. Supreme Court in *Mallory v. Norfolk Southern Railway* allowed an individual employee alleging injuries to sue the railway in Pennsylvania, a location where neither the plaintiff or railway had any association, except the corporation's paper registration.

As a business owner, watch where you register your corporation and remove registrations if you are no longer operating in a particular state. Otherwise, you are offering an open forum to a plaintiff unnecessarily.

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