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**COVER LETTER**

**TO:** Registration Section  
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**SUBJECT:** Merit Financial Advisors, LLC

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Name of Limited Liability Company

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Limited Liability Company for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida," Certificate of Existence, and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign limited liability company to transact business in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Jan R. Ezell, Corporate Paralegal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person

Alston & Bird LLP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm/Company

1201 West Peachtree Street

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For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Jan R. Ezell

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Name of Person

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P.O. Box 6327  
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**STREET ADDRESS:**

Division of Corporations  
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Clifton Building  
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Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

☐ \$125.00 Filing Fee

☐ \$130.00 Filing Fee &  
Certificate of Status

☐ \$155.00 Filing Fee &  
Certified Copy

☐ \$160.00 Filing Fee, Certificate  
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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. Merit Financial Advisors, LLC  
(Name of Foreign Limited Liability Company; must include "Limited Liability Company," "L.L.C.," or "LLC.")

(If name unavailable, enter alternate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida and attach a copy of the written  
consent of the managers or managing members adopting the alternate name. The alternate name must include "Limited Liability  
Company," "L.L.C.," "LLC.")

2. Delaware  
(Jurisdiction under the law of which foreign limited liability  
company is organized)

3. 45-3686413  
(FEI number, if applicable)

4. 10/20/2011  
(Date of Organization)

5. perpetual  
(Duration: Year limited liability company will cease to  
exist or "perpetual")

6. upon registration  
(Date first transacted business in Florida, if prior to registration.)  
(See sections 608.501 & 608.502 F.S. to determine penalty liability)

7. 2400 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 650, Alpharetta, GA 30009  
(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:

Dennis L. Davis, 2400 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 650, Alpharetta, GA 30009

Rick L. Kent, 2400 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 650, Alpharetta, GA 30009

William M. Truer III, 2400 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 650, Alpharetta, GA 30009

10. Attached is an original certificate of existence, no more than 90 days old, duly authenticated by the official having custody of records in  
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:

Investment adviser

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. I am aware that any false information submitted in a  
document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.)

Rick L. Kent, Manager

Typed or printed name of signee

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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:

Merit Financial Advisors, LLC

If unavailable, the alternate to be used in the state of Florida is:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

C T Corporation System

(Name)

1200 South Pine Island Road

Florida Street Address (P.O. Box **NOT** ACCEPTABLE)

Plantation

FL 33324

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, Florida Statutes.*

By:

C T Corporation System

*Danny Verdecchia, Jr.*

(Signature)

Danny Verdecchia, Jr. Asst. Secretary

\$ 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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I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "MERIT FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC" IS DULY FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2011.


AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN ASSESSED TO DATE.

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You may verify this certificate online  
at [corp.delaware.gov/authver.shtml](http://corp.delaware.gov/authver.shtml)



  
Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secretary of State  
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DATE: 10-27-11