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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION ATTORNEYS, P.A.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the provisions of Chapter 607 of the *Florida Statutes*, hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation", hereby agree to the following:

ARTICLE I EFFE



The name of the Corporation shall be **Consumer Protection Attorneys**, **P.A.**, and its mailing address is 4055 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida 33713.

ARTICLE II Purpose and Powers

Section 1. The Corporation is formed for the purpose of:

(a) Providing legal services; and

(b) Engaging in other lawful activity or business for which corporations may be incorporated pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Corporation may exercise all powers, rights and privileges conferred on corporations pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III Term of Existence

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence. Corporate existence shall commence on October 7, 2003, the date of execution and acknowledgment of these Articles of Incorporation, provided that these Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Secretary of State, Florida Department of State, within five (5) business days of such date. Otherwise, corporate existence shall commence on the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE IV Capital Stock

The authorized capital stock of the Corporation shall be one thousand (1000) shares of common stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share.

ARTICLE V Preemptive Rights Granted

Each shareholder of the Corporation shall have the first right to purchase shares of the Corporation or securities convertible into such shares of the same class, kind or series as that which the shareholder already holds that may from time to time issued (whether or not presently authorized), including shares from the treasury of the Corporation, in the ratio that the number of shares he holds at the time of issue bears to the total number of shares of outstanding exclusive of treasury shares. Any such preemptive right shall be deemed waived by any shareholder who does not exercise it and pay for the shares preempted within thirty (30) days of receipt of a notice in writing from the Corporation stating the prices, terms and conditions of the issue of shares and inviting him to exercise his preemptive rights. This right may also be waived by affirmative written waiver submitted by the shareholder to the Corporation within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice from the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI Board of Directors

<u>Section 1</u>. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, the members of which shall be hereinafter referred to as "Directors".

Section 2. The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall initially consist of one (1) Director, whose name(s) and address(es) is/are as follows:

Name:	Address:
Thomas M. Woodruff	4055 Central Avenue St. Petersburg, Florida 33713

Section 3. The number of Director(s) shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall not be less than one (1).

Section 4. Directors shall be elected and hold office as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII No Cumulative Voting

At no election of Directors shall any shareholder entitled to vote at such election have the right to cumulate his votes by giving one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected at that time multiplied by the number of his shares, or by distributing such votes on the same principal among any number of such candidates.

ARTICLE VIII Bylaws

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws for the Corporation at a meeting of the Board of Directors following the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

<u>Section 2.</u> The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation may be exercised by the Board of Directors or the shareholders in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

Section 3. Any Bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors or the shareholders may be altered, amended or repealed by the other group; provided, however, that any Bylaws adopted by the shareholders may provided that it shall be altered, amended, or repealed only by the shareholders.

ARTICLE IX Amendments

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as set forth in the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE X Registered Office and Agent

Section 1. The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation shall be 5959 Central Avenue, Suite #104, St. Petersburg, Florida 33710.

<u>Section 2.</u> The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation located at said address shall be **George L. Hayes III, Esquire**.

ARTICLE XI Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is:

<u>Name:</u>

<u>Address:</u>

George L. Hayes III, Esquire

5959 Central Avenue, Suite #104 St. Petersburg, Florida 33710

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned executed these Articles of Incorporation on this ______ day of October, 2003.

George L. Hayes HP, Esquire



STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledge before me this $\underline{7}$ day of October, 2003, by **George L. Hayes III**, **Esquire**, who \Box is personally known to me, or \Box who has produced a Florida driver license or Florida identification card, or \Box has produced as identification.

My commission expires: (Notary Public to sign on line above) LINDAL DATALEY (Notary Public to print name on line above LINDAL BARTLEY (NOTARY SEAL) MY COMMISSION # DD 161585 EXPIRES: November 16, 2008 Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

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ACCEPTANCE

I hereby accept to act as initial Registered Agent for **Consumer Protection Attorneys, P.A., a Florida corporation**, as stated in these Articles of Incorporation.

George L. Hayes III) Esquire

