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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL NOTARIES ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned incorporators, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

"Florida International Notaries Association, Inc."

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

106 E. College Ave., Suite 1200 Tallahassee, Florida 32302

ARTICLE III PURPOSES

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- 1. To advance professionalism in notarial practices;
- 2. To seek constant improvement in the ethical and practice standards of civil-law notaries in the State of Florida;
- 3. To educate and promote understanding of civil-law and notarial practice, and the value of civil-law notarial practice;
- 4. To foster and encourage collegiality among civil-law notaries and others who wish to promote the purposes stated in these articles;
- 5. To foster and encourage improved relations between the State of Florida and other jurisdictions that incorporate civil-law notarial practices into their body of laws and with jurisdictions that may wish to do so;
- 6. To advance the professional interests of the members of the corporation;
- 7. To improve the laws relating to civil-law notarial practice;

In addition to the above stated specific purposes the corporation shall have the authority and power to serve any other purpose allowed by law.

ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS AND MANNER OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

There shall be up to twenty-five members of the Board of Directors who shall serve for terms of two years. The initial directors of the corporation shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees from among the general members of the corporation. After the appointment of the initial Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees shall serve as the nominating committee for the Board of Directors and shall nominate persons to fill any vacancy on the Board of Directors from the general membership or from the trustee members. Directors shall be elected by the general membership from those persons nominated by the nominating committee. Any general member or trustee member may seek through the nominating committee to secure a nomination to serve on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

The number and titles of the officers of the corporation, and the manner and amount of their compensation, shall be established by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP

There shall be four classes of members:

1. <u>Trustee members</u>:

Trustee members shall consist of the incorporators and such other persons as they may agree by unanimous written resolution to designate as additional trustee members. The trustee members shall be collectively known as the "Board of Trustees" and the Board of Trustees shall have all of the powers of a Board of Directors under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, including the power to amend these articles, and shall retain all such power until such time as they may unanimously agree to relinquish all or any part of their powers to the Board of Directors or to others whom they may designate. Except where otherwise provided in these articles, corporate action shall require a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may from time to time seek a vote of the Board of Directors or the general membership on any issue, but shall not be required to do so. Unless otherwise stated by the Board of Trustees in a unanimous resolution any vote by the Board of Directors or

the general membership shall not be binding on the Board of Trustees. A trustee member shall not be subject to removal except by voluntary resignation or because of a failure to pay required annual dues. If a trustee member fails to timely pay annual dues he may be removed from the Board of Trustees by a majority vote of the other trustee members subject to a repayment of any capital contribution made by the trustee member to the corporation.

2. General Members:

General Members shall be Florida International Notaries or Civil-law Notaries appointed by the Secretary of State pursuant to Chapter 118, Florida Statutes, or shall commit in writing to obtaining such an appointment within one year of the date on which they become members. A general membership shall be valid for a period of one year and shall be subject to the payment of all dues. The Association may create additional requirements for general membership which shall be provided for in the corporation's by-laws. Where authorized by the Board of Trustees, subject to such terms and conditions as they may establish, and subject to fulfillment of all of the other requirements for general membership, individuals may become general members of the Association through appointments from the law firms or civil-law notary firms by which they are employed, and shall have all the rights and powers of general members.

3. <u>Honorary Members</u>:

The Board of Trustees may from time to time appoint honorary members, who shall serve for a period of two years, and who shall be known as "Honorary Directors and Advisors to the Association." Honorary members shall have no voting rights and no other rights as general members unless they are also general members. Honorary members shall be selected based on their contributions to notarial practice, or their contributions to corporation and its purposes, or to business and society.

4. Affiliate Members:

The Board of Trustees may authorize affiliate memberships for those persons, organizations, or businesses that may wish to affiliate with the corporation but shall not be required to do so.

ARTICLE VII REGISTERED AGENT

The registered agent of the corporation shall be Bill L. Bryant, Jr., whose street address is 106 E. College Ave., Suite 1200 Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Todd G. Kocourek, Incorporator

1242 North Duyal Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Bill L. Byant Fincorporator

106 E. College Ave., Spite 1200

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6/2/98 Date

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation 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.

Bill L. Bryght, Ur., Registered Agent

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