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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**OF** 

#### KAREN J. MARTIN, CPA, P.A.

I, KAREN J. MARTIN, the undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, hereby acting as incorporator for the purpose of forming a Professional Service Corporation for profit by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 621, Florida Statutes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

# ARTICLE I Corporation Name

The name of this corporation shall be: KAREN J. MARTIN, CPA, P.A. the mailing address shall be:Post Office Box 895357, Leesburg, FL 34789 and the physical address shall be: 1607 Banning Beach, Tavares, FL 32728.

### ARTICLE II Nature of Business

The general nature of business and the proposed objects and purposes to be transacted, promoted and carried on by the corporation are to do any and all things hereinafter mentioned as fully and to the same effect and extent as natural persons might or could do under the laws of the State of Florida, viz.,

- 1. To engage in every aspect of the practice of accounting and all its fields of specialization as are engaged in by Certified Public Accountants in this State.
- 2. To engage and render the professional service involved only through its officers, agents and employees who are Certified Public Accountants in good standing and duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized within the State of Florida to render the same professional service as this corporation.
- 3. To invest its funds in real estate, mortgages, stocks bonds and any other type of investments permitted by law.

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- To own real and personal property necessary for the rendering of the professional services hereby authorized.
- To engage in no other business other than the rendering of the 5. professional services specified herein.

### ARTICLE III Capital Stock

- The maximum number of shares of stock that the corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time shall be ten thousand (10,000) shares of common stock with One Dollar (\$1.00) per share par value.
- The consideration to be paid for each share shall be payable in lawful money of В. the United States of America, or in property, labor or services which, in the judgment of the Board of Directors of this corporation, shall be of the valuation equivalent to the value of the stock to be issued.
- Shares of the corporation's stock and certificates therefor shall be issued only to Certified Public Accountants in good standing and duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized within the State of Florida to render the same professional service as this corporation.

### ARTICLE IV Registered Office and Registered Agent

The address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 11000 Riverside Road, Leesburg, FL 34788. The name of the Registered Agent of this corporation is KAREN J. MARTIN at the above office address.

### ARTICLE V Informal Shareholder Action

The holders of not less than a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of the voting stock of the corporation may act by written agreement without a meeting, as provided in Florida Statutes 621 and the bylaws.

### ARTICLE VI Stock Transfer Agreements

If all, or any, of the shareholders or subscribers to stock of the corporation shall enter into any agreement between themselves or with the corporation or third persons, abridging, limiting, restricting or changing the rights or interest of any one or more of the shareholders or subscribers to sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or transfer on the books of the corporation, any and all of the stocks of the corporation held by them and if a copy of the agreement is filed with the corporation, all certificates of shares subject to such agreement or restriction shall have a reference thereto endorsed thereon by an officer of the corporation and such stock shall not thereafter be transferred on the books of the corporation except in accordance with the terms and provisions of this agreement. If the agreement so provides, the certificates of stock shall be registered so that shares standing in the name of any person as pledgee, trustee, or other fiduciary may be voted, in person or by proxy, and without proof of authority.

B. Provided, however, any such agreement shall be subject to the requirements of Florida Statute 621, and no shareholder may sell or transfer any of such shareholder's shares of stock in this corporation except to another individual who is, under the provisions of Florida Statute 621, eligible to be a shareholder of this corporation.

### ARTICLE VII Directors

### A. Selection and Replacement

- 1. The business of the corporation shall be managed initially by a Board of one (1) Director. The number of Directors may be, as provided for by bylaws, increased or decreased, but shall never be less than one (1) Director.
- 2. In any election of Directors by the stockholders, each stockholder of record shall have the right to cumulate the stockholder's shares and to give one candidate as many votes as equal the number of Directors to be elected multiplied by the number of shares owned, or to distribute that same amount of votes among as many candidates as he sees fit; provided, however, that notice shall be given by any shareholder to the President or a Vice President of the corporation not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the time fixed for the holding of the meeting for the election of Directors that the stockholder intends to cumulate the stockholder's votes at such election. This right to vote cumulatively shall not be further restricted or qualified by any provision in the bylaws of the corporation.
- 3. Except as provided in Article XIII any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled as provided in the bylaws. A shareholder removed as a Director for cause shall not be entitled to vote to fill the stockholder's own vacancy by voting for the stockholder without prior approval secured by the affirmative vote of 100% or a majority of the outstanding shares of all classes of stock entitled to vote, exclusive of the stockholder's own shares of stock.

### B. Telephone Meetings

Members of the Board of Directors or an Executive Committee shall be deemed present at a meeting if a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other is used.

# ARTICLE VIII Interested Directors

- A. No contract or other transaction between the corporation and one or more of its directors, or between the corporation and any other corporation, firm, association or other entity in which one or more of its directors are directors or officers, or are financially interested, shall be either void or voidable for this reason alone or by reason alone that such director or directors are present at the meeting of the board, or of a committee thereof, which approves such contract or transaction, or that his or their votes are counted for such purpose:
- 1. If the fact or such common directorship, officership or financial interest is disclosed or known to the board or committee, and the board or committee approves such contract or transaction by vote sufficient for such purpose without counting the vote or votes of such interested director or directors; or
- 2. If such common directorship, officership or financial interest is disclosed or known to the shareholders entitled to vote thereon, and such contract or transaction is approved by vote of the shareholders; or
- 3. If the contract or transaction is fair and reasonable as to the corporation at the time it is approved by the board, a committee or the shareholders.
- B. Common or interested directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the board or of a committee which approves such contract or transaction.
- C. The board shall have authority to fix the compensation of directors for services in any capacity.

# ARTICLE IX Long-Term Employment Contract

The Board of Directors may authorize the corporation to enter into employment contracts with any executive officer for periods longer than one year, and any charter or by-law provision for annual election shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, or any executive officer under such contracts.

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## ARTICLE X Initial Directors

The name and post office address of the one (1) member(s) of the first Board of Directors are as follows:

NAME

**ADDRESS** 

KAREN J. MARTIN

Post Office Box 895357 Leesburg, FL 34789

## ARTICLE XI Subscribers

The name and post office address of the subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

**NAME** 

**ADDRESS** 

KAREN J. MARTIN

Post Office Box 895357 Leesburg, FL 34789

# ARTICLE XII Severance and Termination of Employment

If any officer, director, stockholder, agent or employee of this corporation who has been rendering professional tax services to the public becomes legally disqualified to render such professional services within this state or accepts employment that places restrictions or limitations upon the officer's, director's, stockholder's, agent's or employee's continued rendering of such professional services, then, in any such event, such person's office and/or employment with and/or financial interest in this corporation shall cease forthwith, subject, however, to the provisions of Article XIII dealing with "Amendments". Should any amendment be effected which changes the nature and purpose of this corporation so that the restrictions of Florida Statute 621 do not apply, then the restriction of this Article shall not thereafter apply; provided, however, that until such amendment is effected, such person shall render no professional services, shall hold no office, shall not serve on the Board of this corporation, and shall have no financial interest in this corporation except to receive payment for any stock owned and any other amounts that are lawfully due and owing by the corporation.

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### ARTICLE XIII Amendments

- A. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.
- B. In the event the ownership of shares of this corporation shall be in any person, trust, corporation, estate or partnership who is not qualified to own such shares under the provisions of Chapter 621, Florida Statutes, and there has been no voluntary transfer of stock contrary to Article VI, or to law, the Board of Directors and shareholders shall have the power to amend these Articles of Incorporation in the manner and method prescribed in subparagraph A of this Article to effect a change in the nature and purpose of the business authorized by these Articles of Incorporation so that this corporation shall have the power to conduct any business authorized by Chapter 607, Florida Statutes. If there is a vacancy on the Board of Directors at or after the occurrence of the event referred to in this subparagraph, that vacancy shall be filled by the remaining Board of Directors until this amendment is complete and effective, or until such ownership of shares no longer exists. No stockholder shall be ineligible to vote on any such amendment merely because he is an ineligible shareholder under Florida Statute 621; but he shall have no other voting right.

# ARTICLE XIV Rights of Stockholder Whose Interest Terminates Under Article XII

If any shareholder of this corporation be required to terminate the shareholder's financial interest in this corporation because of the application of Article XII or the application of Chapter 621, Florida Statutes and should these Articles not be amended as provided in Article XIII, the financial interest of such shareholder shall terminate immediately and automatically except to receive payment for such stock in this corporation as may be owned by the shareholder, and any other amounts that are lawfully due and owing to the shareholder by the corporation; and such shares of stock shall not be entitled to dividends, or stock rights of any kind. Such stock shall be forthwith transferred, sold, purchased, pledged or redeemed at such price or value and under such terms as shall be authorized or set forth in the bylaws or Shareholders' Agreement, if any, and if not, by mutual agreement or, if no such agreement can be reached, then by arbitration.

### ARTICLE XV Effective Date

The date that corporate existence shall begin shall be the date that the Articles are filed with the Secretary of State. This election is pursuant to Florida Statute 607.0203.

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# ARTICLE XVI Bylaws

Bylaws of this corporation may be adopted, amended, or repealed by either the Board of Directors or by the Stockholders entitled to vote, except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned subscribing incorporator, have hereunto set my hand and seal this <u>05</u> day of <u>January</u>, 2012, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, and I hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file in the Office of the Secretary of State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation and certify that the facts herein stated are true;

### ACCEPTANCE

I hereby accept to act as initial Registered Agent for KAREN J. MARTIN, CPA, P.A., as stated in these Articles of Incorporation.

KAREN I MARTIN

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