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Synopsis

Written by two leading experts in the field this essential volume offers a step-by-step guide to understanding and evaluating the goals, risks and the rewards of starting a firm. Covers the basics of firm organisation, personnel requirements, legal considerations, fee setting, marketing issues and the essentials of strategic and business plans Addresses how to get started including how to create your first business plan, evaluate initial needs and costs, create a budget and a produce a list of action items to get started This volume is practical, applied, concise, portable, affordable and user-friendly

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The definitive reference for the life cycle of your design firm By combining two popular titles in the Architect's Essentials series, this book offers a single resource that you can depend on throughout the life cycle of your design firm. Half of the book guides architects and other design professionals through the ins and outs of launching a firm. The second half helps you enhance your firm's strengths as you navigate ownership transitions, which may occur when you expand ownership to raise capital or begin preparing for retirement. Moreover, this book helps you determine when to conduct a review and how to make essential course corrections that keep your firm moving along a successful track. Written by two recognized leaders in architectural practice, this book offers you practical advice based on firsthand experience for dealing with such issues as: Creating a business plan and evaluating initial costs Implementing winning business and marketing strategies

to expand your firm's success Managing personnel, fees, contract negotiations, budgets, and legal considerations Evaluating a firm Establishing the criteria for selecting new firm owners Designing a smooth ownership transition program Whether you are just starting a firm, evaluating an existing firm, or looking to transfer your firm's ownership, here is one book that provides clear, easy-to-follow answers.

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