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Registration Section **Division of Corporations** P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: MENDACI, LLC

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Articles of Organization for the abovecaptioned limited liability company and our check in the amount of \$125.00 to cover the cost of the following:

> Filing Fee \$100.00 Registered Agent Fee 25.00 \$125.00

Please file the Articles of Organization, date stamp the enclosed copy and return it to our office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures Check: \$125.00

cc:

Maria Catalano (w/encls.)

# ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The undersigned, desiring to form a limited liability company pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Limited Liability Company Act, hereby submits, and files with the Florida Department of State, these Articles of Organization.

## ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of the limited liability company created hereby (hereinafter, "the Company") is: **MENDACI, LLC.** 

#### ARTICLE II

#### Purpose

The Company's primary business activities shall consist of investing in and managing real estate. The Company shall have the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary to carry out its business and affairs, including, without limitation, all powers permitted by the Florida Limited Eability Company Act, and the power to:

- (a) Sue and be sued, and defend, in its name.
- (b) Purchase, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use and otherwise deal with real or personal property, or any legal or equitable interest in property, wherever located in the control of the co
- (c) Sell, convey, mortgage, grant a security interest in, lease, exchange, and otherwise encumber or dispose of, all or any part of its property.
- (d) Purchase, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, sell, mortgage, lend, grant a security interest in, or otherwise dispose of and deal in and with, shares or other interests in or obligations of any other entity.
- (e) Make contracts or guarantees, or incur liabilities; borrow money; issue its notes, bonds, or other obligations, which may be convertible into or include the option to purchase other securities of the Company; or make contracts of guaranty and suretyship which are necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion, or attainment of the business of a corporation the majority of the outstanding stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by the contracting limited liability company; a corporation which owns, directly or indirectly, a majority of the outstanding membership interests of the contracting limited liability company; or a corporation the majority of the stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by a corporation which owns, directly or indirectly, the majority of the outstanding membership interests of the contracting limited liability company, which contracts of guaranty and suretyship shall be deemed to be necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion, or attainment of the business of the contracting limited liability company; or make other contracts of guaranty and suretyship which are necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion, or attainment of the business of the contracting limited liability company.

- (f) Lend money, invest or reinvest its funds, and receive and hold real or personal property as security for repayment.
- (g) Conduct its business, locate offices, and exercise the powers granted by Florida Statutes Chapter 608 within or without the State of Florida.
- (h) Select managers and appoint officers, directors, employees, and agents of the Company, define their duties, fix their compensation, and lend them money and credit.
  - (i) Make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes.
- (j) Pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, profit-sharing plans, retirement plans, bonus plans, option plans, and benefit or incentive plans for any or all of its current or former managers, members, officers, agents, and employees.
- (k) Be a promoter, incorporator, shareholder, partner, member, associate, or manager of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other entity.
- (I) Make payments or donations or do any other act not inconsistent with law that furthers the business of the Company.

## **ARTICLE III**

#### Address

The street address and the mailing address of the principal office of the Company shall

14433 Willow Run Dade City, Florida 33525

## ARTICLE IV

#### Duration

The existence of the Company shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Organization, and shall thereafter be perpetual, unless dissolution or conversion occurs according to law.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Admission of Additional Members

The members may admit additional members pursuant to unanimous written consent of the members in existence prior to the admission of any such additional member.

#### ARTICLE VI

# Registered Office and Agent

The address of the initial registered office of the Company in the State of Florida is 315 South Hyde Park Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33606, and the name of the registered agent at such address is James P. Hines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representative has executed these Articles of Organization, and hereby acknowledges that the facts stated herein are true.

James P. Hines

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above-named 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, as provided for in Chapter 608, Florida Statutes.

James P. Hines