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RE: Articles of Incorporation for Blankenship Law Firm, P.A.

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the original Articles of Incorporation for Blankenship Law Firm, P.A. Also enclosed please find our check made payable to the Secretary of State in the amount of \$70.00 to cover the cost of filing the Articles.

If you have any questions in connection with this matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



Kimberly A. Blankenship, Esq.

Encl.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BLANKENSHIP LAW FIRM, P.A.  
A Professional Corporation**

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The undersigned, who is 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 and Limited Liability Company Act do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

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**I. NAME**

The name of the professional corporation is Blankenship Law Firm, P.A.

**II. PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the Corporation is organized is to practice the profession of law.

**III. ELECTION UNDER PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION ACT**

The Corporation elects to be governed by the provisions of the Florida Professional Service Corporation and Limited Liability Company Act.

**IV. DURATION**

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual.

**V. CAPITAL STOCK**

The number of shares the Corporation is authorized to issue is one hundred (100), all of which shall be common shares with par value of \$1.00.

**VI. STATED CAPITAL**

The approximate amount of capital with which the corporation shall begin business is \$20,000. This corporation shall also begin business by assuming approximately \$25,000 in current and long-term liabilities associated with the capital and other start up expenses.

**VII. REGISTERED OFFICE**

The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office in this State is 1474 South Third Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250 in Duval County. The initial registered agent at the registered office is Kimberly A. Blankenship, Esq.

**VIII. PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The mailing address of the initial principal office of the Corporation is 1474 South Third Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250.

**IX. 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 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.

#### X. INDEMNIFICATION

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.

#### IX. INCORPORATORS

The names and post office addresses of the incorporators are the following:

Kimberly A. Blankenship  
1474 South Third Street  
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

**X. DIRECTORS**

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of two members. The names and addresses of the Board of Directors are the following:

Kimberly A. Blankenship, Esq.  
1474 South Third Street  
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Cindy Coggin  
1301 South First Street, #504  
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

**XI. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of this corporation shall be the later of the date filed with the Division of Corporations or August 27, 1997.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997.



Kimberly A. Blankenship, Esq.  
Florida Bar No. 0051969  
Incorporator

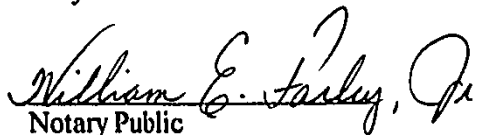
STATE OF FLORIDA     )  
COUNTY OF DUVAL    )

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997, before me a notary public, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Kimberly A. Blankenship, Esq. known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this document, and acknowledged that she executed the document for the purposes contained within it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I sign here and set my official seal.



WILLIAM E. FARLEY, JR.  
COMMISSION # CC 644816  
EXPIRES MAY 7, 2001  
BONDED THRU  
ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

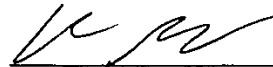


Notary Public  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

**Certificate of Designation  
of  
Registered Agent/Registered Office**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent in the State of Florida.

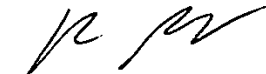
1. The name of the corporation is Blankenship Law Firm, P.A.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is Kimberly A. Blankenship, Esq., 1474 South Third Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250



Kimberly A. Blankenship, Esq.  
President

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

August \_\_, 1997



Kimberly A. Blankenship, Esq.  
President

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