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### THE VIRGIL HAWKINS JUSTICE FOUNDATION, INC TALLAHASSIE, FLORIDA

(A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation)

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### Article I **NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be THE VIRGIL HAWKINS JUSTICE FOUNDATION, INC. (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

#### Article II PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation is c/o C. Sha'Ron James, 2618 Centennial Place, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

#### <u>Article III</u> PURPOSE

This Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation, organized and to be operated exclusively for charitable purposes, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and not for pecuniary profit. More specifically, the Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively to carry out the following purposes:

- To promote diversity in the legal profession; and (a)
- To carry on such other activities in furtherance of and support of the foregoing purposes as are lawful and proper for corporations formed under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act and section 501 (c)(3) of the Code.

#### Article IV **MEMBERSHIP**

The Corporation shall have no members.

#### Article V INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The Street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation and the Corporation's initial registered agent at that address is C. Sha'Ron James, 2618 Centennial Place, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

#### Article VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The number of directors shall initially be five. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than three. The manner of election members of the Board of Directors shall be regulated by the Bylaws of the Corporation. The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as the initial members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

#### Letisha Bivins

Post Office Box 3239 Tampa, Florida 32601-3239

#### Angelique Knox

1315 N Bronough St Tallahassee, Florida 32303-5426

#### Rachelle Munson

Post Office Box 4457 Apopka, Florida 32704-4457

#### Detra Shaw-Wilder

2525 Ponce De Leon Blvd Fl 9 Miami, Florida 331346037

#### Carolyn House Stewart

One Tampa City Center 201 N. Franklin St., Suite 2000 Tampa, Florida 33602

#### Article VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation are:

C. Sha'Ron James Post Office Box 15579 Tallahassee, FL 32317

## Article VIII DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be

distributed to a not-for-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, as selected by the Board of Directors.

#### Article IX LIMITATIONS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall insure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of any of its purposes. No substantial part of activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided in subsection (h) of section 501 of the Code), and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 23rd day of October, 2008.

C Sha'Ron James, Incorporator

#### CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING THE ADDRESS AND AN AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

#### WITNESSETH:

That, The Virgil Hawkins Justice Foundation, Inc., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, has named C. Sha'Ron James, 2618 Centennial Place, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2008.

By: C. Sha`Ron James