

## 2020 Kansas Statutes

- 56a-202. Formation of partnership.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), the association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners a business for profit forms a partnership, whether or not the persons intend to form a partnership.
- (b) An association formed under a statute other than this act, a predecessor statute, or a comparable statute of another jurisdiction is not a partnership under this act.
- (c) In determining whether a partnership is formed, the following rules apply:
- (1) Joint tenancy, tenancy in common, tenancy by the entireties, joint property, common property, or part ownership does not by itself establish a partnership, even if the co-owners share profits made by the use of the property.
  - (2) The sharing of gross returns does not by itself establish a partnership, even if the persons sharing them have a joint or common right or interest in property from which the returns are derived.
  - (3) A person who receives a share of the profits of a business is presumed to be a partner in the business, unless the profits were received in payment:
    - (i) Of a debt by installments or otherwise;
    - (ii) for services as an independent contractor or of wages or other compensation to an employee;
    - (iii) of rent;
    - (iv) of an annuity or other retirement or health benefit to a beneficiary, representative, or designee of a deceased or retired partner;
    - (v) of interest or other charge on a loan, even if the amount of payment varies with the profits of the business, including a direct or indirect present or future ownership of the collateral, or rights to income, proceeds, or increase in value derived from the collateral; or
    - (vi) for the sale of the goodwill of a business or other property by installments or otherwise.

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