

ACorporation, Inc.: Corporate Form as Art Project and Advocacy

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Art



Andy Warhol



Andy Warhol



Kaz Oshiro



Social practice: *Applause Encouraged* (Scott Polach)



Thomas Hirschhorn's "Gramsci Monument" was built on the grounds of the Forest Houses with the help of its residents. Ángel Franco/The New York Times

Social practice: *Gramsci Monument* (Thomas Hirschhorn)



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General Business Corporation (D)



Request Certificate

<i>Filing Type</i>	General Business Corporation (D)
<i>Status</i>	Active-Good Standing
<i>Formed In</i>	IDAHO
<i>Term of Duration</i>	Perpetual
<i>Principal Address</i>	N/A
<i>Mailing Address</i>	6633 W HILL RD BOISE, ID 83714-7639
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ACorporation, Inc. (Chad Erpelding)

Theories of Corporate Personhood

1. Concession theory
Corporation is granted existence by state for public purpose
Exists only at the will of the government
1. Aggregate/Nexus of contracts theory
Corporation is the collection of people behind the corporation
Corporate interests are those of the parties making up the corporation
1. Real entity theory
Corporation exists as separate entity

Personhood and Purpose

Corporation as Property Aggregate/Nexus of K Theory

Purpose is private

Focus on relationship between corporation and contracting parties, wealth maximization

Regulate through property law, contract law

No moral responsibilities to society

Corporation as Person Real Entity Theory

Purpose is public

Corporation is citizen, with responsibilities to community/society

Regulate corporate activities to promote the public good, judge conduct by same standards as natural persons

March 11, 2022

Dear Secretary Bullock,

ACorporation Inc. is duly incorporated in the state of Idaho, the stated purpose of which is to advocate on behalf of and consult with corporations regarding personhood rights. As Delaware has established itself as the nation's authority on corporate law, I am writing you today to express concern for the fair and consistent treatment of corporations.

ACorporation Inc. believes a corporation is a person. We embrace the real entity theory (also called the natural entity theory) that maintains that the corporation is a real and non-imaginary person who in many ways is independent of the individuals who compose it, as well as separate from the state that legally recognizes its form.

We are writing to urge you to require Delaware corporations seeking to merge their corporate entities obtain a marriage certificate and otherwise abide by all legal requirements related to marriage in the state. Since a corporation is a person, we are concerned that corporations are not being treated equally to other persons who decide to join together in such a union.

For good and obvious reasons, Delaware forbids anyone under the age of 18 from acquiring a marriage license; bans bigamy, polygamy, and incest; and requires an authorized person to perform the ceremony. The benefits of these requirements are meant to ensure that marriages are legitimate, support public health, and not occur under duress. Corporations should be subject to the same requirements to ensure that the union is legal, ethical, and entered into willingly and knowingly by both parties.

All marriages are scrutinized under the law with the attempt to assure that the union is legal. However, according to the Federal Trade Commission's website, "over one thousand merger filings" are reviewed annually but according to the Statista Research Department there were 16,672 mergers and acquisitions in the twelve months preceding June 30, 2021. This raises concerns that corporations who are engaging in a union are not being held to the same scrutiny as other persons and therefore are at risk of engaging in a marriage that is not legitimate, does not support public health, or occurred under duress. It is in the state's interest to ensure that corporations are not forced into mergers, that the safety and legality of the union is upheld in each instance and that all persons are treated equally. Please consider requiring all corporations in Delaware obtain a marriage certificate who are seeking a merger.

Since Delaware is considered a national leader on corporate law, we believe that you should lead the charge on these changes and protections. We are happy to assist in any way that you may find is helpful. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Erpelding", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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