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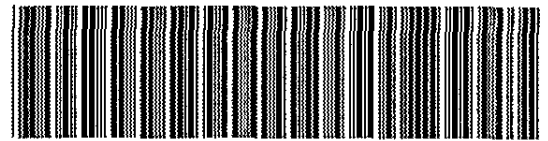
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Jim Smith  
Secretary of State

November 5, 2002

B. BIONNE CASEY  
812 KILLARNEY COURT  
MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32953

SUBJECT: MERRITT ISLAND INVESTMENTS, LLC  
Ref. Number: W02000031791

We have received your document for MERRITT ISLAND INVESTMENTS, LLC and your check(s) totaling \$125.00. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained in this office for the following:

Please note that we have also RETAINED your \$125.00 payment.

If it is the company's intention also use the name HOUSE OF FRAMES, you will also have to file a Fictitious Name Registration. The fee is \$50.00. A form is enclosed.

And your application indicates that the company began transacting business in Florida on July 5, 2001. If that is so, then penalty fees are owed.

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 \$1,050.00.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6914.

Buck Kohr  
Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 802A00060553

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# House of FRAMES

158 E. Merritt Island Causeway (SR520)  
Merritt Island, Florida 32952  
Phone: (321) 452-8989  
Fax: (321) 452-8772

November 19, 2002

Mr. Buck Kohr  
Corporate Specialist  
Florida Dept of State  
Division of Corporations  
PO BOX 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

MERRITT ISLAND INVESTMENTS, LLC  
W02000031791

Dear Mr. Kohr:

Reference Letter No: 802A00060553

Pursuant to our telephone conversation last week, I am sending you this letter which contains a recital of facts regarding our purchase of an existing business and our attempts to comply with all the appropriate Florida laws and regulations.

My husband and I are originally from Colorado where we had operated a business. We continue to have a business relationship with an attorney and an accountant in Colorado who normally handle our legal and accounting needs.

On July 5, 2002, my husband and I purchased an existing custom framing business, House of Frames, from Suzanne Parker, who was operating it at that time as a sole proprietor. We did the actual purchase transaction without benefit of counsel because there were few assets and the transaction was a relatively simple cash purchase. Upon the advice of our accountant, we contacted our attorney to set up an LLC to operate the business. We had done other LLCs and normally had our attorney set them up in Colorado and act as the registered agent on our behalf. We did not begin the LLC process until after the purchase of House of Frames.

Because it was an ongoing business, we knew that we would be required to collect and remit sales tax. We went in person to the Department of Revenue office in Cocoa to find out what forms and fees were necessary. We explained to the gentleman who assisted us that we had already purchased the business, that we were in the process of setting up an LLC in Colorado but did not have any idea how long that would take and asked what we needed to do to be legal to run the business. He said the simplest thing to do was to fill out the form in my name and call it a sole proprietor for now. One of his comments was that the state wouldn't care much about the name as long as the reports were filed on time and the taxes were paid. My sales tax certificate which I

have been using and paying taxes with is 15-00-093838-30-9. All sales taxes have been properly collected and remitted on time since July 5, 2002.

We asked if we needed any other forms and were told that we needed to file a fictitious name with the state but because we would have no employees the only other things that we needed were at county level. We sought an occupational license from Brevard County as William R. Casey, Jr and B. Dionne Casey and were granted a license as 48290 Frame Shop-Retail. We also sought and were granted a Fire Department Inspection Certificate. We filed the Fictitious Name with the State of Florida and the number assigned was G01219900325.

We believed that we were in compliance with all applicable regulations for the State of Florida and conducted our business accordingly. The Colorado LLC was eventually formed and a federal tax return was filed under Merritt Island Investments, LLC dba House of Frames for 2001.

In July, 2002, we hired an employee. We knew that we would be liable for payroll taxes so I contacted the Department of Revenue to apply for an unemployment account to report payroll. They sent the form to fill out and requested a copy of my certificate of good standing for the LLC. I filled out the form and sent the copy of the Colorado Certificate. It was at that time that the woman at the Unemployment office called and said she couldn't find us in the system. Upon discussing with her what "system" she said she thought that I needed to file as a Foreign Corporation. She gave me the phone number and I immediately called and requested the packet that I forwarded to you together with my check for \$125.

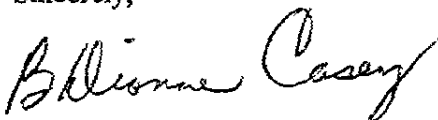
The Unemployment Office said they were going to go ahead and issue me an account number so that I could pay third quarter payroll taxes which I did. The UC Account No: 2412033

As I believe this history demonstrates, we have every intention of complying with all rules and regulations of the State of Florida. Had we any idea that there was another form which needed to be completed and fees to pay we would have immediately done so. We certainly will pay whatever fees which were due for us to operate as an LLC in the state, but respectfully request that we should not be subject to penalties.

I am enclosing a new application for Registration of Fictitious Name together with a \$50 check to have the name of House of Frames registered to Merritt Island Investments, LLC. I assume that I might also have to refile and get a different Sales Tax Certificate number but I will await further instructions from your department.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration. I can be reached at House of Frames Monday through Saturday at (321)452-8989 or my home phone is (321) 449-4656 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



B. Dionne Casey

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TO: Gerry York, General Counsel's Office  
FROM: Brenda L. Tadlock, Registration Section  
DATE: December 3, 2002  
SUBJECT: MERRITT ISLAND INVESTMENTS, LLC  
REFERENCE: W02000031791

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*LM Casey*  
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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 608, 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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Attachments

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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**Jim Smith**

**Secretary of State**

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL**

# FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL

**TO FAX NUMBER: 321-452-8772**

**Please deliver the following pages to:**

**NAME: B. Dionne Casey**

**COMPANY:** Merritt Island Investments, LLC

**CITY/STATE:** Merritt Island, Florida

**SENDER:** Gerard T. York, Esq.,  
Assistant General Counsel  
850-245-6514

DATE/TIME: 12/05/02 8:51 AM

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**FROM FAX: 850/245-6125**

**COMMENTS: This communication is further to our conversation yesterday regarding annual report fees and statutory penalties which would be assessed against Merritt Island Investments, LLC under section 608.502(4), Florida Statutes.**

**We would offer to settle the issue of annual report fees and foreign non-qualified penalties from Merritt Island Investments, LLC for the sum of \$50.00, reflecting annual report fees from 2001 of \$50.00. This offer remains in effect until December 31, 2002.**

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Upon completion of the application and receipt of a check in that amount payable to the Department of State, Division of Corporations, I will instruct the Division of Corporations to issue Merritt Island Investments, LLC a Certificate of Authority to transact business in Florida. Please mail the check to this attorney at: Office of General Counsel, PL-02, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250.

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

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# Department of State

## Memorandum Office of the General Counsel

TO: File

FROM: Gerard York, Assistant General Counsel

DATE: December 18, 2002

RE: Merritt Island Investments, LLC

Based on my review of the file and the payments received from the LLC, it is my recommendation that this file be closed. LLC has paid outstanding report fees from 2001 of \$50.00 and it would not be cost effective to attempt to collect a penalty based upon the marginal nature of this enterprise. LLC wishes to be qualified to do business in the State of Florida. Accordingly, it is recommended LLC be issued a certificate of authority.

/gty

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**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO  
TRANSACTION BUSINESS IN FLORIDA**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 608.503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN  
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO TRANSACTION BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

1. MERRITT ISLAND INVESTMENTS, LLC  
(Name of foreign limited liability company)
2. COLORADO, USA  
(Jurisdiction under the law of which foreign limited liability company is organized)
3. 90-0023976  
(FEI number, if applicable)
4. JUNE 27, 2001  
(Date of Organization)
5. Perpetual  
(Duration: Year limited liability company will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. JULY 5, 2001  
(Date first transacted business in Florida. (See sections 608.501, 608.502, and 817.155, F.S.))
7. 158 E. MERRITT ISLAND CSWY  
MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32952  
(Street address of principal office)
8. If limited liability company is a manager-managed company, check here ☐
9. The name and usual business addresses of the managing members or managers are as follows:  
B. DIONNE CASEY 812 KILLARNEY CT. MERRITT ISLAND, FL 329  
William R. Casey, Jr 812 Killarney Ct. MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32
10. Attached is an original certificate of existence, no more than 90 days old, duly authenticated by the official having custody of records the jurisdiction under the law of which it is organized. (A photocopy is not acceptable. If the certificate is in a foreign language, a translation of the certificate under oath of the translator must be submitted.)
11. Nature of business or purposes to be conducted or promoted in Florida: House of Frames - Custom Picture Framing.  
B. Dionne Casey  
Signature of a member or an authorized representative of a member.  
(In accordance with section 608.408(3), F.S., the execution of this document constitutes an affirmation under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated herein are true.)  
B. DIONNE CASEY  
Typed or printed name of signee

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
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**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 608.415 or 608.507, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO DESIGNATE A REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is:

MERRITT ISLAND INVESTMENTS, LLC dba House of FRANK

2. The name and the Florida street address of the registered agent and office are:

B. DIONNE CASEY

(Name)

812 KILLARNEY CT

Florida street address (P.O. Box **NOT** ACCEPTABLE)

MERRITT ISLAND FL 32953

City/State/Zip

*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated 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, F.S.*

B. Dionne Casey

(Signature)

\$ 100.00	Filing Fee for Application
\$ 25.00	Designation of Registered Agent
\$ 30.00	Certified Copy (optional)
\$ 5.00	Certificate of Status (optional)

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# STATE OF COLORADO

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE CERTIFICATE

I, DONETTA DAVIDSON, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado,  
hereby certify that, according to the records of this office,

MERRITT ISLAND INVESTMENTS, LLC  
(Colorado LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY )  
File # 20011129014

was filed in this office on June 27, 2001 and has complied with the applicable provisions  
of the laws of the State of Colorado and on this date is in good standing and authorized and  
competent to transact business or to conduct its affairs within this state.

Dated: October 3, 2002

**For Validation:**

Certificate ID: **596784**

To validate this certificate, visit the following  
web site, enter this certificate ID, then follow the  
instructions displayed.

[www.sos.state.co.us/ValidateCertificate](http://www.sos.state.co.us/ValidateCertificate)

*Donetta Davidson*

SECRETARY OF STATE