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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

THE SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Jim Smith

Jim Smith Secretary of State

December 27, 2002

MARIA M. YIP 777 BRICKELL AVENUE SUITE 1100 MIAMI, FL 33131

SUBJECT: THE SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS, INC.

Ref. Number: W02000035994

We have received your document for THE SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, requires that the board of directors never have fewer than three directors.

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.)

An effective date <u>may</u> be added to the Articles of Incorporation <u>if a 2003 date is needed</u>, otherwise the date of receipt will be the file date. <u>A separate article must be added to the Articles of Incorporation for the effective date.</u>

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS, INC.

The undersigned subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation to form a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617 of the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

THE SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS, INC.

And its initial post office address and its principal office for the conduct of business is:

Behar, Gutt & Glazer, P.A.
Attn: Brian Behar, Esq., Secretary
2999 N.E. 191st Street
5th Floor
Aventura, Florida 33180

ARTICLE II NOT FOR PROFIT

The corporation is a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the Corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Members, Directors or Officers, except to the extent permissible under law. The Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The general nature of the corporation is:

- (a) Generally, to encourage and combine the ideas, intelligence and influence of its members for the promotion of the free and proper flow of fraud-related information among its members.
- (b) To provide its members, at various times, interesting and educational programs on fraud-related topics.
- (c) To provide a medium for the timely gathering of its members for the purposes of education and exchange of ideas.
- (d) To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the Laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease or otherwise, any property of any sort of nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of such property and the income, principal and proceeds of such property, for any of the purposes set forth herein.
- (e) To do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the Corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

ARTICLE IV TERM

The term for which this Corporation shall exist shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have Voting Members who shall become members pursuant to the qualifications set forth in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management of this Corporation shall be vested in an Executive Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Executive Board of Directors shall be two. The number of Directors may be increased from time to time in accordance with the By-Laws, but shall never be less than three. The Directors shall be elected as set forth in the By-laws. The names and addressees of the initial director(s) of this corporation are:

| Title | Name | Address |
|----------|--------------------------|---|
| Director | Maria M. Yip, CPA | 777 Brickell Avenue, Ste. 1100 Miamì, Fl 33131 |
| Director | Edwards S. LoCascio, CPA | 420 S. Dixie Highway, Ste. 2K Coral Gables, Fl 33146 |
| Director | Brian Behar, Esq. | 2999 N.E. 191 st Street, 5 th Floor Aventura, Fl 33180 |
| Director | Linda J. Walden, CPA | 1489 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Ste. 400 Boca Raton, Fl 33486 |

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

The officers of this corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and any other officer as the Board of Directors may deem expedient.

ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATORS

The name and address of each Incorporator is as follows:

Maria M. Yip, CPA 777 Brickell Avenue Ste. 1100 Miami, Fl 33131

ARTICLE IX BY-LAWS

The By-Laws are to be made and adopted by the Executive Board of Directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify each Officer and Director, including former Officers and Directors, to the extent permitted by the Laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE XI NONSTOCK BASIS

This Corporation is organized on a non-stock basis. This Corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

ARTICLE XII INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is:

c/o Behar, Gutt & Glazer, P.A. 2999 N.E. 191st Street 5th Floor Aventura, Fl 33180

and the name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation is:

Brian Behar, Esq.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation may be amended, changed, altered or repealed in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by the Florida Statutes and all rights conferred upon Voting Members herein are granted subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this day of Nov., 2002.

Maria M. Yip, Incorporator/Subscribe

Signature of Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA)
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COUNTY OF DADE)

Before me, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared, Maria M. Yip, known by me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and she acknowledged before me that she executed these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, in the State and County aforesaid this day of \(\lambda \text{U} \), 2002.



Notary Public

WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT:

I, Brian S. Behar, hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for the South Florida Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Inc.

BRIAN S. BEHAR

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