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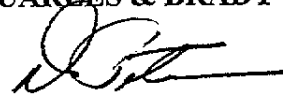
Re: *St. Thomas at Silver Shells Condominium Association, Inc.*
St. Maarten at Silver Shells Condominium Association, Inc.
St. Croix at Silver Shells Condominium Association, Inc.
St. Kitts at Silver Shells Condominium Association, Inc.
St. Barth at Silver Shells Condominium Association, Inc.
St. Lucia at Silver Shells Condominium Association, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for filing with the State regarding each of the above corporations, together with a check in the total amount of \$735.00 for the filing fee. Please provide me with a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation for each corporation in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

QUARLES & BRADY



David L. Petersen

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Enclosures

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ST. THOMAS AT SILVER SHELLS
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

A Corporation Not-For-Profit

In order to form a corporation under the Laws of Florida for the formation of corporations not for profit, we, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves into a corporation for the purposes and with the powers herein specified; and to that end we do, by these Articles of Incorporation, set forth:

I. **Name.** The name of the corporation shall be: **ST. THOMAS AT SILVER SHELLS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.** (the "Association").

II. **Purposes.** The purposes of the Association shall be to administer the operation, maintenance, and management of **ST. THOMAS AT SILVER SHELLS, A CONDOMINIUM** (the "Condominium"), to be established as a condominium in accordance with the Florida Condominium Act (the "Act") upon land situated in Okaloosa County, Florida (the "Land"), and to perform the acts and duties incident to operation and management of the Condominium in accordance with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of the Association (the "By-Laws") and the Declaration of Condominium of the Condominium (the "Declaration"), which will be recorded in the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida, when the Land, and the improvements now and to be constructed thereon, are submitted to the condominium form of ownership; and to maintain, operate, encumber, lease, manage, and otherwise deal with the Land, the improvements and such other property, real and/or personal, as may be or become part of the Condominium (the "Condominium Property") to the extent necessary or convenient in the administration of the Condominium, including to operate and manage any recreation facilities which are part of the Condominium Property and created for the use and enjoyment of the Condominium. The Association shall be conducted as a non-profit organization for the benefit of its members.

III. **Powers.** The Association shall have the following powers:

3.1 All of the powers and privileges granted to corporations not for profit under the law pursuant to which this Corporation is chartered.

3.2 All of the powers conferred on a condominium association by law and which are reasonably necessary to implement and effectuate the purposes of the Association, including, without limitation, the power, authority and right to:

(a) Make and establish reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Units, Common Elements and Limited Common Elements in and of the Condominium, as such terms are defined in the Declaration.

(b) Levy and collect assessments against members of the Association to defray the Common Expenses of the Condominium, as provided in the Declaration and the By-Laws; including the right to levy and collect assessments for the purpose of acquiring, owning, holding, operating, leasing, encumbering, selling, conveying, exchanging, managing and otherwise dealing with the Condominium Property, including Units, which may be necessary or convenient in the operation and management of the Condominium and in accomplishing the purposes set forth in the Declaration and the right to levy and collect assessments for the management and operation of any recreation facilities which are created for the use of the members of the Association.

(c) Maintain, repair, replace, operate and manage the Condominium Property, including the right to reconstruct improvements after casualty and further to improve and add to the Condominium Property.

(d) Contract for the management of the Condominium and, in connection therewith, to delegate any and/or all of the powers and duties of the Association to the extent and in the manner permitted by the Declaration, the By-Laws, and the Act.

(e) Enforce the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, the By-Laws, and all rules and regulations governing use of the Condominium and Condominium Property which may from time to time be established.

(f) Exercise, undertake and accomplish all of the rights, duties and obligations which may be granted to or imposed upon the Association in the Declaration and the Act.

(g) Participate as a member of a Master Association having jurisdiction over the Condominium Property as described in the Declaration on behalf of and for the benefit of the members of the Association.

(h) Provide and/or arrange for all services which the law permits to be provided by a condominium association including those services set forth in Florida Statutes, Section 718.111.

IV. **Members.** The qualification of members, the manner of their admission to and the termination of membership, and voting by members shall be as follows:

4.1 The record owners of all Units in the Condominium shall be members of the Association, and no other persons or entities shall be entitled to membership, except as provided in Article 4.5 hereof.

4.2 Membership shall be established by the acquisition of fee title to a Unit in the Condominium, or by acquisition of a fee ownership interest therein, by voluntary conveyance or operation of law, and the membership of any person or entity shall be automatically terminated when such person or entity is divested of all title or his or her entire fee ownership in such Unit; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as terminating the membership of any person or entity owning fee title to or a fee ownership interest in two or more Units at any time while such person or entity shall retain fee title to or a fee ownership interest in any Unit.

4.3 The interest of a member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner, except as an appurtenance to the Unit(s) owned by such member. The funds and assets of the Association shall be expended, held or used only for the benefit of the membership and for the purposes authorized herein, in the Declaration, and in the By-Laws.

4.4 On all matters on which the membership shall be entitled to vote, there shall be one, and only one, vote for each Unit in the Condominium (the "Voting Interest"), which Voting Interest may be exercised or cast by the owner(s) of each Unit as provided in the By-Laws. Should any member own more than one Unit, such member shall be entitled to exercise or cast one (1) Voting Interest for each such Unit, in the manner provided by the By-Laws.

4.5 Until such time as the Land, and the improvements now and to be constructed thereon, are submitted to the condominium form of ownership by recordation of the Declaration in the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida, the membership of the Association shall be comprised of the subscribers to these Articles, each of whom shall be entitled to cast one vote on all matters on which the membership shall be entitled to vote.

V. **Duration.** The Association shall have perpetual existence.

VI. **Office.** The principal office of the Association shall be located in Florida, but the Association may maintain offices and transact business in such places, within or without the State of Florida, as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors. The initial principal place of business shall be c/o Resort Development, 15000 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, Florida 32541.

VII. **Management.** The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors of the Association ("Board"), directing and acting through the officers of the Association, including the President of the Association assisted by the Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer and, if any, the Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, always subject to the direction of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, or the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, may employ a managing agent, agency, and/or other managerial and supervisory personnel for the operation and management of the Condominium and the affairs of the Association, and any and all such persons and/or entity or entities may be so employed without regard to whether any such person or entity is a member of the Association or a Director or officer of the Association, as the case may be.

VIII. **Directors.** The number of members of the first Board of Directors shall be three (3). The number of members of succeeding Boards of Directors shall be not less than three (3), or as otherwise provided for from time to time by the By-Laws, and they shall be elected by the members of the Association at the annual meetings of the membership as provided by the By-Laws. At least a majority of the members of all Boards of Directors shall be members of the Association or shall be authorized representatives, officers or employees of a corporate member of the Association, except during the period of Declarant control specified herein.

Silver Shells Corporation, a Florida corporation, (the "Declarant"), shall have the right to designate the members of the Board of Directors for so long as the law will permit it to do so. Unit owners, other than the Declarant, shall have the right to elect such Directors at such time and in such manner as the law requires. The Declarant shall have the right to elect, in the manner provided in the By-Laws, one (1) member of the Board of Directors as long as the Declarant holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least five percent (5%) of the Units in the Condominium. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant shall be entitled at any time to waive in writing its rights hereunder, and to transfer control of the Association to the Unit owners prior to the times required by law. After Unit owners other than the Declarant elect a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, the Declarant shall, within the time required by law and in a manner to be provided in the By-Laws, relinquish control of the Association and shall deliver to the Association possession and control of all Condominium Property of the Unit Owners and of the Association held or controlled by the Declarant.

IX. **Officers.** The Board of Directors shall elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board of Directors shall deem advisable from time to time. The President shall be elected from the membership of the Board of Directors, but no other officer need be a Director. The same person may hold two offices, the duties of which are not incompatible; provided, however, that the office of President and Vice President shall not be held by the same person, nor shall the office of President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary be held by the same person.

X. **Initial Board.** The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors, who, subject to the provisions of the laws of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation and

the By-Laws, shall hold office until the annual meeting of the Association in the year following the year this corporation is formed, and thereafter until their successors are selected and have qualified, are as follows:

Thomas R. Becnel
101 La Rue France, Suite 500
Lafayette, Louisiana 70508

Carla Becnel
101 La Rue France, Suite 500
Lafayette, Louisiana 70508

William G. P. Kreuser
15000 Emerald Coast Parkway
Destin, Florida 32541

XI. **Initial Officers.** The initial officers of the Corporation, who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have qualified pursuant to these Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws, shall be the following:

President: Thomas R. Becnel
101 La Rue France, Suite 500
Lafayette, Louisiana 70508

Vice-President: William G. P. Kreuser
15000 Emerald Coast Parkway
Destin, Florida 32541

Vice-President, Secretary: Carla Becnel
101 La Rue France, Suite 500
Lafayette, Louisiana 70508

Treasurer: Christine Barbier
101 La Rue France, Suite 500
Lafayette, Louisiana 70508

XII. **Subscribers.** The Subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation and their respective addresses, are set forth below:

Leo J. Salvatori, Esquire
c/o **QUARLES & BRADY**
4501 Tamiami Trail North
Suite 300
Naples, Florida 34103

David L. Petersen, Esquire
c/o **QUARLES & BRADY**
4501 Tamiami Trail North
Suite 300
Naples, Florida 34103

XIII. **By-Laws.** The original By-Laws of the Association shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Directors of this Association at a meeting at which a majority of the Directors are present, and, thereafter, the By-Laws may be altered or rescinded only by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes entitled to be cast by members of the Association.

XIV. **Indemnification.** Every Director and every officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association to the fullest extent permitted by Florida law against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him or her in connection with any proceeding to which he or she may be a party, or in which he or she may become involved, by reason of his or her being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, whether or not he or she is a Director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the Director or officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his or her duties; provided that, in the event of any claim for reimbursement or indemnification hereunder based upon a settlement by the Director or Officer seeking such reimbursement or indemnification, the indemnification herein shall apply only if the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interests of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such Director or Officer may be entitled.

XV. **Amendment.** An amendment or amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by the Board of Directors of the Association acting upon a vote of the majority of the Directors, or by the members of the Association owning a majority of the Units in the Condominium, whether meeting as members or by instrument in writing signed by them. Upon any amendment or amendments to these Articles of Incorporation being proposed by the Board of Directors or members, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be transmitted to the President of the Association, or the acting chief executive officer in the absence of the President, who shall thereupon call a special meeting of the members of the Association for a date not sooner

than twenty (20) days or later than sixty (60) days from the receipt by him or her of the proposed amendment or amendments, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give each member written notice of such meeting stating the time and place of the meeting and reciting the proposed amendment or amendments in reasonably detailed form, which notice shall be mailed or presented personally to each member not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date set for such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be properly given when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his or her Post Office address as it appears on the records of the Association, with first class postage thereon prepaid. Such notice shall further be posted on the Condominium Property for at least 14 continuous days preceding the meeting. Any member may waive such notice by written waiver of notice signed by such member and such waiver when filed in the records of the Association, whether before, during or after the holding of the meeting, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice to such member. At such meeting, the amendment or amendments proposed must be approved by an affirmative vote of the members holding Voting Interests of Units in the Condominium to which not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Common Elements are appurtenant in order for such amendment or amendments to become effective. Thereupon, such amendment or amendments of these Articles of Incorporation shall be transcribed and certified in such form as may be necessary to file the same in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. A certified copy of each such amendment of these Articles of Incorporation shall be recorded in the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida, within thirty (30) days from the date on which the same is filed in the office of the Secretary of State. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article XV, no amendment to these Articles of Incorporation which shall abridge, amend or alter the right of Declarant to designate and select members of the Board of Directors of the Association, as provided in Article VIII hereof, or otherwise alter or abrogate rights of Declarant, may be adopted or become effective without the prior written consent of Declarant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Subscribers hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals
this 18 day of June, 1998.



LEO J. SALVATORI

DAVID L. PETERSEN

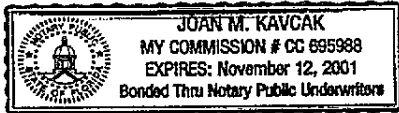
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF COLLIER

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, LEO J. SALVATORI and DAVID L. PETERSEN, to me well known and well known to me to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged before me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth and expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal on this the 18th day of June, 1998.

(Affix Seal)

Joan M. Kavcak
Signature of Person Taking Acknowledgment
Joan M. Kavcak
Name of Acknowledger Typed, Printed or Stamped



Title or Rank

Serial Number, if any

My Commission expires:

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT
AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

In compliance with Florida Statutes Sections 48.091, 617.0501 and 607.0501, the following
is submitted:

ST. THOMAS AT SILVER SHELLS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

desiring to organize as a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, has designated 4501
Tamiami Trail North, Suite 300, Naples, Florida 34103, as its initial Registered Office, and has
named **NAPLES-LAWDOCK, INC.**, located at said address, as its initial Registered Agent.



LEO J. SALVATORI



DAVID L. PETERSEN

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named Registered Agent for the above stated corporation, at the designated
Registered Office, the undersigned hereby accepts said appointment, is familiar with and accepts the
obligations thereof, and agrees to comply with the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 48.091 and
617.0501, relative to keeping open said office.

NAPLES-LAWDOCK, INC.

By: 

Registered Agent
Vice-President

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