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(Business Entity Name) STAFF ATTORNEYS
INC.

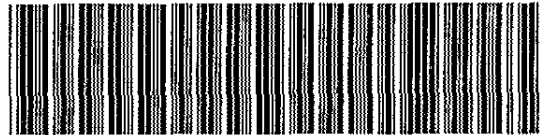
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JUDICIAL
STAFF ATTORNEYS, INC.**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under Florida Statutes Chapter 617, do hereby make and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND ADDRESS

The name and principal address of the Corporation is:

The Professional Association of Judicial Staff Attorneys, Inc.
P.O. Box 11331
Tallahassee, FL 32302

ARTICLE 2. NOT FOR PROFIT

The Corporation is a nonprofit 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.

ARTICLE 3. DURATION

The duration (term) of the Corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE 4. PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized to:

- a. To promote research and administrative efficiency for the benefit of the State Court System, and provide a forum for members to discuss and compare office procedures, computerized programs, policies, and solutions.
- b. To promote a high standard of ethics and professionalism

among its members and to uphold the honor and dignity of the State Court System.

- c. To promote the exchange of information regarding the administration and management problems peculiar to Judicial Staff Attorneys and Judicial Law Clerks working within the State Court System, in an effort to strive for the most effective and efficient methods of operation.
- d. To further members' knowledge of research methodology, scholarship, and the law by promoting and conducting educational conferences, with the purpose of obtaining Continuing Legal Education or other professional credits.
- e. To provide a unified voice for Judicial Staff Attorneys and Judicial Law Clerks in their endeavors with the Legislature, Executive Branch, Supreme Court, the Office of the State Court Administrator, the court system, and other state agencies, to enhance the prestige of Judicial Staff Attorneys and Judicial Law Clerks, while increasing awareness of the importance of their role in the State Court system.
- f. To establish good fellowship and further the interests of PAJSA members.
- g. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations, including but not limited to those set forth in Florida Statutes Chapter 617.
- h. To engage in and transact any other lawful activity, solely in furtherance of the above purposes, for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and any successor or amendment to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.
- i. To do any such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the Corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

ARTICLE 5. LIMITATION

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Directors or Officers, but 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 4 (Purposes) hereof.

ARTICLE 6. MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have Voting Members who shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Corporation. The Bylaws may provide for nonvoting Members of one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights and privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote.

ARTICLE 7. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial Registered Office of the Corporation is 301 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32399 and the name of its initial Registered Agent at that address is Marjorie Renee Hill.

ARTICLE 8. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is three. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three. The Voting Members shall elect the Directors every two years. The Bylaws may provide for *ex officio* and honorary Directors, and their rights and privileges. The name and address of each initial Director of the Corporation is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Linda Bulecza	P.O. Box 11331, Tallahassee, FL 32302
Marjorie Renee Hill	P.O. Box 11331, Tallahassee, FL 32302
Gregory Martinson	P.O. Box 11331 Tallahassee, FL 32302

ARTICLE 9. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Corporation shall be those provided in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be chosen at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws or by law.

ARTICLE 10. INCORPORATION

The name and address of each Incorporator is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Linda Bulecza	P.O. Box 11331, Tallahassee, FL 32302
Marjorie Renee Hill	P.O. Box 11331, Tallahassee, FL 32302
Gregory Martinson	P.O. Box 11331 Tallahassee, FL 32302

ARTICLE 11. BYLAWS

The initial Bylaws of the Corporation are to be created and adopted by the Board of Directors, and may be amended or rescinded by a majority vote of the voting PAJSA membership.

ARTICLE 12. AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them. The Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida, as amended from time to time, unless more specific provisions for amendments are adopted by the Corporation pursuant to law.

ARTICLE 13. INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify each Officer and Director, including former Officers and Directors, to the full extent permitted by the law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the corporation be an organization the officers and directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided

under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

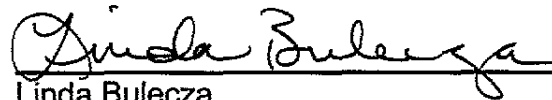
ARTICLE 14. COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

In accordance with the law of the State of Florida, the date when corporate existence shall commence is the date of subscription and acknowledgment of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE 15. NONSTOCK BASIS

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

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 21st day of January, 2004.

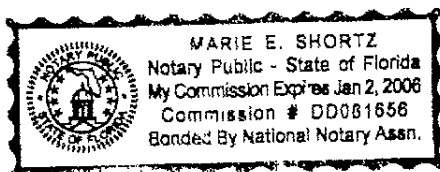

Linda Bulecza
Incorporator


State of Florida
County of Leon

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Before Me personally appeared Linda Bulecza who is personally known to me, who executed the foregoing instrument, and who did take an oath.

Witness my hand and official seal this 21st day of January, 2004, in the aforesaid County and State.




Name: Marie E. Shortz
Notary Public
My Commission No.: 00081656
My Commission Expires: 01/02/06

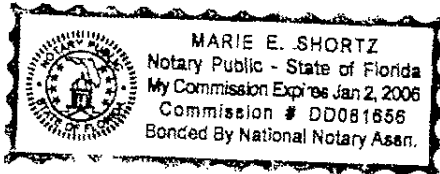
Marjorie Renee Hill

Marjorie Renee Hill
Incorporator

State of Florida
County of Leon

Before Me personally appeared Marjorie Renee Hill who is personally known to me, who executed the foregoing instrument, and who did take an oath.

Witness my hand and official seal this 21st day of January, 2004, in the aforesaid County and State.



Marie E. Shortz

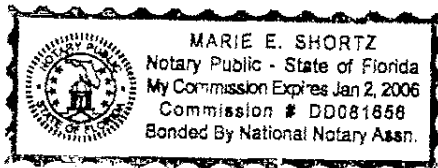
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Notary Public
My Commission No.: 00081656
My Commission Expires: 01/02/06

Gregory Martinson
Gregory Martinson
Incorporator

State of Florida
County of Leon

Before Me personally appeared Gregory Martinson who is personally known to me, who executed the foregoing instrument, and who did take an oath.

Witness my hand and official seal this 21st day of January, 2004, in the aforesaid County and State.



Marie E. Shortz

Name: Marie E. Shortz
Notary Public
My Commission No.: 00081656
My Commission Expires: 01/02/06

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

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 to act in this capacity.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2004.



Marjorie Renee Hill
Registered Agent