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OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

DATE:

December 30, 2005

TO:

Karon Beyer, Department of State

Division of Corporations - Bureau of Commercial Recordings

FROM:

Bruce Ricca, Licensing and Chartering

SUBJ:

Bank of Coral Gables, LLC

Coral Gables, Miami-Dade County

(Proposed New Bank)

Please file the attached Articles of Organization for the above-referenced institution, using <u>DECEMBER 30, 2005</u>, as the effective date.

Please make the following distribution of certified copies:

(1) One copy to:

Bruce Ricca

Office of Financial Regulation

Licensing & Chartering 200 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0371

(2) One copy to:

Mr. Terry Best

7481 Red Bay Place

Coral Springs, Florida 33065

(3) One copy to:

Mr. Russ Marshall

(uncertified)

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

10 Tenth Street, N. E.

Suite 800

Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3906

Also attached is a check that represents payment of the filing fees, charter tax and certified copies. If you have any questions, please call 410-9528.

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

<u>OF</u>

BANK OF CORAL GABLES, LLC

The undersigned, being duly authorized to act as the organizer of this Limited Liability? Company pursuant to Chapter 608 and Section 658.16, Florida Statutes, hereby forms a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Florida and adopts the following Articles of Organization for such Limited Liability Company.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the limited liability company shall be BANK OF CORAL GABLES, LLC (hereinafter, the "Company").

ARTICLE II - ADDRESS

The street address of the initial principal office and mailing address of the Company are:

Principal Office Address:

Mailing Address:

95 Merrick Way

95 Merrick Way

Suite 106

Suite 106

Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Coral Gables, Florida 33134

<u>ARTICLE III – PURPOSE</u>

The general nature of the business to be transacted by the Company shall be: That of a general banking business with all the rights, powers, and privileges granted and conferred by the Florida Financial Institutions Codes, regulating the organization, powers, and management of banking or trust limited liability companies.

ARTICLE IV -CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company shall begin business with at least \$5,000,000 in paid-in capital and shall maintain such minimum capital as required by the Florida Financial Institutions Codes.

ARTICLE V - EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

The term of existence of the Company shall commence with the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, and shall continue perpetually, unless sooner dissolved in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and the Operating Agreement of the Company. In no instance shall the Company be automatically terminated, dissolved, or operations suspended upon the occurrence of an event, including the death, disability, bankruptcy, expulsion, or withdrawal of a member of the Company, other than the passage of time as may be specified by law or the Operating Agreement of the Company. Provided, however, that upon any such termination event, the existence and business of the Company may be continued by amendment of these Articles of Organization or the Operating Agreement providing for the continued existence of the Company as may be authorized by Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE VI - MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

The exclusive authority to manage the Company is vested in a board of managers that is elected by the members, which shall operate in substantially the same manner as, and has substantially the same rights, powers, privileges, duties, and responsibilities as, a board of directors of a bank company chartered as a corporation.

The name and address of each initial board (manager or director) is as follows:

Name	Address:	
Terry Eden Best	7481 Red Bay Place Coral Springs, FL 33065	
Jerrold Blair	300 South Pointe Drive Apt. 3103 Miami Beach, FL 33138	
Charles Dusseau	7520 SW 72 Court Miami, FL 33143	

Name Address:

Michael A. Kashtan Daniels Kashtan Downs & Robertson

3300 Ponce de Leon Blvd. Coral Gables, Florida 33134

William H. Kerdyk, Jr. Kerdyk Real Estate

2631 Ponce de Leon Blvd. Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Paul A. Lester 201 Alhambra Circle, Ste. 601

Coral Gables, FL 33134

Carlos C. Lopez-Cantera 2199 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 200

Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Gene Prescott, President The Biltmore Hotel

1200 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134

Carlos Rodriguez Driftwood Management, LLC

3265 NW 87 Avenue Miami, Florida 33134

Audrey Ross 4689 Ponce de Leon Blvd.

Third Floor

Coral Gables, FL 33146

George M. Suarez, M.D. 7000 SW 62 Avenue, Suite 100

South Miami, Florida 33143

Wayne E. Withers, Jr. ("Chip") 1104 Hardee Road

Coral Gables, FL 33146

ARTICLE VII - LIMITED LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

No Member of the Company shall be liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Company in excess of the amount of the Member's investment.

ARTICLE VIII - TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP RIGHTS

A Member may transfer an ownership interest in the Company, including voting rights, without the consent of any other Member of the Company, providing however, the transfer complies with all applicable requirements of the Florida Financial Institutions Codes.

ARTICLE IX - LIMITATION ON AGENCY AUTHORITY OF MEMBERS

Pursuant to Section 608.4235, Florida Statutes, no Member of the Company shall be an agent for the Company solely by virtue of being a Member, and no Member shall have authority to incur debt or contractual liability on behalf of the Company solely by virtue of being a Member.

<u>ARTICLE X - REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT</u>

The street address of the initial registered office of the Company in the State of Florida shall be 95 Merrick Way, Suite 106, Coral Gables, Florida. The name of the registered agent of the Company at that address is Terry Eden Best.

STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above referenced limited liability company, at the place designated in the foregoing Articles of Organization, I hereby accept such appointment and agree to act in such capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relevant to the proper and complete performance of the duties of a registered agent, and I am familiar with, and accept the duties and obligations of, Section 608.415 of the Florida Statutes.

Date: DEC 13 20 05

· REQUIRED SIGNATURE:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has made and subscribed these Articles of

Organization this	13 day of DEC, 20 01.
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	Signature of a member or an authorized representative of a member. (In accordance with section 608.408(3), Florida Statutes, the execution of this document constitutes an affirmation under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated herein are true.)
	TERM EDEN BEST Typed or printed name of signee

APPROVED by the Office of Financial Regulation this 297H day of

December , 2005.

Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida

Linda B. Charity

Director

Office of Financial Regulation

Note: Filing Fees

\$ 100.00 Filing Fee for Articles of Organization

\$ 25.00 Designation of Registered Agent

\$ 30.00 Certified Copy

\$ 5.00 Certificate of Status

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