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August 23, 2000

Secretary of State  
Division of Corporations  
409 E. Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**RE: Articles of Incorporation**

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Articles of Incorporation and the Designation and Acceptance of Registered Agent for a new company, INVESTMENT BANKING INSTITUTE, INC., together with our client's check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover the filing fee, the certified copy charge, and designation of registered agent fee.

I have enclosed a separate copy of the Articles of Incorporation, to be certified and returned to me in the enclosed envelope.

Should you have any questions, please call me collect at extension 1-1114.

Sincerely,

PINO & DICKS

By: 

Patricia T. Wilson  
Paralegal

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State

August 30, 2000

PINO AND DICKS  
ATTN: PATRICIA T. WILSON  
PO BOX 1511  
ORLANDO, FL 32802

SUBJECT: INVESTMENT BANKING INSTITUTE, INC.  
Ref. Number: W00000021279

We have received your document for INVESTMENT BANKING INSTITUTE, 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):

Written approval and clearance of the terms BANK, BANKER, BANC, BANKING, TRUST COMPANY, BANCSHARES, SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS BANK, or CREDIT UNION must be obtained from the Division of Banking and Finance, pursuant to section 655.922(2a), Florida Statutes. The address is:

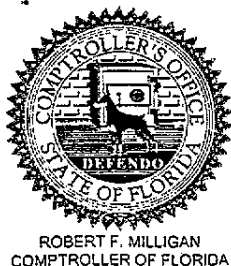
Division of Banking  
Director's Office  
101 E. Gaines St.  
Fletcher Bldg., 6th Floor.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0350  
(850) 410-9111.

Please return the 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) 487-6928.

Tim Burch  
Document Specialist

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# OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE

STATE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE

32399-0350

September 11, 2000

Patricia T. Wilson  
Sr. Paralegal  
Pino and Dicks  
Attorneys at Law  
255 South Orange Avenue  
Orlando, Florida 32802

Dear Ms. Wilson:

Re: "Investment Banking Institute, Inc."

Thank you for your recent letter/fax requesting approval for use of the above-referenced name.

It is the opinion of this Department that the above-referenced corporate name is definitive enough to differentiate the business being conducted from that of a commercial bank or trust company. Therefore, the Department does not object to your use of the above-referenced name being registered as to conduct business in the state of Florida.

Sincerely,

Alex Hager  
Director

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief, Bureau of Corporate Records  
Division of Corporations, Secretary of State's Office

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**INVESTMENT BANKING INSTITUTE, INC.**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be INVESTMENT BANKING INSTITUTE, INC.

**ARTICLE II NATURE OF BUSINESS**

This corporation may engage in or transact any and all lawful activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States, the State of Florida, or any other state, county, territory or nation.

**ARTICLE III CAPITAL STOCK**

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is 1,000,000 shares of common stock having a par value of \$.01 per share.

**ARTICLE IV ADDRESS**

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation shall be 255 South Orange Avenue, Sixth Floor, Orlando, Florida 32801, and the name of the initial Registered Agent for the corporation at that address is Laurence J. Pino, Esquire.

**ARTICLE V TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

## **ARTICLE VI    LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

Each director, stockholder and officer, in consideration for his services, shall, in the absence of fraud, be indemnified, whether then in office or not, for the reasonable cost and expenses incurred by him in connection with the defense of, or for advice concerning any claim asserted or proceeding brought against him by reason of his being or having been a director, stockholder or officer of the corporation or of any subsidiary of the corporation, whether or not wholly owned, to the maximum extent permitted by law. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be inclusive of any other rights to which any director, stockholder or officer may be entitled as a matter of law.

## **ARTICLE VII    SELF DEALING**

No contract or other transaction between the corporation and other corporations, in the absence of fraud, shall be affected or invalidated by the fact that any one or more of the directors of the corporation is or are interested in a contract or transaction, or are directors or officers of any other corporation, and any director or directors, individually or jointly, may be a party or parties to, or may be interested in such contract, act or transaction, or in any way connected with such person or person's firm or corporation, and each and every person who may become a director of the corporation is hereby relieved from any liability that might otherwise exist from this contracting with the corporation for the benefit of himself or any firm, association or corporation in which he may be in any way interested. Any director of the corporation may vote upon any transaction with the corporation without regard to the fact that he is also a director of such subsidiary or corporation.

This corporation shall have a minimum of one director. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of:

LAURENCE J. PINO  
255 South Orange Avenue, Sixth Floor  
Orlando, Florida 32801

## **ARTICLE VIII    INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

LAURENCE J. PINO  
255 South Orange Avenue, Sixth Floor  
Orlando, Florida 32801

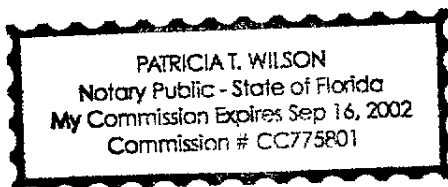
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand and seal on this 23rd day of August, 2000.

Incorporator:

LAURENCE J. PINO

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 23rd day of August, 2000, by LAURENCE J. PINO, who is personally known to me and did take an oath.



*Patricia T. Wilson*  
Print: Patricia T. Wilson  
Notary Public, State of Florida

**DESIGNATION OF AND ACCEPTANCE  
BY REGISTERED AGENT**

The following is submitted in compliance with the laws of the State of Florida.

INVESTMENT BANKING INSTITUTE, INC., a corporation organizing under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office located at 255 South Orange Avenue, Sixth Floor, Orlando, Florida 32801, has named LAURENCE J. PINO, ESQUIRE, whose address is 255 South Orange Avenue, Sixth Floor, P. O. Box 1511, Orlando, Florida 32802, as its Agent to accept service of process within this State.

**ACCEPTANCE:**

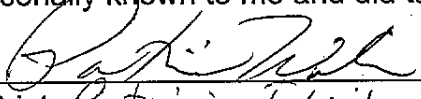
I agree as Registered Agent to accept service of process; to keep the office open during prescribed hours; to post my name (and any other officers of said corporation authorized to accept service of process at the above designated address) in some conspicuous place in the office as required by law.

Registered Agent.

LAURENCE J. PINO

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 23rd day of August, 2000, by LAURENCE J. PINO, who is personally known to me and did take an oath.

  
Print: *Patricia T. Wilson*  
Notary Public, State of Florida

PATRICIA T. WILSON  
Notary Public - State of Florida  
My Commission Expires Sep 16, 2002  
Commission # CC775801