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SUBJECT: THE HICKORY GROUP, LTD., L.L.C.
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We have received your document for THE HICKORY GROUP, LTD., L.L.C. and your check(s) totaling \$285.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

If the limited liability company will be managed by a manager or managers, a statement to that effect is required as well as the names and street addresses of such managers who are to serve as managers; or if the management is reserved to the members, a statement to that effect is required as well as the names and street addresses of the managing members.

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**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO
TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA**

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 608.503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:*

1. The Hickory Group, Ltd., L.L.C.
(Name of foreign limited liability company must end with the words "limited liability company" or "limited company" or their abbreviations "L.L.C." or "L.C." if not so contained in the name at present.)
2. Ohio 3. 34-1840121
(Jurisdiction under the law of which foreign limited liability company is organized) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. August 29, 1996 5. December 21, 2003
(Date of Organization) (Duration: Year limited liability company will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. July 1, 1999
(Date first transacted business in Florida. (See sections 608.501, 608.502 and 817.155, F.S.))
7. 12697 New Brittany Boulevard
Fort Meyers, Florida 33907
(Street address of principal office)

8. List name, title, and business address of each managing member [MGRM] or manager [MGR] who will manage the foreign limited liability company in Florida: (attach additional page if necessary)

NAME & ADDRESS:	TITLE:	NAME & ADDRESS:	TITLE:
<u>Paul R. Abbey</u>	<u>MGR</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
<u>1801 East 9th Street</u>		<u></u>	
<u>Suite 1500</u>		<u></u>	
<u>Cleveland, Ohio 44114</u>		<u></u>	
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9. Attached is an original certificate of existence, no more than 90 days old, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State or the proper official having custody of records in the state under the law of which it is organized. (A photocopy is not acceptable. If the certificate is in a foreign language, a translation of the certificate under oath of the translator must be submitted.)

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 608.415 OR 608.507, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO DESIGNATE A REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is:

The Hickory Group, Ltd., L.L.C.

2. The name and the Florida street address of the registered agent and office are:

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(Name)

1200 South Pine Island Road

Florida street address (P.O. Box **NOT** ACCEPTABLE)

Plantation

FL 33324

(City/State/Zip)

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated limited liability company at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

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(Signature)

Filing Fee: \$ 35 for Designation of Registered Agent

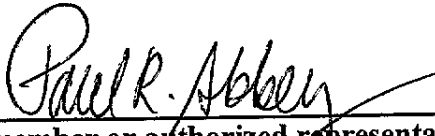
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**AFFIDAVIT OF MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOREIGN
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

The undersigned member or authorized representative of a member of _____

The Hickory Group, Ltd., L.L.C. certifies:

- 1) the above named limited liability company has at least one member;
- 2) the total amount of cash contributed by the member(s) is \$ 100,000 ;
- 3) if any, the agreed value of property other than cash contributed by member(s) is \$ 2,150,000 ;
(A description of the property is attached and made a part hereto.)
and
- 4) the total amount of cash and property contributed and anticipated to be contributed
by member(s) is \$ 2,250,000 .
(This total includes amounts from 2 and 3 above.)



Signature of a member or authorized representative of a member.

(In accordance with section 608.408(3), Florida Statutes, the execution of this
affidavit constitutes an affirmation under the penalties of perjury that the facts
stated herein are true.)

Paul R. Abbey

Typed or printed name of signee

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Filing Fee: \$250.00 for Application and Affidavit

Description of the Reported Property

All assets and properties of Hickory Investment Advisors, Inc., including cash, furniture, fixtures and investment advisory contracts.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.**

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I, J. Kenneth Blackwell, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign corporations; that said records show THE HICKORY GROUP, LTD., an Ohio Limited Liability Company, Registration No. 951723, was organized within the State of Ohio on August 29, 1996 and is currently in FULL FORCE AND EFFECT upon the records of this office.

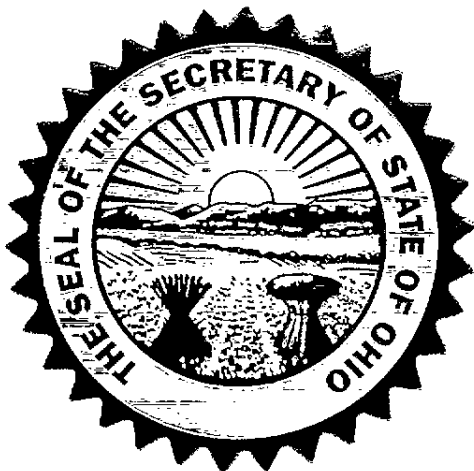
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seal at Columbus, Ohio on

June 29, 1999

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