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RE:

Southwest Florida Trial Lawyers Association, Tex.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find the original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation, transmittal letter and check in the amount of \$87.50 for the filing fee, a Certified Copy and a Certificate for the above mentioned not for profit corporation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

FREIDIN & POLLACK, P.A.

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CJP/skt1 Enclosures

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

<u>OF</u>

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, INC. FILED

The undersigned incorporator(s), for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not For STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: SOUTHWEST FLORIDA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

1515 Broadway Fort Myers, Florida 33901

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

This not for profit corporation is organized for the purpose of establishing and maintaining as an integrated group, lawyers skilled and experienced in the trial of cases before juries, the Courts and arbitrators representing injured persons, and in so doing: (a) Uphold and defend the principles of the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida; (b) Advance the science of jurisprudence; (c) Train in all fields and phases of advocacy; (d) Promote the administration of justice for the public good; (e) Uphold the honor and dignity of the profession of law; (f) Encourage mutual support and cooperation among members of the bar; (g) Diligently work to promote public safety and welfare while protecting individual liberties; and (h) Encourage the public awareness and understanding of the adversary system and to uphold and improve the adversary system, assuring that the courts shall be kept open and accessible to every Person for redress of any injury and that the right to trial by jury shall be secure to all and remain inviolate.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected is annually by the membership.

ARTICLE V INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS

The name and address of the initial registered agent is:

Richard L. Purtz 1515 Broadway Fort Myers, Florida 33901

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ARTICLE VI INCORPORATOR(S)

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The name and street address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation ISCRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Richard L. Purtz 1515 Broadway Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Signature Incorporator

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Date

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certification, 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.

Signature Registered Agent

Date