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Via U.S. Mail

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Re: Filing Articles of Incorporation - Non-Profit

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are proposed Articles of Incorporation and check number 1943 for \$70.00 made payable to the Florida Division of Corporations. Please file the Articles of Incorporation and return the filed document to this Firm in the enclosed envelope. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Lori Sandmar, Esquire

Enclosures

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc.

The undersigned incorporators hereby form a not for profit corporation in compliance with Chapter 617. Florida Statutes:

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the corporation will be Volusia County Paralegal Association. Inc.

ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal street address and mailing address of the corporation will be 125 N. Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 100, Daytona, Florida 32114

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc. is organized to serve as a professional organization for paralegals and legal assistants in the Volusia County area, and to encourage a high order of ethical and professional attainment, to further education among members of the profession, to cooperate with bar associations, to support and carry out the programs, purposes, aims, and goals of the National Association of Legal Assistants. Inc., to provide a forum for its members to share and exchange experiences, ideas, knowledge, opinions, and expertise; to sponsor and hold seminars, workshops, and other programs of instruction and training of paralegals designed to develop or improve their skills and capabilities; and to promote and encourage student involvement in the profession.

ARTICLE IV – MANNER OF APPOINTMENT

The initial directors of Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc. will be appointed as follows:

Initial Directors as set forth in Article IV hereof, are appointed. Additional Directors may be appointed by a majority vote of the serving Directors. All other matters pertaining to Directors, including number, qualifications, terms, groups, eligibility, and elections shall be prescribed by the Bylaws of Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc. ("Bylaws").

The Board of Directors will adopt the initial Bylaws and the Board of Directors will have the power to alter, amend or repeal the same or adopt new Bylaws.

The management of the business and the conduct of the affairs of the corporation are vested in its Board of Directors. Except as otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation, each Director of Volusia County Paralegal Association. Inc. is entitled to one vote per Director on all matters voted or acted upon by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V - INITIAL OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

The initial Officers and Directors are:

NAME: ADDRESS:

Kathy Reimann, President 125 N. Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 100

Davtona Beach, Florida 32114

Heather Bragg, Vice President 125 Basin Street, Suite 206

Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

Jessica Rodriguez, Secretary 125 N. Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 100

Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

Taylor Hurley-Apking, Treasurer 125 N. Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 100

Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

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ARTICLE VI - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name of the initial registered agent is Michael Ciocchetti, PLLC. The initial registered office of Volusia County Paralegal Association. Inc. is located at 125 North Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 100, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114.

Having been named as registered agent to accept services 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.

Michael Ciocchetti, Esq.

ARTICLE VII - EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc. is August 1, 2023.

ARTICLE VIII - POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc. is organized as a corporation not for profit and will not issue shares of stock, will not pay dividends, and no part of the assets or net earnings of Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc. will inure to the private benefit of any director, officer, or other individual. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc. may pay compensation in a reasonable amount to its agents or employees for services rendered.

Volusia County Paralegal Association. Inc. will not make any distribution upon dissolution or final liquidation except as provided herein. Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc. is organized and will be operated as an organization described in Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law (the "Code"), and it may engage only in activities that may be carried on by a corporation exempt from

ARTICLE IX - MEMBERS

federal income taxation.

The membership of Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc. will consist of any individual, corporation or other legal entity who subscribes to the general nature and purposes of the corporation, as set forth with more specificity in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc., assets will be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XI - LIMIT ON LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

Volusia County Paralegal Association. Inc. will indemnify and hold harmless each of its Directors. Officers, employees, and agents (and his or her executor, personal representative, and heirs), whether or not then in office, who were or are a party or are threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal administrative or investigative (including an action or suit by or in the right of Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc.) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a Director, Officer, employee or agent of Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc., against expenses (including all attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, unless there is a final adjudication by a court of competent jurisdiction that such person is liable for willful misconduct or a knowing violation of criminal law. All attorneys' fees and costs will be reimbursed immediately by Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc. as they are incurred by such person, and promptly will be repaid to Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc. only upon a final adjudication by a court of competent jurisdiction that such person is liable for willful misconduct or a knowing violation of criminal law. The right to indemnification is set forth in this Articles is in addition to and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such Director, Officer, employee or agent may be entitled, including but not limited to any rights under policies of insurance that may be purchased and maintained by Volusia County Paralegal Association. Inc.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended under the provisions of the Florida Statutes, except that no amendment may authorize Volusia County Paralegal Association, Inc. to conduct the affairs of the corporation in any manner or for any purpose contrary to the provisions of the Code section 501(c)(6).

ARTICLE XIII- INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

Kathy Reimann 125 N. Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 100 Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

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 Section 817.155. Florida Statutes.

Incorporator

Kathy Reimann

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