**The Entrepreneur’s Legal Essentials**

*Avoiding legal pitfalls that many startups and growing businesses encounter*

**Summary:**

Ready to supercharge your business with solid legal foundations? Don’t let common legal missteps derail your growth—join this dynamic course, led by a trusted legal expert, and gain critical insights to protect and empower your business journey. Designed specifically for entrepreneurs, this class brings you real-world examples and hands-on case studies to help you navigate the legal landscape with confidence.

**Topic to be covered include:**

* Selecting the right entity for your business (LLC, S-Corp, C-Corp, etc.)
* Core legal principles every entrepreneur should know
* Essential elements of partnership agreements
* The truth about NDAs—and why they might not be worth it
* Best practices for managing employee and contractor relationships
* Realities of non-compete and non-solicitation agreements
* Essential preparations for attracting investors or planning a future sale

**Prerequisites: None**

**About your presenter:**

[Brian Gillespie](https://www.nelsonmullins.com/professionals/brian-gillespie#main) is a partner in the Nelson Mullins law firm. Brian’s practice focuses primarily on representing startup companies. Brian advises his clients on all aspects of the business life cycle, including formation matters, financing matters (seed stage, growth stage, and majority deals), secondary transactions, and M&A transactions. Brian also represents venture capital funds in financing matters and guides clients through complex M&A transactions.

**Vitals;**

Cost: $30 ($20 CDC members)

Class start time: 9:00am

Class length: 1.5 hours

Class size: 40 persons

Difficulty: Beginner

Computer: n/a

Scholarships: Available

**Location:** 4 Conroy Street, Suite A, Charleston, SC 29403

**Parking:** Charleston Tech Center garage (adjacent)