



Essential Tools for Managing an LLC in the United States of America

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Abstract

In the context of business globalization and digitalization, the Limited Liability Company (LLC) has emerged as a flexible and attractive business structure, particularly for non-resident entrepreneurs in the United States. This article aims to identify and analyze the most relevant technological, accounting, and administrative tools for the efficient management of an LLC, considering the IRS regulatory framework, state-level requirements, and the modern digital environment. A descriptive-documentary methodology was used, based on the review of official sources, specialized publications, and recent studies on compliance, accounting software, and tax automation. The results show that the proper selection and integration of tools such as QuickBooks, TaxJar, Stripe, and Mercury can optimize operations, reduce tax errors, and enhance decision-making in small businesses. Finally, the article discusses the implications for Latino entrepreneurs and the best practices recommended to avoid legal and tax risks.

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1. Introduction

In the U.S. business system, the Limited Liability Company (LLC) has become one of the most versatile structures, particularly attractive to both domestic and international entrepreneurs. Its ability to combine asset protection with tax flexibility has allowed independent professionals, startups, and foreign business owners to adopt this model as a platform for formalization and expansion (Gale & Steuerle, 2020) ^[3].

However, efficiently managing an LLC requires more than just legal registration. The U.S. regulatory environment imposes specific requirements in tax, accounting, and documentation at both the federal (IRS) and state levels. In this context, digitalization and the use of specialized technological tools become strategic allies to ensure regulatory compliance, improve administrative management, and optimize decision-making (AICPA, 2022; SBA, 2023).

This article aims to identify and analyze the main digital tools that facilitate the comprehensive management of an LLC, especially in remote or international entrepreneurial scenarios, with an emphasis on non-resident Latino entrepreneurs. This research is justified by the sustained growth of LLCs formed by foreigners in states such as Delaware, Wyoming, and Florida, and the need to equip these business owners with practical and up-to-date knowledge for efficient accounting and tax management.

2. Methodology

This research is based on a qualitative, descriptive-documentary design, grounded in the analysis of secondary sources and a review of specialized literature. Academic databases (Google Scholar, EBSCO, Scopus), government portals (IRS, SBA, Department of the Treasury), and technical documentation from the main FinTech platforms used by LLCs in the U.S. were consulted.

The criteria for selecting tools included:

- Availability or accessibility for LLCs owned by non-residents.
- Integration with accounting, tax, or banking systems tailored to U.S. regulatory requirements.
- Endorsement or recommendation by certified public

accountants, specialized publications, or government institutions.

A comparative analysis was also conducted, considering functionality, costs, benefits, and automation levels, based on the needs of micro and small businesses managed remotely by Latin American entrepreneurs.

3. Results

3.1 Comparative

Table 1: Essential Tools for Managing an LLC in the U.S.

Category	Tool	Main Function	Key Advantages	Recommended For
Accounting	QuickBooks	Accounting records, invoicing, reports	Full interface, bank integration, easy auditing	Growing businesses
	Xero	Accounting for freelancers	Intuitive interface, online collaboration	Freelancers and digital businesses
Tax Automation	TaxJar / Avalara	Automated sales tax management	Multi-jurisdictional calculation, automatic reporting	Multi-state commerce
	Keeper	Auto-classification of deductible expenses	Ideal for freelancers, real-time alerts and tracking	Individual entrepreneurs
Payments & Invoicing	Stripe / PayPal	International payment gateways	Online payments, automatic tax calculation with Stripe Tax	E-commerce and global services
	Square / Zoho Invoice	POS + invoicing	User-friendly, adaptable to retail and services	Online/physical businesses
Digital Banking	Mercury / Relay	U.S. bank accounts without physical presence	Fast setup, no fees, accounting integration	Non-residents and startups
	Found	Banking + accounting for freelancers	All-in-one app, basic income/expense automation	Freelancers without tax advisors

3.2 Accounting Tools

QuickBooks: A leading platform for maintaining accounting records, issuing invoices, automating reports, and connecting with bank accounts. Its online version allows remote access and collaboration with accountants (Intuit, 2023) ^[5].

Xero: An alternative to QuickBooks, widely used by freelancers and digital businesses. Known for its user-friendly interface and customizable reports.

3.3 Tax Automation Tools

- **TaxJar / Avalara:** Tools for automated sales tax management. They calculate state-specific rates, generate reports, and support electronic tax filing.
- **Keeper:** Tailored for freelancers, automatically classifies deductible expenses and simplifies tax filing.

3.4 Payment and Invoicing Platforms

- **Stripe / PayPal Business:** Allow payments in U.S. dollars from any country. Stripe Tax adds automatic tax calculation for each transaction.
- **Square / Zoho Invoice:** Options tailored for small businesses, offering POS functionality and legal invoice issuance.

3.5 Banking and Financial Management

- **Mercury / Relay:** Digital banks for LLCs that do not require physical presence. They offer access to U.S. accounts, debit cards, bank reconciliation, and accounting integration.
- **Found:** Designed for freelancers, this app combines banking and basic accounting in one platform.

4. Discussion

The correct adoption of these tools not only facilitates the daily operation of an LLC but also ensures compliance with

IRS and state government requirements. Furthermore, it minimizes the risk of human error in accounting records and prevents penalties due to tax omissions.

For Latino entrepreneurs operating from abroad, the strategic use of these platforms provides a competitive advantage. However, professional support is often required to properly configure systems and choose the most appropriate solutions for the business type.

Additionally, the global economic context and the expansion of remote work have increased the need to operate with efficient corporate structures such as LLCs from anywhere in the world. This trend has driven a new demand for integrated digital solutions that address not only accounting needs, but also legal compliance, remote banking, digital invoicing, and tax automation (FDIC, 2023).

That said, challenges remain. Relying on digital tools requires constant internet connectivity, basic software knowledge, and responsible use of cloud-based platforms. Lack of proper guidance can lead to incorrect configuration of the digital ecosystem, resulting in accounting errors or unintentional tax noncompliance.

Moreover, the heterogeneity of U.S. state tax regulations adds another layer of complexity. A tool effective in one state might not be sufficient in another. For instance, an LLC selling physical products in multiple states must adapt its sales tax management to each jurisdiction's laws, requiring advanced automation and personalized tracking.

Thus, it is recommended to establish a digital ecosystem with the following characteristics:

- Digital banking + accounting software (e.g., Mercury + QuickBooks)
- Payment platform with automated tax calculation (e.g., Stripe + TaxJar)
- Secure cloud storage for documents (Google Drive/Dropbox)

- Remote access for U.S.-based accountants

Finally, it is essential for Latino entrepreneurs to develop digital and financial literacy skills that allow them to interpret reports generated by these platforms and make informed decisions. Technology alone does not guarantee the success of an LLC; its true value lies in its integration with accounting and tax knowledge and a strategic business vision.

5. Conclusions

Effectively managing an LLC in the U.S. largely depends on the proper use of technological tools. The digitalization of accounting and tax processes not only improves efficiency but also protects entrepreneurs from legal risks, enables informed decisions, and strengthens business formalization. In the context of globalization and digital entrepreneurship, these tools become strategic allies for Latin Americans seeking to formalize their business activities through an LLC.

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