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## **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: FLORIDA CIVIL COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE GROUP, 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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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Guilene F. Theodore

Name (Printed or typed)

Collaborative COnflict Resolution, PLLC, 13014 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, #526

Address

Tampa, Florida 33618-2808

City, State & Zip

813.843.4336

Daytime Telephone number

guilene.theodore@ccrflorida.com

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

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



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

December 9, 2015

GUILENE F. THEODORE 13014 N. DALE MABRY HWY., #526 TAMPA, FL 33618-2808

SUBJECT: FLORIDA CIVIL COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE GROUP, INC.

Ref. Number: W15000079322

We have received your document for FLORIDA CIVIL COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE GROUP, 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):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of a voluntarily dissolved business entity. The name of a voluntarily dissolved business entity is not available for the assumption or use by another entity until 120 days after the effective date of dissolution unless the dissolved business entity provides the Department of State with an affidavit or letter, stating that they have no intention of revoking the dissolution, therefore, releasing the name for use to another entity.

The document number of the name conflict is L15000073230 (FLORIDA CIVIL COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE GROUP LLC).

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

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Thomas Chang Regulatory Specialist II New Filing Section

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Guilene F. Theodore Tampa, Fl. February 24, 2016

Department of State-Division of Corporations

Re: W 15000079322

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Guilene F. Theodore, as authorized member of the dissolved entity, hereby certify that I have no intention of reinstating the dissolved entity (Florida Civil Collaborative Practice Group, LLC) and therefore release the name for another entity's use (as originally stated in the packet submitted in November, 2015).

Very truly Yours,

Guilene F. Theodore

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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### FLORIDA CIVIL COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE GROUP, INC.

The undersigned Incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation hereby subscribes these Articles of Incorporation to form a corporation (the "Corporation") not-for-profit under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act and other laws of the State of Florida (Florida Statutes Chapter 617).

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### Name and Address

The name of the Corporation is FLORIDA CIVIL COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE GROUP, INC. The street address of the initial principal office is 3301 Bayshore Blvd, Unit 608 Tampa, Florida 33629. The mailing address is 3301 Bayshore Blvd, Unit 608 Tampa, Florida 33629. The Board of Directors may from time to time change the principal office or mailing address of the Corporation to any other address in the State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Purposes**

This Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively as an association of persons sharing a common business interest within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws); and within such limits, to administer, and expend funds for the following purposes:

- 1. To promote the use Collaborative Law by legal professionals and participation in the Collaborative approach by other professional disciplines for the resolution of civil disputes.
- 2. To promote the general advancement of professionals utilizing or working within the Collaborative Law framework;
- To promote public understanding and educate the judiciary and the public in the area of Collaborative Law and the Collaborative approach as an alternative dispute resolution process, and thereby encourage the collaboration of different professional disciplines in this alternative dispute resolution process;
- 4. To provide a forum for exchange of information concerning Collaborative Law and the Collaborative approach;
- 5. To facilitate training, education and research related to Collaborative Law and the Collaborative approach; and
- 6. To engage in any and all lawful activities incidental to the foregoing purposes except as restricted herein.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Powers**

In carrying out such purposes, this Corporation shall have all of the powers and authorities granted by statute and law, including the power and authority to accept gifts, devises and other contributions for its purposes, to hold and administer the funds and properties received and to expend, contribute and otherwise dispose of funds or properties for its purposes either directly or by contribution to other Section 501(c)(6) organizations organized and operated exclusively for the purposes set forth herein or to Section 501(c)(3) organizations.

The Corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or in cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, desirable, suitable or proper in the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further accomplish, foster or attain any such purposes. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are set forth in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations set forth in Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and its regulations as the same now exist or as they may be hereafter amended from time to time.

# ARTICLE IV Board of Directors

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, members of which shall be elected annually in accordance with the Bylaws. The number of Directors shall be fixed as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation but shall never be less than three (3). The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors, consisting of those persons who shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified, shall be as follows:

<u>Name</u>	Address
Kerry Raleigh	The Walk Law Firm P.A. 102 W. Whiting St. Suite 502 Tampa Florida 33602.
Guilene F. Theodore	Collaborative Conflict Resolution, PLLC, 13014 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, #526, Tampa. Fl. 33618-2808.
Mimi Osiason	LBO Consulting 3301 Bayshore Blvd, Unit 608 Tampa, Florida 33629.

# ARTICLE V Officers

The Officers of the Corporation shall be the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided by the Bylaws. Officers shall be elected annually in accordance with the Bylaws. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the Corporation until the first meeting of the Board of Directors are:

Name	Title	
Guilene F. Theodore	President	
Kerry Raleigh	Vice President	
Mimi Osiason	Treasurer/Secretary	

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### Members

The Corporation shall have members. Members shall have the right to vote as set forth in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **Conduct of Business**

The regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation shall be carried on through its Board of Directors and prescribed according to its Bylaws; the manner of their election or appointment, other than the initial Board of Directors provided for herein, shall be provided in the Bylaws. In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the Corporation is expressly authorized to carry on its business and to hold annual or special meetings of its Board of Directors in any country or in any of the states, territories or possessions of the United States, or the District of Columbia.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **Bylaws**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall adopt such Bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes, as they may deem necessary from time to time. The Board of Directors of the Corporation may, by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of its Members at a meeting duly called in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation, adopt such amendments to the Bylaws as they deem necessary from time to time.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **Amendments**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation or to merge or consolidate the Corporation with any other not-for-profit corporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, provided, however, that any such action shall be calculated exclusively to carry out the objects and purposes for which the Corporation is formed, and all rights herein conferred or granted shall be subject to this reservation. Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be adopted by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of its Members at a meeting duly called in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE X

#### **Limitation of Actions**

All of the assets and earnings of the Corporation shall be used exclusively for the exempt purposes hereinabove set forth, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto. No part of the assets or net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes and objects set forth in Article II hereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws. The Corporation shall have no capital stock, pay no dividends, and distribute no part of its net income or assets to any members, Directors or officers.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

#### **Limitation of Liability and Indemnification**

The private property of the incorporators, directors and officers shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts to any extent whatever. The Corporation shall indemnify the directors and officers from liability except as such elimination of liability and indemnification may be prohibited by law.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

#### **Incorporator**

The name of the Incorporator is Guilene F. Theodore. The street address of the Incorporator is Collaborative Conflict Resolution, PLLC, 13014 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, #526, Tampa. Florida 33618-2808.

#### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **Initial Registered Office and Agent**

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 3301 Bayshore Blvd, Unit 608 Tampa, Florida 33629, and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Mimi Osiason.

#### **ARTICLE XIV**

#### Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, all of its assets and property of every nature and description remaining after the payment of all liabilities and obligations of the Corporation (but not including assets held by the Corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution) shall be paid over and transferred to one or more organizations which engage in activities substantially similar to those of the Corporation and which are then qualified for exemption from federal income taxes as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws), or if no such entity is in existence, then to any Section 501(c)(3) organization, as shall be selected by the last Board of Directors. Any such assets not so disposed of, shall be disposed of by the circuit court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated for such purposes.

# ARTICLE XV

**Term of Existence** 

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

# Certificate of Registered Agent's Acceptance of Designation

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.	
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Required Signature of Registered Agent, Mimi Osiason

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s. 817.155, Florida Statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator executed these Articles of Incorporation this <u>19th</u> <u>day of November</u>, <u>2015</u>.

Required Signature of Incorporator, Guilene F. Theodore

Date