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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF FLORIDA INNOCENCE INITIATIVE, INC.

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# STATE OF FLORIDA LEON COUNTY

BE IT KNOWN, that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003 before me, the undersigned Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified, in and for the State of Florida and in the presence of the witnesses listed below, personally came and appeared the persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that they hereby avail themselves of the laws of the State of Florida relative to the organization of non-profit corporations and particularly of the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, "Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act", they have united to form, and do by present these forms and organize themselves, as well as all other persons who may hereafter join and become associated with them or their successors, into a non-profit corporation for the objects and purposes and under the covenants, stipulations and agreements following, to wit:

## ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be FLORIDA INNOCENCE INITIATIVE, INC., and, under and by said name it shall exist and continue. It shall have perpetual existence and shall possess all the rights, powers, privileges, capacities and immunities which non-profit corporations are authorized or may be authorized to possess under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE II

The domicile of this corporation shall be Leon County, State of Florida, and the location and post office address of its principle place of business shall be Florida Innocence Initiative, Inc., 425 W. Jefferson Street, The Cawthon House, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

#### ARTICLE III

- (1) This corporation is organized and operated to provide legal services to exonerate wrongfully convicted individuals, and provide for the alleviation of other unconstitutional conditions of incarceration.
- (2) This corporation is also organized and operated for charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

# **ARTICLE IV**

This corporation shall be a non-profit corporation and shall have no capital stock. The initial members of this corporation are the following persons: Jennifer Greenberg and Sheila Meehan. New members may be admitted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the membership, in accordance with procedures established in the By-Laws. Under no circumstances shall any of the net earnings or assets of the corporation inure to or be distributed to the benefit of its directors, officers, members or other private persons, except that 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 II hereof. The corporation shall neither participate in, nor intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### ARTICLE V

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, transfer all of the remaining assets of the corporation to Florida Justice Institute, Inc., provided it is qualified as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). If the Florida Justice Institute, Inc., is not qualified, or does not accept the transfer of the remaining assets of the corporation, then the assets of Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or shall be distributed to the federal government or a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the parish in which the principal office of the corporation is located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization(s) as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# **ARTICLE VI**

The management of this Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors whose number shall be the number elected from time to time by the members at the annual meeting of the Corporation. Members of the Board of

Directors shall serve one year terms but may serve successive terms. The Chairperson of the Board shall be elected by the members. The Board of Directors shall elect a President and a Secretary/Treasurer from the Board's membership annually to serve until the next Board shall be duly elected as herein provided. The first Board of Directors of this Corporation and its first officers shall be those persons stated in Article IX and X hereof and they shall serve until the first annual meeting to be held as set out herein.

## **ARTICLE VII**

The annual meeting of the voting members of the Corporation shall be held on the first Friday of the month of May, beginning in 2004, or in the event that date is a legal holiday, on the first Friday thereafter which is not a legal holiday.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

The by-laws of this corporation shall be established by the board. They may be amended from time to time by the Board, by a majority vote of those present at a meeting called for that purpose.

## **ARTICLE IX**

The names, addresses and terms of the first Directors are as follows:

Name Jennifer L. Greenberg	Address 1109 Spottswood Drive Tallahassee, FL 32308	Term Expires Until the first annual meeting of the Board
Sheila Meehan	3627 Dexter Drive Tallahassee, FL 32312	Until the first annual meeting of the Board
Mary E. Gammie	221 Crest Street Tallahassee, FL 32301	Until the first annual meeting of The Board

### ARTICLE X

The first officers of this corporation are:

Jennifer L. Greenberg, **President** Sheila Meehan, **Secretary/Treasurer**  The officers and directors of this Corporation shall serve until their successors are elected in accordance with the provisions herein.

Failure to elect directors shall not dissolve this Corporation nor impair its corporate existence or management, but the directors then in office shall remain in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed.

#### ARTICLE XI

The corporation's registered agent for service of process shall be JENNIFER GREENBERG, 425 W. Jefferson Street, The Cawthon House, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in these Articles, 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 and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Signature of Registered Agent

Date

#### **Article XII**

The names and addresses of the Incorporators are as follows:

Name

Jenniter Greenberg

Sheila Meehan

Address

1109 Spottswood Drive Tallahassee, FL 32308

3627 Dexter Drive Tallahassee, FL 32312

# **ARTICLE XIII**

The Incorporators, officers, and directors of this Corporation claim the benefits of the limitation of liability of the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, to the fullest extent allowed by law as fully and completely as though said provisions were recited herein in full.

THUS DONE AND PASSED before me, in Tallahassee, Florida, Leon County on the day month and year first above written, in the presence of the undersigned after due reading of the whole.

Jennifer-Greenberg,

President

Sheila Meehan, Secretary/Treasurer

**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

Marie Anne Luber
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