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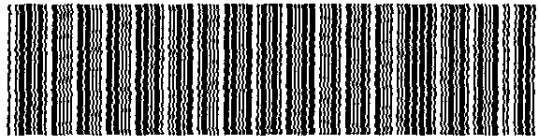
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*Re: Republic, LLC; Articles of Organization*

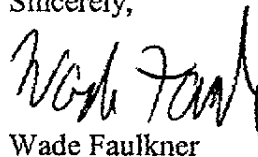
Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the Articles of Organization of Republic, LLC. Also, please find a check in the amount of \$130 to pay for the filing fee for the articles, the designation of a registered agent, and also a Certificate of Status. Please forward the Certificate of Status to me at the following address:

Wade Faulkner, Esq.  
Miller, Hamilton, Snider & Odom  
Post Office Box 46  
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If you have any questions or require any further information please do not hesitate to call me at 251-439-7571.

Sincerely,

  
Wade Faulkner

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**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION  
OF  
REPUBLIC, L.L.C.**

The undersigned, acting as organizer of Republic, L.L.C., under the Florida Limited Liability Company Act, adopt the following Articles of Organization for said Limited Liability Company:

**I.  
NAME OF COMPANY**

The name of the limited liability company is Republic, L.L.C. (the "Company").

**II.  
PERIOD OF DURATION**

The period of duration is perpetual from the date of filing of these Articles of Organization with the Florida Department of State, unless the Company is sooner dissolved.

**III.  
PURPOSE**

The Company is organized for any legal and lawful purpose pursuant to the Florida Limited Liability Company Act.

**IV.  
REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The Company's principal place of business in Florida is at the address of its initial registered office, and the name and address of the initial registered agent at that address is as follows:

Catherine Lowder Struble  
7425 Bay Colony Drive  
Naples, FL 34108

**V.  
MEMBERS**

There are three (3) members:

Charlotte Glover Lowder  
2080 Bell Road  
Montgomery, AL 36117

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**VI.  
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**

The Members reserve the right to admit additional Members upon the unanimous agreement of the Members as to the admission of, and the consideration to be paid by, such new Members, and subject to the terms and conditions of the Company's Operating Agreement.

**VII.  
OPERATING AGREEMENT**

The Operating Agreement of the Company shall be executed by each member of the Company and shall set forth all provisions for the affairs of the Company and the conduct of its business to the extent that such provisions are not inconsistent with law or these Articles.

**VIII.  
CONTINUATION UPON WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBER**

The Members shall have the right to continue the Company upon the death, retirement, resignation, expulsion, bankruptcy or dissolution of a Member or occurrence of any event which terminates the continued membership of a Member in the Company (collectively, "Withdrawal").

**IX.  
LIABILITIES OF MEMBERS AND MANAGERS**

Members and managers of the Company are not liable under a judgment, decree or order of a court, or in any other manner, for a debt, obligation or liability of the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused these Articles of Organization to be executed this 15 day of may 2003.

By: C. Lowder Struble  
Catherine Lowder Struble  
Its: Member

Certificate of Registered Agent

I, Catherine Lowder Struble, having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for Republic, L.L.C. at the address designated in the Articles of Organization, 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, F.S.

5/15/03  
Date

C. Lowder Struble  
Catherine Lowder Struble,  
Registered Agent

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This Instrument Prepared by:

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