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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I. NAME OF THE CORPORATION:

Florida Justice Research Institute, Inc.

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE:

443 E. College Avenue Tallahassee, Florida 32301

in the City of Tallahassee, County of Leon, State of Florida, and may transact its business and maintain offices for such purposes at such other places either within or without this state.

ARTICLE III: CORPORATE PURPOSE AND MISSION STATEMENT:

The Institute Florida Justice Research Institute (FJRI) is committed to improving the quality of justice for adults, children and families. FJRI's primary means of accomplishing this mission is by conducting quality research and evaluation and providing objective, factual information and recommendations, training and technical assistance that is utilized and conveying the results to practitioners, policy-makers and the public to increase the juvenile, criminal and family justice systems' responsiveness and effectiveness. The FJRI is dedicated to promoting research based programs with proven positive outcomes.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific and prevention of cruelty to children purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The term charitable is used in its generally accepted legal sense and includes relief of the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged; advancement of religion,; advancement of education or science; lessening the burdens of government; lessening of neighborhood tensions, elimination of prejudice and discrimination, defense of human and civil rights secured by law; and combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.

ARTICLE V: LIMITATIONS:

No part of the net earning of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for

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ARTICLE VI: DISSOLUTION:

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purpose within the meaning of section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VII: MANNER OF ELECTION:

Manner of elections will be described in the By-laws of this corporation.

ARTICLE VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS:

The officers of this corporation shall initially consist of a President and 2 Director(s)

The initial board of directors shall consist of a President and (2) two Directors. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve solely as the Directors until the first annual meeting of the Board are:

- Dr. Kristin Winokur, 6552 Spicewood Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32312 President/Director
- 2. Mrs. Julia Blankenship, 1825 Easton Forest Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32317 Vice-President/Treasurer/Director
- 3. Mr. Joel Thornton, 1825 Easton Forest Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32317 Secretary/Director

ARTICLE IX: NON-DISCRIMINATION:

The Corporation will not practice or permit discrimination on the basis of sex, age, race, national origin, religion, or physical handicap or disability.

ARTICLE X: ANNUAL MEETING:

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors is to be held at a place either within or without this State as fixed by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI: DURATION

The existence of this corporation shall be perpetual unless sooner terminated as provided for by law.

ARTICLE XII: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall end on December 31 of each year.

ARTICLE XIII: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Julia L. Blankenship 1825 Easton Forest Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32317

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Julia L. Blankenship 1825 Easton Forest Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32317 03 AUG -7 PM I: 07

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature/Registered Agent

 $\frac{8/7/03}{\text{Date}}$

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Signature/Incorporator

Date