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#### **COVER LETTER**

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Charlotte County Young Lawyers Section, Inc. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

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□ \$87.50 Filing Fee,

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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Jeffrey R. Kuhns

Name (Printed or typed)

150 Laishley Court, Ste. 122

Address

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

City, State & Zip

(941) 205-1122

Daytime Telephone number

Linda@McCroryLaw.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of CHARLOTTE COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION, INC., A Florida non-profit

The Charlotte County Young Lawyers Section, Inc., originally incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida on April 30, 2009, was administratively dissolved on September 24, 2010. Accordingly, we, the undersigned, desiring to reincorporate the above referenced entity, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations not for profit, and we do make and subscribe the following Articles of Incorporation effective as of the date they are filed with the Florida Secretary of State, Division of Corporations:

#### ARTICLE ONE NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this corporation shall be:

#### CHARLOTTE COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION, INC.

The address of the principal office of this corporation is: McCrory Law Firm, P.L. c/o Jeffrey R. Kuhns, 150 Laishley Court, Suite 122, Punta Gorda, FL 33950; and its mailing address is: McCrory Law Firm, P.L. c/o Jeffrey R. Kuhns, 150 Laishley Court, Suite 122, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

## ARTICLE TWO PURPOSE

This is a non-profit corporation organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (2012).

- (a) The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are as follows:
  - (1) to establish a Charlotte County Affiliate of the Florida Early Lawyer's Section;
  - (2) to advance the legal profession in Charlotte County, Florida;
  - (3) to promote improvements in the administration of justice and the courts within Charlotte County, Florida;
  - (4) to promote the observance of legal ethics by attorneys and judges within Charlotte County, Florida;

- (5) to promote and encourage high standards of integrity, honor, and professionalism in the legal profession;
- (6) to promote and facilitate continuing legal education;
- (7) to promote and encourage the commitment of *pro bono* legal service within Charlotte County, Florida;
- (8) to promote a better understanding between the general public and the legal profession; and
- (9) to carry out any other related or corresponding charitable purposes, including the distribution of its funds for such purposes
- (b) The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such charitable and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 subdivision (c)(3), including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as tax-exempt organizations under the code.
- (c) This corporation shall have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida which are in effect at the time of filing of the Articles of Incorporation and specifically those powers set forth in Chapter 617, Florida Statues, (2000 Supp.), provided, however, that this corporation is not empowered to engage in any activity which in itself is not in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Article Two. Additionally, this corporation shall have the power to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, improve, construct, own, hold, use, maintain, operate, exchange, encumber, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of, real and personal property of every kind, nature, or description, as may be necessary or desirable to promote the primary purpose of this corporation; and to make and perform contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount, with any person, firm, association, corporation, municipality, state, government, or municipal or political subdivision.
- (d) No part of the net earnings, properties, or assets of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of any private person or individual or any member or director of this corporation, and on liquidation or dissolution, all properties and assets of this corporation remaining after paying or providing for all debts and obligations shall be distributed and paid over to such fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated for charitable purposes as the board of trustees shall determine under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 subdivision (c)(3), or as the same may be amended.
- (e) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt, to influence legislation.
- (f) This corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

- (g) The corporation shall not engage in any act of self dealing as defined in Section 4941 subdivision (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (h) The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 subdivision (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (i) The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (j) The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 subdivision (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (k) The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

#### ARTICLE THREE REGISTERED OFFICE AND INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The registered office and the street address for the initial registered office of the corporation is as follows:

McCrory Law Firm, P.L. 150 Laishley Court, Suite 122 Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Any relocation or change of Registered Agent will be duly filed with the Secretary of State.

#### ARTICLE FOUR TERM OF CORPORATION

The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual or until the corporation shall be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of law.

### ARTICLE FIVE **QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

The qualifications of members and the manner of admitting members shall be as follows: Each individual or legal entity who is nominated by a member and who is accepted for membership by an admissions committee, appointed for that purpose by the President, shall upon the payment of dues as provided for in the Bylaws of this corporation be a member for the calendar year in which the contribution was made and succeeding years upon the payment of membership dues as provided for in the Bylaws of the corporation. Each member of the corporation shall be entitled to one vote at all membership meetings. The Bylaws may provide for honorary membership for individuals who do not qualify for membership in the corporation but who are deemed worthy of such office by the Board of Directors who are authorized to appoint honorary members.

#### ARTICLE SIX SUBSCRIBERS TO CORPORATION

The names and residences of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation who are the incorporators are as follows:

David T. Oliver, Esq, c/o McCrory Law Firm 150 Laishley Court, Suite 122 Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Rebecca M. Beane, Esq., c/o Wotitzky, Wotitzky, Ross & McKinley 223 Taylor Street Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Garrick N. Soja, Esq., c/o Office of the State Attorney 350 E. Marion Ave., Floor 2 Punta Gorda, Florida 33950 Jeffrey R. Kuhns, Esq. c/o McCrory Law Firm 150 Laishley Court, Suite 122 Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Fletcher H. Rush, Esq., c/o Farr Law Firm 99 Nesbit Street Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Frank S. Leontitsis, Esq. c/o Lucas Law Firm 17833 Murdock Circle, Suite B Port Charlotte, Florida 33948

#### ARTICLE SEVEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by a Board of Directors comprised of not less than three individual members of the corporation and they shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting of the corporation, the number of directors and the time and place of the election of directors to be fixed and established in the Bylaws of the corporation from time to time. The Board of Directors annually shall elect from among the membership of said Board a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as shall be established and provided for in the Bylaws.

### ARTICLE EIGHT COMMITTEES

The Bylaws of the corporation may from time to time establish committees as well as their powers and duties. The Bylaws may further establish procedures for the election or appointment of members to the committees established therein.

### ARTICLE NINE NAMES OF OFFICERS

The Bylaws of this corporation may from time to time establish offices of the corporation, as well as their powers and duties. The Bylaws may from time to time fix and establish procedures for elections to fill the offices established therein. The names of the officers who shall serve until the first election pursuant to these Articles of Incorporation are the following:

President:

David T. Oliver

Vice President:

Jeffrey R. Kuhns

Secretary:

Rebecca M. Beane

Treasurer:

Fletcher H. Rush

Member at Large:

Garrick N. Soja

Member at Large:

Frank S. Leontitsis

#### ARTICLE TEN NUMBER CONSTITUTING THE FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of persons constituting the first Board of Directors shall be six (6), and the names and residences of the persons who shall serve as directors until the first election hereunder are the following:

David T. Oliver;

Jeffrey R. Kuhns;

Rebecca M. Beane;

Fletcher H. Rush;

Garrick N. Soja and

Frank S. Leontitsis

#### ARTICLE ELEVEN BYLAWS

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, adopt, alter, amend and rescind the Bylaws of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE TWELVE AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors of this corporation have the power to adopt amendments to these Articles of Incorporation by a majority vote of the directors then in office subject, however, to the statutory requirement for approval by and filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE THIRTEEN DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

This corporation is one which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and it is organized solely for non-profit purposes. On the winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after payment of or adequate provision for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501, Subdivision (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If this corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the county in which this corporation's principal office is located, on petition therefor by any one of the last Board of Directors.

We, the undersigned, constituting the incorporators of this corporation, and including all the persons named herein as the subscribers, for the purpose of forming this non-profit charitable corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 4 day of October, 2013.

David T. Oliver

Jeffrey R. Ku

Rebecca M. Beane

Fletcher H. Rush

Garrick N. Soja

Frank S. Leontitsis

## CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

That CHARLOTTE COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Certificate of Incorporation, at City of Punta Gorda, County of Charlotte, State of Florida, has named: McCrory Law Firm, PL, located at 150 Laishley Court, Suite 122, Punta Gorda, County of Charlotte, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION, INC.,

By:

David T. Oliver, President

Dated:

day of October, 2013

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the 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.

MCCRORY LAW FIRM, P.L.

By:

Jeffrey R. Kuhns, Esq,

150 Laishley Court, Suite 122 Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Dated: A day of October, 2013