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The undesigned natural person, competent and licensed to practice the profession of law DA (including performing governmental lobbying services) in the State of Florida, acting hereby as Incorporator for the purpose of forming a professional corporation in accordance with the Florida Professional Service Corporation and Limited Liability Company Act, of the Florida Statutes, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for the corporation:

ARTICLE I

NAME. The name of the corporation is: Samual J. Ard, P. A.

ARTICLE II

ADDRESS. The address of the corporation's principal office is 1046 Holland Drive, City of Tallahassee, County of Leon, State of Florida 32301. The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation, located at 501 Blairstone Road #3103, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, is Dorothy Lee Rodgers.

ARTICLE III

DURATION. The period of the corporation's duration shall be perpetual or until dissolved on a vote of the shareholders as provided in these articles.

ARTICLE IV

PURPOSE. This corporation is organized for the following purposes:

- a. To engage in every aspect in the practice of law as a professional law corporation and to carry on services incident to the practice of law, and all its fields of specializations, including performing governmental lobbying services. The practice of law is the sole and exclusive professional service to be rendered by this corporation.
- b. To own property, enter into contracts, and to carry on any business necessary or incidental to the accomplishment or furtherance of the purposes or objects of this corporation.

- c. The professional services of this corporation shall be carried out only through officers, employees, and agents, each of whom has been admitted to the bar of, and is duly authorized to practice law in, the State of Florida.
- d. To do everything necessary and proper in accomplishing the purposes herein set forth and to do anything incidental thereto which is not forbidden under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE V

CAPITAL STOCK. The total number of shares of stock which the corporation shall be authorized to issue or have outstanding at any one time is 10,000 (ten-thousand) shares. These shares shall be of a single class of common stock, and shall have a value of \$1.00 per share.

- a. The consideration to be paid for each share shall be payable in lawful money or property, labor or services.
- b. Shares of the corporation's stock and certificates shall be issued only to attorneys in good standing and duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized within the State of Florida to render the same professional services as this corporation.

ARTICLE VI

CAPITALIZATION. The amount of capital with which the corporation will begin to practice the profession of law is not less than \$10,000.

ARTICLE VII

CORPORATE POWERS. The corporation shall have all the rights and powers now or subsequently conferred on professional corporations by the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE VIII

INCORPORATOR. The name and street address of the sole incorporator signing these articles of incorporation is:

Samual J. Ard 1046 Holland Drive Tallahassee, FL 32301

ARTICLE IX

DIRECTORS. The corporation's initial board of directors are:

Samual J. Ard 1046 Holland Drive Tallahassee, FL 32301 Lee R. Ard 1046 Holland Drive Tallahassee, FL 32301

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The initial directors shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified as provided in the bylaws. Then the term of office of each director shall be three years and until the election and qualification of a successor. The number of directors set forth in these articles of incorporation and constituting the initial board shall be the authorized number of directors until that number is changed by a bylaw duly adopted by the shareholders.

ARTICLE X

BYLAWS. The initial directors shall submit the proposed bylaws to the shareholders at a meeting to be held for that purpose not more than ten days following the issuance of the Certificate of Incorporation. Following the adoption of bylaws by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the shareholders, the internal affairs of the corporation are to be regulated and managed in accordance with the bylaws.

ARTICLE XI

INFORMAL SHAREHOLDER ACTION. Any action of the Shareholders may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all the Shareholders entitled to vote upon such action at a meeting and filed with the Secretary of the corporation as part of the corporate records.

ARTICLE XII

SEVERANCE AND TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. If any officer, director, stockholder, agent or employee of this corporation becomes legally disqualified to render the professional services for which the corporation is organized, or accepts employment that places restrictions or limitations on his continued rendering of such professional services, he shall forthwith sever all employment with the corporation, and shall not thereafter participate or share, directly or indirectly, in any earnings or profits realized by the corporation on account of professional services. The corporation shall forthwith, upon such disqualification of any

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shareholder, purchase such shareholder's shares and pay him all amounts owing and lawfully due to him by the corporation, except that such shares shall not be entitled to dividends.

ARTICLE XIII

INFORMAL DIRECTOR ACTION. If all of the Directors severally or collectively consent in writing to any action taken or to be taken by the corporation, and the writings evidencing their consent are filed with the Secretary of the corporation, the action shall be as valid as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV

INDEMNIFICATION. The corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE XV

BYLAW AMENDMENT. The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws of this corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors and Stockholders provided that such amendment be in compliance with the laws of Florida governing a Professional Services Corporation.

DISSOLUTION. The corporation may be dissolved at any time (1) by unanimous written consent of the shareholders; or (2) on the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of the corporation entitled to vote. On dissolution, the corporate property and assets shall, after payment of all debts of the corporation, be distributed to the shareholders pro rata, each shareholder to participate in the distribution in direct proportion to the number of shares held by the shareholder.

In witness thereof, the undersigned incorporator of this corporation has executed these articles of incorporation at 2700 Blairstone Road, Tallahassee, Florida, on December 28, 1997.

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

SAMUAL J. ARD, Incorporator

State of Florida County of Leon

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Samual J. Ard, who is personally known to me and who did not take an oath, this 28th December, 1997.

Notary/Public

My Commission Expires:

Nancy H. Grantham COMMISSION # CC599367 EXPIRES Fabruary 19, 2001 WINDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

Having been named as registered agent for the above-stated corporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

DOROTHY LEE RODGERS, Registered Agent

State of Florida County of Leon

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Dorothy Lee Rodgers, who is personally known to me and who did not take an oath, this 28th December, 19\$7.

Notary Public (My Commission Expires:

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