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May 9, 1996

Alan Richard Simon Simon & Simon Chartered Attorneys One Bocs Place, Atrium 226 2255 Glades Road Bocs Raton, FL 33431-7305

Dear Mr. Simon:

Re: "First Southern Bank Realty Corp."

Reference is made to our phone conversation of this date and your letter/fax dated May 8, 1996, requesting approval of the above-referenced Florida corporate name which will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of 1st Southern Bankcorp, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida.

As Section 655.922(2)(a), Florida Statutes, exempts a financial institution, holding company or its subsidiaries from the prohibition against using the word "bank", "banker", "banking", "trust company", "savings and loan association", "savings bank", or "credit union" in its corporate name, the Division of Banking will not object to the above-subject corporate name being registered to do business in the State of Florida.

Sincerely

Wm. Douglas Johnson Assistant Director Division of Banking Suite 1401, The Capitol Tallahassee, FL 32398-0350 (904) 488-1111 Fax # (904) 921-2365

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief Bureau of Corporate Records Secretary of State's Office ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is First Southern Bank Realty Corp.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The mailing address of this corporation shall be: 9955 Glades Road Boca Raton, Florida 33434

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

This corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any or all lawful business.

ARTICLE IV - CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue 1,000 shares of \$1.00 par value common stock which shall be designated as "Common Shares".

ARTICLE V - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 3732 N.W. 16th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Filings, Inc., a Florida corporation.

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Corporation shall initially have seven (7) Directors to hold office until the first annual meeting of stockholders and their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier resignation, removal from office or death. The number of Directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the By-laws of the Corporation. The names and addresss of the initial Directors are:

S. James Tringali
9955 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33434
John T. Grigsby, Jr.
9955 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33434
Charles A. Bruning
9955 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33434
Robert H. Santom
9955 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33434
Leon Simon
9955 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33434
Eugene J. Sobel
9955 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33434
Edmund Spivack
9955 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33434

ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator signing these Articles is:

Filings, Inc., a Florida Corporation 3732 N.W. 16th Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311

ARTICLE VIII - INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify any Officer or Director, or any former Officer or Director, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on the date of signing.

Dated: May 13, 1996

Filings, Inc. by Teresa Roman, Vice-President

Incorporator

Cortificate designating place of business or domicte for the service of process within Florida, naming agent upon whom process may be served.

In compliance with Section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

First that First Southern Bank Realty Corp., desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, has named Filings, Inc., a Florida corporation, located at 3732 N.W. 16th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

Dated: May 13, 1996

Teresa Roman, Incorporator

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all Statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Dated: May 13, 1996

Filings, Inc.
by Teresa Roman, VicePresident

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