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Bancshareholders of America, Inc.

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32399-0350

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Jeffrey E. Fromson, Esq.  
Feinstein, Mulligan, Fromson & Swick  
Attorneys At Law  
3478 North High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43214-4000

Dear Mr. Fromson:

Re: "BancShareholders of America, Inc."  
"BancInvestment Group, Inc."  
"BancTrust Investors, LLC"

Thank you for your recent letter/fax requesting approval for use of the above-referenced name. It is the opinion of this Department that your name is definitive enough to differentiate the business being conducted from that of a commercial bank or trust company. Therefore, the Department does not object to your use of the above-referenced name being registered to conduct business in the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

Wm. Douglas Johnson  
Assistant Director  
Division of Banking  
101 East Gaines Street  
The Fletcher Building - Sixth Floor  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0350  
(850) 414-8058

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief  
Bureau of Corporate Records  
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State of Florida  
Articles of Incorporation  
of

BancShareholders of America, Inc.

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FIRST: The corporate name that satisfies the requirements of Section 607.0401 is: BancShareholders of America, Inc.

SECOND: The street address of the principal office of the corporation and its mailing address is:

1811 State Street, Suite E, Santa Barbara, California, 93101

THIRD: The number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue is Ten Million (10,000,000).

FOURTH: The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is C/O C T CORPORATION SYSTEM, 1200 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD, CITY OF PLANTATION, FLORIDA 33324, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is C T CORPORATION SYSTEM.

FIFTH: The name and address of each incorporator is:

Connie Bryan	660 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301
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The undersigned have executed these articles of incorporation this 5th day of August, 1998.

Connie Bryan  
Connie Bryan, Incorporator

Acceptance by the Registered Agent of  
BancShareholders of America, Inc.

as required in Section 607.0501

C T Corporation System is familiar with and accepts the obligations  
provided for in Section 607.0505.

C T CORPORATION SYSTEM

Dated 5th day of August, 1998

By Connie Bryan

(Type Name of Officer)  
**CONNIE BRYAN**  
**SPECIAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

(Title of Officer)

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