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Articles of Incorporation

Of

Treasure Coast Collaborative Law Group, Inc.

The undersigned subscriber to the Articles of Incorporation is a natural person competent to contract and hereby form a non-profit Corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

Article 1 – Nature

The name of the Corporation is Treasure Coast Collaborative Law Group, Inc. (hereinafter Corporation).

Article 2 – Purpose of Corporation

The purpose of Treasure Coast Collaborative Law Group, Inc. is an organization of collaborative professionals that will serve the public through encouraging the understanding and use of the collaborative law process, and in the planning and implementation of educational opportunities for its members and other interested parties. The corporation is organized for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 3 – Prohibitions

No part of the net earning of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its officers 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 2 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to 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)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 4 – Directors

The Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of this Corporation. The initial directors as per a vote of the members of the Corporation shall be:

President:	<u>Patricia Sciarrino</u> <u>900 SE Ocean Blvd., Suite 130D, Stuart, Florida 34994</u>
Vice President:	<u>Portia B. Scott</u> <u>921 S.E. Central Parkway, Stuart, Florida 34994</u>
Secretary:	<u>Kristen L. Bishop</u> <u>532 Colorado Avenue, Stuart, Florida 34994</u>
Treasurer:	<u>Alison J. Lahti Leffew</u> <u>100 Avenue A, Suite 2, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950</u>

Article 5 – Principle Office

The address of the principal office and mailing address of this Corporation is to be:

Treasure Coast Collaborative Law Group, Inc.
c/o Kristen L. Bishop (Secretary)
532 Colorado Avenue, Stuart, Florida 34994

Article 6 – Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator of this Corporation is:

Patricia Sciarrino
900 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 130D, Stuart, Florida 34994

Article 7 – Officers

The Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of this Corporation. The method and timing of each election shall be determined by the Bylaws of the Corporation. The beginning late of officers has been selected by a vote of the initial membership as per the Bylaws of the Corporation. The beginning slate of Officers of the Corporations shall be:

President:	<u>Patricia Sciarrino</u> <u>900 SE Ocean Blvd., Suite 130D, Stuart, Florida 34994</u>
Vice President:	<u>Portia B. Scott</u> <u>921 S.E. Central Parkway, Stuart, Florida 34994</u>

Secretary: Kristen L. Bishop
532 Colorado Avenue, Stuart, Florida 34994
Treasurer: Alison J. Lahti Leffew
100 Avenue A, Suite 2, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

Whose mailing addresses shall be as stated above.

Article 8 – Term of Existence

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

Article 9 – Capital Stock

This Corporation shall have no capital stock and be consisted of members rather than shareholders.

Article 10 – Qualifications of Membership

The categories of membership, qualifications for membership and the manner of admission shall be as set forth in and by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Article 11 – Voting Rights

Members of the Corporation will have such voting rights as are provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Article 12 – Liabilities for Debts

Neither the members nor the members of the Board of Directors or officers of the Corporations shall be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

Article 13 – Registered Agent

The initial office of the Registered Agent of the Corporations is:

532 Colorado Avenue, Stuart, Florida 34994

The initial Registered Agent of this Corporation is:

Kristen L. Bishop

Article 14 – Effective Date

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

Article 15 – Amendments

The Articles of Incorporations may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Officers, proposed by them to the Members, and approved at a Members meeting by a majority of the Members, unless all the Officers and all the Members sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

Article 16 – Indemnification

The Corporation shall indemnify an officer of the Corporation who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which the officer was a party because the officer is, or was, an officer of the Corporation against reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the officer in connection with the proceeding. The Corporation may indemnify an individual made a party to a proceeding because the individual was, or is, an officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation against liability if authorized in the specific case after determination, in the manner required by the Officers, that indemnification of the officer, employee or agent, as the case may be, is permissible in the circumstances because the officer, employee or agent has met the standard of conduct set forth by the Officers. The indemnification and advancement of attorneys fees and expenses for the officers, employees or agents of this Corporation shall apply when such persons are serving at the Corporation's request while an officer, employee or agent of the Corporation as the case may be, as an officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, whether or not for profit, as well as in their official capacity with the Corporation. The Corporation also may pay for or reimburse the reasonable attorneys fees and expenses incurred by an officer, employee or agent of the Corporation who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding. The Corporation also may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual arising from the individual's status as an officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify the individual against the same liability under the law. All references in these Articles of Incorporation are deemed to include any amendment or successor thereto. Nothing contained in these Article of Incorporation shall limit or preclude the exercise of any right relating to indemnification or advance of attorneys fees and expenses to any person who is or was an officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or the ability of the Corporation otherwise to indemnify or advance expenses to any such person by

contract or in any other manner. If any word, clause or sentence of the foregoing provisions regarding indemnification or advancement of the attorneys fees or expenses shall be held invalid as contrary to law or public policy, it shall be severable and the provisions remaining shall not be otherwise effected. All references in these Articles of Incorporation to "officer," "employee" and "agent" shall include the heirs, estates, executors, administrators and personal representatives of such persons.

Article 17 – Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principle office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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

By: Kristen L. Bishop
Kristen L. Bishop
532 Colorado Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

Date: 11/9/2018

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, F.S.

By: Patricia Sciarrino
Patricia Sciarrino
900 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 130D
Stuart, Florida 34994

Date: 11/14/2018