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April 25, 2002

Corporate Records Bureau Division of Corporations Department of State Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE: BRUCE R. KASTER, P.A.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find:

- 1. Articles of Incorporation of BRUCE A. KASTER, P.A., a profit corporation.
- 2. Designation of Resident/Registered Agent and acceptance by such agent.
- 3. My firm check in the amount of \$78.75 for:

a. Filing Fee;

b. Certified Copy of Charter;

c. Registered Agent Designation Fee.

Please file the subject documents, and forward the Certificon my above-shown address.

Very truly yours,

Anthony 🏚 /Salzma/h

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

#### BRUCE R. KASTER, P.A.

The undersigned natural person, competent and licensed to practice law in the State of Florida, acting hereby as Incorporator for the purpose of forming a Professional Service Corporation for profit under the provisions of Section 607, Florida General Corporation Act, and Section 621, Florida Professional Service Corporation Act, of the Florida Statutes, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### I. NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of this corporation shall be BRUCE R. KASTER, P.A. The address of the principal office of this corporation is 500 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. The mailing address for the corporation is P.O. Drawer 2759, Gainesville, FL 32602.

## II. PURPOSES

The general nature and purposes of business to be transacted, promoted and carried on by the corporation are as follows:

- a. To engage in every aspect in the practice of law, and all its fields of specializations, as are engaged in by attorneys.
- b. To engage and render the professional services involved only through its officers, agents and employees who shall be attorneys in good standing and duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized within the State of Florida to render the same professional legal service as this corporation.
- c. To engage and render professional services as an attorney consultant in all areas of expertise including tire failure analysis, tire wheel failure analysis, tire manufacturing and processes, tire design, and tire litigation.
- d. To invest its funds in real estate, mortgages, stocks, bonds and any other type of investments permitted by law.
- e. To engage in no other business other than the rendition of the professional services specified herein.
- f. To do everything necessary and proper in accomplishing the purposes herein set forth and to do anything incidental thereto which is not forbidden under the laws of the State of Florida.

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# III. CAPITAL STOCK

- a. The maximum number of shares of stock that the corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time shall be 100 shares of common stock.
- b. The consideration to be paid for each share shall be payable in lawful money or property, labor or services.
- c. Shares of the corporation's stock and certificates shall be issued only to attorneys in good standing and duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized within the State of Florida to render the same professional services as this corporation.
- d. No shareholder of the Corporation may sell or transfer his stock in this Corporation except to another individual who is eligible to be a shareholder of the Corporation, and such sale or transfer may be made only after the same shall have been approved by not less than a majority of the outstanding stock at such shareholders' meeting, exclusive of the stock proposed to be sold. The shares of stock held by the shareholder proposing to sell or transfer his shares may not be voted or counted for any purpose at said meeting.
- e. In the event that there is more than one shareholder in the Corporation, before stock is issued to shareholders they must have negotiated with the other shareholders and/or the Corporation a buy-and-sell agreement providing for the redemption or disposition of their stock in the event their interest in the corporation is terminated for any reason. An executed copy of the buy-and-sell agreement must be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation and made a part of the records of the Corporation.

#### IV. DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

# V. REGISTERED AGENT

The address of this corporation's initial registered office is 500 East University Avenue, Suite A, P.O. Drawer 2759, Gainesville, Florida 32602-2759; and the name of its initial registered agent at said address is ANTHONY J. SALZMAN.

## VI. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

BRUCE R. KASTER 621 S.E. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ocala, FL 34470

## VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have one Director initially. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by a resolution of the majority of the Stockholders but shall never be less than one. The name and address of the initial Director of this corporation is:

BRUCE R. KASTER 621 S.E. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ocala, FL 34470

# VIII. INFORMAL SHAREHOLDER ACTION

Any action of the Shareholders may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all the Shareholders entitled to vote upon such action at a meeting and filed with the Secretary of the corporation as part of the corporate records.

# IX. SEVERANCE AND TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

If any officer, director, stockholder, agent or employee of this corporation becomes legally disqualified to render the professional services for which the corporation is organized, or accepts employment that places restrictions or limitations on his continued rendering of such professional services, he shall forthwith sever all employment with the Corporation, and shall not thereafter participate or share, directly or indirectly, in any earnings or profits realized by the corporation on account of professional services. The corporation shall forthwith, upon such disqualification of any shareholder, purchase such shareholder's shares and pay him all amounts owing and lawfully due to him by the corporation, except that such shares shall not be entitled to dividends.

## X. INFORMAL DIRECTOR ACTION

If all of the Directors severally or collectively consent in writing of any action taken or to be taken by the corporation, and the writings evidencing their consent are filed with the Secretary of the corporation, the action shall be as valid as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

# XI. INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify an officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

#### XII. BYLAW AMENDMENT

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the bylaws of this corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors and Stockholders provided that such amendment be in compliance with the laws of Florida governing a Professional Service Corporation.

# XIII. STOCK ENDORSEMENT

Each share of stock issued subject to these bylaws shall be endorsed as follows:

"Transfer, pledge, hypothecation, sale, assignment, gift or other disposition of this stock is restricted by an article of the bylaws of this company, a copy of which is on file at the offices of the corporation."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation in the State of Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_day of April, 2002.

BRUCE R. KASTER

Incorporator

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# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ALACHUA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared BRUCE R. KASTER, who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as the Incorporator, and who acknowledged to and before me that they executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Gainesville, Florida, in the said County and State, this 25th day of April, 2002.

SHEFFIA J. FULMER
My Comm Exp. 10/28/03
No. CC 883567
[] Personally Known [] Other I.D.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

(seal)

# ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

**HAVING BEEN NAMED** as Registered Agent to Accept Service for the above-stated corporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with all the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties and obligations of Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

ANTHONY J/SALZMA

Registered Agent