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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

<u>OF</u>

## JOHN P. MARTIN, P.A.

The undersigned natural person is licensed and otherwise legally authorized to practice the profession of law in the State of Florida, and pursuant to Chapter 621 of the Florida Statutes, and with the intention of forming a professional corporation in accordance with the Florida Professional Service Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

# **ARTICLE I**

### NAME

The name of the corporation is JOHN P. MARTIN, P.A., and the principal place of business and the mailing address is 401 S. Lincoln Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### NATURE OF BUSINESS

This corporation is organized for the following purposes:

- (A) To engage in the practice of law as a professional corporation.
- (B) To do everything proper, necessary, proper or convenient for the accomplishment of any of these purposes herein set forth, and to do every other act incidental thereto which is not forbidden by the laws of the State of Florida or by the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation.
- (C) To carry out these purposes of this corporation only through officers, employees and agents, each of whom is either duly licensed or otherwise legally qualified to render or assign in the rendering of professional legal services and title insurance services in the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE III

## CAPITAL STOCK

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is 7,500 shares of common stock with a par value of \$1.00 per share.

# **ARTICLE IV**

#### INITIAL CAPITAL

The amount of capital with which this corporation shall begin business shall be not less than the sum of \$100.00.

### ARTICLE V

### TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

# **ARTICLE VI**

#### SPECIAL PROVISION

It is the intent of the incorporator that the corporation shall have the power to qualify as a Subchapter S corporation under the Internal Revenue Code. In such event, such actions as are necessary will be taken by the appropriate officers to accomplish any necessary compliance.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the registered office of this corporation in the State of Florida is: 401 S. Lincoln Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756.

The name of the registered agent is: John P. Martin, Esquire.

## ARTICLE VIII

## **DIRECTORS**

The corporation shall have 1 director(s) initially. The number of directors may be increased from time to time, by amendment to the bylaws, but shall never be less than one (1).

#### ARTICLE IX

## INITIAL DIRECTOR(S)

The name and mailing address of the member(s) of the first Board of Directors is:

John P. Martin, 401 S. Lincoln Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756.

## ARTICLE X

## **INCORPORATOR**

The name and mailing address of the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is John P. Martin, 401 S. Lincoln Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756.

The incorporator certifies that the proceeds of the stock subscribed for will not be less than the amount of capital with which the corporation shall begin business as is set forth herein.

#### ARTICLE XI

## INDEMNITY OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Any person made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he, his Testator, or intestate, is or was a director, officer or employee of the corporation which he served as such at the request of the corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation against the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appeal therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such officer,

director or employee is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties.

The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or director or employee may be entitled apart from the provisions of this section.

A director shall not be liable for dividends illegally declared, distributions illegally made to shareholders, or any other action taken in reliance and good faith upon financial statements of the corporation represented to him to be correct by the president of the corporation or the officer having charge of the books of account, or certified by an independent or certified accountant to clearly reflect the financial condition of the corporation; nor shall he be liable if in good faith in determining the amount available for dividends or distribution he considers the assets to be of ample value.

## **ARTICLE XII**

## BYLAWS OR SHAREHOLDERS AGREEMENT

By shareholders agreement or bylaws, the corporation may restrict the transfer or encumbrance of any and all of its stock, including, but not limited to, provisions for the transfer of the stock owned by retiring, disabled or deceased shareholder, or any shareholder required to sever financial interest in the corporation. The bylaws may be repealed or amended, and new bylaws may be adopted, by either the Board of Directors or the shareholders, but the Board of Directors may not amend or repeal any bylaw adopted by the shareholders if the shareholders specifically provide such bylaw not subject to amendment or repeal by the directors.

### ARTICLE XIII

#### AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the shareholders, and approved at a shareholder's meeting by a majority of the stock entitled to vote thereon, unless all the directors and all the shareholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

# ARTICLE XIV

# **DATE OF INCEPTION**

The date the corporate existence shall begin shall be as of the date of filing and acceptance of these Articles of Incorporation by the Secretary of State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, this 26th day of December, 2000.

John, P. Martin, Esquire

#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida.

John P. Martin, Esquire