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May 15, 2001

Qualification/Tax Lien Section  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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To Whom It May Concern,

Enclosed is the required application and Certificate of Existence (item 11) to register the corporation in Florida. Our check in the amount of \$70.00 is attached for the fee.

We apologize for the delay in submitting this information.

FEI: #13-2742417

Yours truly,

  
George G. Eggleston  
Chief Financial Officer

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**Wildlife Artists, Inc.**

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Tel: (203) 431-4341 • Fax: (203) 438-6769 • Sales Fax: (203) 438-1752





# *Department of State*

## *Memorandum Office of the General Counsel*

TO: File

FROM: Gerard York, Assistant General Counsel

DATE: August 8, 2001

RE: Wildlife Artists, Inc.

Based on my review of the file and the payments received from the corporation, it is my recommendation that this file be closed. Corporation has paid outstanding report fees from 1998 of \$450.00 and foreign non-qualified penalties of \$1500.00 assessed at the statutory minimum of \$500.00 per year. Corporation wishes to be qualified to do business in the State of Florida. Accordingly, it is recommended corporation be issued a certificate of authority.

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August 2, 2001

Gerald T. York, Esq.  
Office of General Counsel, LL-10  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Enclosed is our check #6412 in the amount of \$1,950.00 to settle annual filing fees and statutory penalties.

A copy of your fax dated June 25 is enclosed as a reference. If I need to provide any additional information please contact me at your convenience.

I appreciate your helping to resolve this matter.

Yours truly,

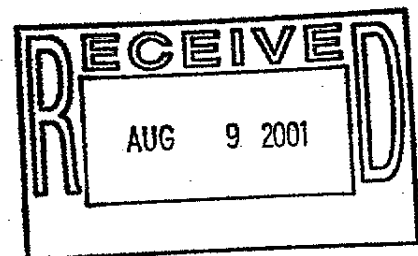
  
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Ps: Our corporate offices have a new address and phone/fax as follows:

Wildlife Artists, Inc.  
6 Trowbridge Drive  
Bethel, CT 06801-2858

Voice 203-778-6800  
Fax 203-778-6833



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**FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL**

**TO FAX NUMBER: 203-438-6769**

**Please deliver the following pages to:**

**NAME: George G. Eggleston**

**COMPANY: Wildlife Artists, Inc.**

**CITY/STATE: Ridgefield, Connecticut**

**SENDER: Gerard T. York, Esq.,**  
**Assistant General Counsel**

**DATE/TIME: 06/25/01 6:01 PM**

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**FROM FAX: 850/922-5763 (Suncom 292-5763)**

**COMMENTS: This communication is in response to your letter dated June 15, 2001 and our conversation today regarding annual report fees and statutory penalties which would be assessed against Wildlife Artists, Inc., under section 607.1502(4), Florida Statutes.**

**The application received indicates Wildlife Artists, Inc., has transacted business in Florida since 1998. Accordingly, an amount of \$3450.00 is due, reflecting annual report fees of \$450.00 and statutory penalties of \$3000.00. We would, however, offer to settle the issue of annual report fees and foreign non-qualified penalties from Wildlife Artists, Inc., for the sum of \$1950.00, reflecting annual report fees from**

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Gerard T. York, Esq

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**FAX****Date** 6/27/01 2:21 PM**Number of pages including cover sheet** 2**TO:** Gerard T. York, Esq.  
Florida Department of State**CC:****RE:** Your fax of 6/25/01**Phone****Fax** 850-922-5763**FROM:** George Eggleston  
Chief Financial Officer  
Wildlife Artists, Inc.  
84 North Salem Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877 - 3819**Phone** 203 - 431 - 4341**Fax Phone** 203 - 438 - 6769**CC:****REMARKS:** ☐ Urgent ☐ For your review ☒ Reply ASAP ☐ Please Comment

This is in regard to the information you provided to enable us to settle the issue of annual report fees and foreign non-qualified penalties.

It would be appreciated if you could give us more detail on how you calculated the annual report fees from 1998 of \$450.00. The attached transmittal letter sent by the Division of Corporations is the only document we have that gives the annual filing fee cost of \$70.00.

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**F A C S I M I L E   T R A N S M I T T A L**

**TO FAX NUMBER: 203-438-6769**

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**CITY/STATE: Ridgefield, Connecticut**

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TO: Gerry York, General Counsel's Office  
FROM: Gretchen S. Harvey, Registration Section  
DATE: June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001  
SUBJECT: WILDLIFE ARTISTS. INC.  
REFERENCE: W01000011614

Pursuant to Mr. Eggleton's letter of June 15<sup>th</sup>, the attached documents and correspondence are being forwarded to you for appropriate handling.

Please note the attached documents appear to meet the filing requirements stipulated in Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, with the exception of any penalty or annual report fees that may be due this office.

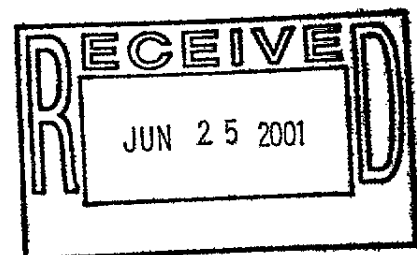
Should you have any further questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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June 15, 2001

Attorney General  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Dear Attorney General,

As a small family business in the state of Connecticut the civil penalty you have assessed is not consistent with our intent or actions in Florida. Since we began business we have filed and paid the appropriate State Income Tax and remitted unemployment taxes. We have not attempted to escape any lawful taxes or fees and apologize for not knowing we needed to qualify in your state.

I can assure you the annual filing fee cost is very reasonable and certainly not something we would intentionally ignore. The \$3,000 civil penalty is a significant amount for our company and since we only pay the minimum income tax of \$800 each year it seems excessive.

We recognize our responsibility to pay the past filing fees, including interest, but respectfully ask you to consider waiving the civil penalty and accepting our filing.

Our business office consists only of one person working out of her home acting as a sales person in Florida and other nearby states. We hope you will allow us to continue our business activities which include selling to Not For Profit Zoos and Aquariums in Florida.

Sincerely yours,

George G. Eggleston  
Chief Financial Officer

Ref. Number: W01000011614  
Letter of 5/22/01 attached

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May 22, 2001

GEORGE G. EGGLESTON  
84 NORTH SALEM ROAD  
RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877-3819

SUBJECT: WILDLIFE ARTISTS, INC.  
Ref. Number: W01000011614

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We have received your document for WILDLIFE ARTISTS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained in this office for the following:

Pursuant to section 607.1502(4), 617.1502(4) or 608.502(4), Florida Statutes, this office collects a civil penalty of \$1000 for each year this entity transacted business or conducted its affairs in Florida prior to qualification and the appropriate annual report/uniform business report fees that would have been due this office had the entity qualified the year it began operations in this state. The amount due this office to cover both annual report/uniform business report and penalty fees is \$3450.00.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6020.

Tammi Cline  
Document Specialist

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**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT  
BUSINESS IN FLORIDA**

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO  
REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.*

1. Wildlife Artists, Inc.  
(Name of corporation; must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present.)
2. Connecticut 3. 13-2742417  
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. 01-03-1973 5. Perpetual  
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. 01-01-1998  
(Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)
7. 84 North Salem Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877  
(Current mailing address)
8. Wholesale sale of toys and souvenirs  
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)
9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** acceptable)  
Name: Ms. Jennifer J. Green  
Office Address: 617 DRIVERS CIRCLE  
KISSIMMEE, Florida, 34759  
(Zip code)

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10. Registered agent's acceptance:

*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, 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 relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.*

Jennifer J. Green

(Registered agent's signature)

11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors: (Street address ONLY - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

A. DIRECTORS (Street address only - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

Chairman: Gerry Ward

Address: 84 North Salem Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Vice Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: Douglas Allen

Mike Gill

Address: 84 North Salem Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

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Director: Thomas R. Reynolds

Elizabeth Holland

Address: 84 North Salem Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

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Ridgefield, CT 06877

B. OFFICERS (Street address only - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

President: Michael T. Gill

Address: 84 North Salem Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: Diana E. Ward

Address: 84 North Salem Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Treasurer: Elizabeth Holland

Address: 84 North Salem Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13.

(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14.

DIRECTOR

(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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Office of the Secretary of the State of Connecticut

I, the Connecticut Secretary of the State,  
and keeper of the seal thereof, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that

WILDLIFE ARTISTS, INC.

incorporated under the laws of Connecticut is in existence.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan Bynum", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Susan" being more prominent than the last name "Bynum".

Secretary of the State

Date Issued: April 24, 2001



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