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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
SWEETING, HALBERT & ESSIE, P.A.  
A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION**

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The undersigned, all of whom are duly licensed to practice LAW, in the State of Florida, desiring to form a professional corporation in accordance with the Florida Business Corporation Act and the Florida Professional Service Corporation, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

**I. NAME**

The name of the professional Corporation is:

**SWEETING, HALBERT & ESSIE, P.A.**

**II. PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the Corporation is organized is to engage in and carry on all branches of the practice of law within the State of Florida, and to do those things that are necessary or proper in connection with that practice, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, maintain, improve, operate, mortgage, sell, pledge, convey, lease, sublease, or otherwise deal in and dispose of personal and real property of every kind, character, and description whatsoever in furtherance of the professional business of the Corporation and in connection with any other proper business activity in which the Corporation may engage.

(b) To enter into and make all necessary contracts for the conduct of its professional business with any person, partnership, association, corporation, or other entity, and to perform, carry out, cancel, and rescind those contracts.

(c) To borrow or raise money reasonably required in the conduct of its professional business and in connection with any proper business activity in which the Corporation may be engaged, and to execute and deliver any instruments that may be necessary to evidence the borrowing.

(d) To form and become a participant in any partnership, limited partnership, or joint venture with any other individuals, firms, corporations, or entities, and to become a shareholder in any corporation for profit, and to become a member of any association, nonprofit corporation, or other entity.

(e) To carry on any other business in connection with and incidental to any of the foregoing

businesses, transactions, and dealings; and to do any other act legal under the laws of the State of Florida with all the powers conferred on corporations by the laws of the State of Florida.

(f) To invest the funds of the Corporation in real properties, mortgages, bonds, or any other types of investments, and while the owner or holder of any such real properties, mortgages, stocks, bonds, or other types of investments, to receive, collect, reinvest, and dispose of the interest, dividends, and income arising from such property, and to possess and exercise in respect thereof all the rights, powers, and privileges of ownership, including all voting powers of any stocks so owned.

(g) To establish and carry out pension, profit-sharing, share-bonus, share-purchase, incentive, and benefit plans, trusts, and provisions for the directors, officers, and employees of the Corporation.

(h) To restrict the manner in which, and the persons to whom, its capital stock shall be issued or transferred, and to enact bylaws to put these restrictions into effect.

(i) To do everything necessary, proper, advisable, or convenient to accomplish the purposes, attain the objectives, or further the powers that are set forth in these Articles of Incorporation and that are incidental to, pertaining to, or growing out of its professional business or that arise otherwise, and at all times comply with the provisions of the Professional Service Corporation as presently enacted and as may be amended or superseded by any other statute.

### **III. DURATION**

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual.

### **IV. REGISTERED OFFICE**

The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office this State is:

227 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 101  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Orange County

The initial registered agent at the registered office is:

GODWIN J. ESSIEN

### **V. PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The mailing address of the initial principal office of the Corporation is:

227 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 101  
Orlando, Florida 32801.

## **VI. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

The professional services of the Corporation shall be rendered only through officers, employees, and agents who are duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to practice law within the State of Florida. Professional services shall be rendered in each case by the officer, employee, or agent designated solely by the Corporation, acting through its duly elected officer, and no officer, employee, or agent shall enter in any contract, written or verbal, for professional services with any client. This provision shall not be applicable to the extent it conflicts with the law or the professional rules of law.

## **VII. INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the each incorporator is:

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Address</b>   |
|---------------------|--|
| JAMES SWEETING, III | 227 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 101<br>Orlando, Florida 32801 |
| STANLEY E. HALBERT  | 227 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 101<br>Orlando, Florida 32801 |
| GODWIN J. ESSIEN    | 227 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 101<br>Orlando, Florida 32801 |

## **VIII. DIRECTORS**

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of THREE (3) members. The names and addresses of the Board of Directors are:

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Address</b>   |
|---------------------|--|
| JAMES SWEETING, III | 227 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 101<br>Orlando, Florida 32801 |
| STANLEY E. HALBERT  | 227 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 101<br>Orlando, Florida 32801 |
| GODWIN J. ESSIEN    | 227 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 101<br>Orlando, Florida 32801 |

## **IX. SHARE STRUCTURE**

### **Number and Type**

9.1. The maximum number of shares that the Corporation is authorized to have outstanding is thirty (30) shares of common stock having no par value.

### **Restrictions on Issuance and Transfer**

9.2. No share of stock of this Corporation shall be issued or transferred to any person who is not an attorney, duly licensed to practice law in the State of Florida.

### **Authority of Board of Directors**

9.3. Shares without par value may be issued pursuant to subscriptions taken by the incorporators for any consideration that may be specified by the incorporators, and, after organization, shares without par value may be issued on such consideration as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Board, in its discretion, may fix different amounts or kinds of consideration for the issuance of shares without par value, whether issued at the same time or at different times. Any and all shares without par value, the consideration for which has been fixed by the incorporators or the Board of Directors and has been paid or delivered, shall be fully paid and nonassessable.

### **Dividends**

9.4. The Board of Directors is authorized to fix and determine whether any, and if any, what part of the surplus, however created or arising, shall be used, declared in dividends, or paid to shareholders, and without action by the shareholders, to use the surplus, or any part thereof, as is permitted by corporate law, for the purchase or acquisition of shares, voting trust certificates for shares, bonds, debentures, notes, scrip, warrants, obligations, evidences of indebtedness or other securities of the Corporation.

### **Shareholders' Actions**

9.5. To the extent permissible under the laws of the State of Florida, consent by vote or otherwise of the holders of shares (of any class entitled to vote on that action) entitling them to exercise a majority of the voting power of the Corporation shall be sufficient to sustain any action to be taken by the shareholders of the Corporation, and in cases where any class shall be required by the laws of the State of Florida to consent separately as a class, consent by vote or otherwise of the holders of a majority of the shares of that class shall be sufficient to sustain any action to be taken by the shareholders of that class.

## **X. STATED CAPITAL.**

The amount of capital with which the Corporation shall begin business is ten Dollars (\$10.00).

## **XI. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

The Corporation reserves the right at any time, and from time to time, to amend these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter permitted by statute. Any change authorized by the holders of shares entitling them to exercise a majority of the voting power of the Corporation (or such greater number as may then be required by statute), shall be binding and conclusive on every shareholder of the Corporation as fully as if each shareholder had voted for the change. No shareholder, notwithstanding that he or she may have voted against the amendment or may have objected in writing, shall be entitled to payment of the fair cash value of his or her shares or any other rights of a dissenting shareholder.

## **XII. INTERESTED DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

A director or officer of the Corporation shall not be disqualified from office solely because the director or officer dealt or contracted with the Corporation as a vendor, purchaser, employee, agent, or otherwise. No act of the Corporation shall be void or voidable by reason of the fact that any director or officer of this Corporation is also a member of a firm; an officer, director, shareholder or trustee of a corporation; a trustee or beneficiary of a trust; or otherwise connected with any other enterprise that is in any way interested in the act. The fact that the director or officer, or that the firm, corporation, trust, or other entity is interested shall be disclosed to the members of the board present at any meeting of the Board of Directors at which action on the transaction is taken. The transaction must be authorized by an affirmative vote of the a majority of the directors who have no direct or indirect interest in the transaction. Any interested director may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors that authorizes or takes actions in respect to any such transaction. No interested director may vote to authorize, ratify, or approve the transaction. Without limiting or qualifying the foregoing, if in any judicial or other inquiry, suit, cause, or proceeding, the question of whether a director or officer of the Corporation has acted in good faith is material, and notwithstanding any statute or rule of law or of equity to the contrary, his or her good faith shall be presumed, in the absence of clear and convincing evidence and proof to the contrary.

## **XIII. INDEMNIFICATION**

### **Right to Indemnification**

13.1. To the extent the law permits, the Corporation shall indemnify each of its officers, directors, and employees, whether or not then in office, and his or her heirs and legal representatives, against all expenses, judgments, decrees, fines, penalties, or other amounts actually and reasonably incurred, in settlement of, or in connection with the defense of any pending or threatened action, suit, or proceeding, civil or criminal, to which he or she is or may be made a party by reason of having

been a director, officer, or employee of the Corporation. Without limitation, the term "expenses" shall include all counsel fees, expert witness fees, court costs and any other costs of a similar nature. The Corporation shall not, however, indemnify any officer, director, or employee until the Board of Directors consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, has determined, by majority vote at a meeting or by a written instrument signed by a majority of the directors who were not parties to such action, that the officer, director, or employee:

(a) Was not grossly negligent in his or her duty to the Corporation, nor guilty of intentional misconduct in the performance of duties to the Corporation;

(b) Acted in good faith in what he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Corporation; and

(c) In any matter subject to criminal action, suit or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was unlawful.

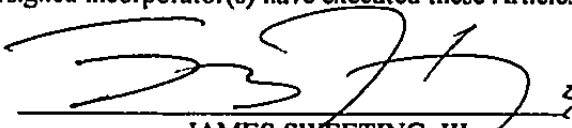
#### **Written Demand for Indemnification**


13.2. Any officer, director or employee who is entitled to indemnification from the Corporation may make a written demand on the Board of Directors, by serving the written demand on the President or the Secretary (unless the President and the Secretary are both making the demand, in which case service may be made on any other officer of the Corporation). If the Board of Directors does not, within fifteen (15) days after service of the written demand, determine that the officer, director, or employee is entitled to indemnification, the officer, director, or employee may, within sixty (60) days following date of service of the demand, apply to a court of general jurisdiction in the county in which the Corporation maintains its principal office, to consider the matters referred to in Subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c) of Paragraph 13.1. If the court determines that the conduct of the officer, director, or employee was such as to meet the requirements in the subparagraphs, the court shall order the Corporation to indemnify the officer, director, or employee to the same extent as if the Board of Directors had originally made the determination.


#### **XIV. ELECTION UNDER PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION ACT**

The Corporation elects to be governed by the provisions of the Professional Service Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator(s) have executed these Articles of Incorporation on January 1, 1996.

  
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JAMES SWEETING, III  
FLORIDA BAR LICENSE NUMBER: 0715311


  
STANLEY E. HALBERT  
FLORIDA BAR LICENSE NUMBER: 7550366

  
GODWIN J. ESSIEN  
FLORIDA BAR LICENSE NUMBER: 0007013

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 22 day of January, 1996, by JAMES SWEETING, III, as incorporator of SWEETING, HALBERT & ESSIEN, P.A., a professional corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and did not take an oath.

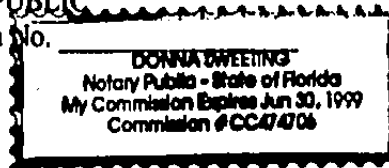
  
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(NOTARY SEAL)

Donna Sweeting  
(Notary Name Printed)

NOTARY PUBLIC

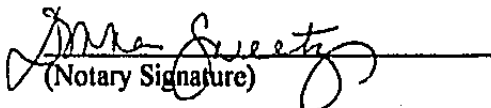
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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 22 day of January, 1996, by STANLEY E. HALBERT, as incorporator of SWEETING, HALBERT & ESSIEN, P.A., a professional corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and did not take an oath.

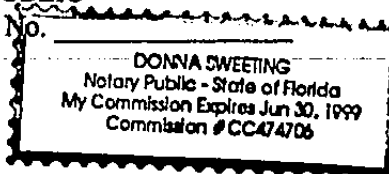
  
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Donna Sweeting  
(Notary Name Printed)

NOTARY PUBLIC

Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_






STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 12 day of January, 1996,  
by GODWIN J. ESSIEN, as incorporator of SWEETING, HALBERT & ESSIEN, P.A., a  
professional corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He has produced  
\_\_\_\_\_ as identification and did not take an oath.

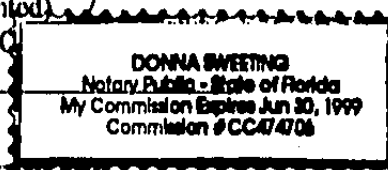
  
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Donna Sweeting  
(Notary Name Printed)

NOTARY PUBLIC

Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_



**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND**  
**STREET ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS**

Pursuant to Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, SWEETING, HALBERT & ESSIEN, P.A. hereby  
designates Godwin J. Essien, 227 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 101, Orlando, Florida 32801, as its

registered agent and the street address of its registered office, respectively, for service of process within the state of Florida.

SWEETING, HALBERT & ESSIEN, P.A.

By: 

GODWIN J. ESSIEN

Incorporator

**ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION**

I hereby accept the foregoing designation as the registered agent for SWEETING, HALBERT & ESSIEN, P.A. for service of process within the state of Florida.

  
GODWIN J. ESSIEN

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