

P99000072618

of  
RICHARD D. AHLQUIST & ASSOCIATES, P.A.  
Attorneys at Law

Sarasota Main Office  
2088 Hawthorne Street  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
(813) 365-5611

Ft. Myers Office  
P.O. Box 1230  
Ft. Myers, FL 33902-1230  
(813) 366-3186

Tampa Bay Office  
695 Central Ave., Suite 207  
St. Petersburg, FL 33733-1179  
(813) 821-8766

727

Richard D. Ahlquist\*

Please Reply to: Sarasota

\*Also admitted in Indiana

July 19, 1999

Secretary of State  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Russell A. Meade, Esquire  
Our File No. 16816 NC

600002947046--9  
-08/02/99-01032-012  
\*\*\*\*\*70.00 \*\*\*\*\*70.00

To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to the above captioned matter, enclosed please find an original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation for filing. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$70.00 for same. Please return a stamped copy of the Articles to me in the stamped, self-addressed envelope provided herein.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD D. AHLQUIST  
& ASSOCIATES, P.A.

Richard D. Ahlquist

RDA/fms  
Enclosures/check

FILED  
99 AUG 13 AM 7:56  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Non-working  
Phone numbers

~~2179-18353~~

BROWN AUG 16 1999



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State

August 9, 1999

RICHARD D. AHLQUIST  
RICHARD D. AHLQUIST & ASSOCIATES, P.A.  
2088 HAWTHORNE STREET  
SARASOTA, FL 34239

SUBJECT: RUSSELL A. MEADE & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
Ref. Number: W99000018353

We have received your document for RUSSELL A. MEADE & ASSOCIATES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name of the entity must be identical throughout the document.

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with an address and telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6933.

Teresa Brown  
Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 799A00040053

Law Offices of  
**RICHARD D. AHLQUIST & ASSOCIATES, P.A.**  
Attorneys at Law

Sarasota Main Office  
2088 Hawthorne Street  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
(941) 365-5611  
Fax: (941) 366-3187

Ft. Myers Office  
P.O. Box 1230  
Ft. Myers, FL 33902-1230  
(941) 366-3186

Tampa Bay Office  
P. O. Box 11179  
St. Petersburg, FL 33733-1179  
(941) 365-5612

Richard D. Ahlquist\*  
\*Also admitted in Indiana

Please Reply to: Sarasota

August 12, 1999

Ms. Teresa Brown  
Corporate Specialist  
Secretary of State  
409 E. Gaines  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Reply to: Sarasota

Re: Russell A. Meade & Associates, P.A.  
Our File No. 16816

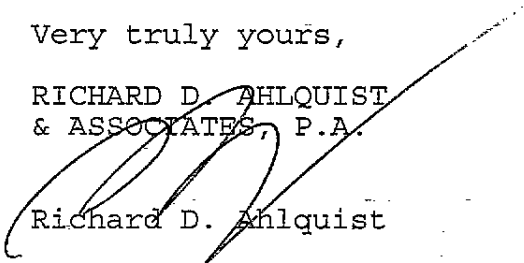
Dear Ms. Brown:

In reference to the above captioned matter, we thank you for your letter of August 9, 1999, copy of which is enclosed. We have corrected the scrivener's error and return original and one copy of the Articles of Corporation for filing.

After filing, please return a copy to us in the stamped, self-addressed envelope. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD D. AHLQUIST  
& ASSOCIATES, P.A.

  
Richard D. Ahlquist

RDA/fms  
Enclosures

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
RUSSELL A. MEADE & ASSOCIATES, P.A.

FILED  
99 AUG 13 AM 7:56  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

The undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, natural persons competent to contract, hereby form a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is RUSSELL A. MEADE & ASSOCIATES, P.A.

ARTICLE II

- A. This corporation may engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.
- B. The general nature of this business to be transacted by this corporation is: Engage in any and all aspects of the practice of law.

ARTICLE III

The aggregate number of shares of stock which the corporation shall have the authority to issue is Five Hundred (500) shares of Common Stock with a par value of One Dollar (\$1.00) per share.

The corporation shall issue only one class of capital stock. That class shall be Common Stock, and it shall be issued in such a manner as to qualify for treatment under United States Internal Revenue Code Sections 1244 and 1371. Existing Stockholders shall have a proportional preemptive right in all issues of stock subsequent to their becoming stockholders.

#### ARTICLE IV

The initial street address of the corporation's principal office and mailing address is 256 Miami Avenue West, Venice, Florida, 34285, and the name of the corporation's initial Registered Agent at below address is Richard D. Ahlquist.

#### ARTICLE V

The corporation shall have one (1) Director initially whose name and address is set forth below:

Russell A. Meade  
256 Miami Avenue West  
Venice, Florida, 34285

THEREAFTER, the number of the members of the Board of Directors shall be set by By-Laws, but, in no instance, shall be less than one (1) or more than three (3).

#### ARTICLE VI

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VII

No contract or other transaction between this corporation and any other corporation, and no other contract or transaction of this corporation, shall in any way be affected or invalidated by the fact that any of the Directors of this corporation are pecuniarily or otherwise interested in any other corporation, or are Directors of officers of any other corporation. Any Director individually, or any firm of which any Director may be a member, may be a party to or may be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, any contract or transaction of this corporation, provided that the fact that he or such firm is so interested shall be disclosed or shall have been

known to the Board of Directors. Any Director of this corporation who is also a Director or officer of such other corporation or member of such firm, or who is so interested may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors of this corporation which shall authorize any such contract or transaction, with like force and effect as if he were not such officer or Director of such other corporation which shall authorize any such contract or transaction, with like force and effect as if he were not such officer or Director of such other corporation or member of such firm, or not so interested.

#### ARTICLE VIII

- A. The power to adopt the By-Laws of this corporation, to alter, amend or repeal the By-Laws, or to adopt new By-Laws, shall be vested in the Board of Directors of this corporation; provided, however, that any By-Law or Amendment hereto as adopted by the Board of Directors may be altered, amended or repealed by vote of the stockholders entitled to vote thereon, or a new By-Law in lieu thereof may be adopted by vote of the stockholders. No By-Law which has been altered, amended or repealed by vote of the Board of Directors or Shareholders shall be effective until two (2) years shall have expired since such action by vote of such Stockholders or Board of

Directors unless approved jointly by the Board of Directors and Shareholders.

- B. The By-Laws of this corporation shall be for the government of the corporation and may contain any provisions or requirements for the management or conduct of the affair and business of the corporation, provided that same are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, or contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States.

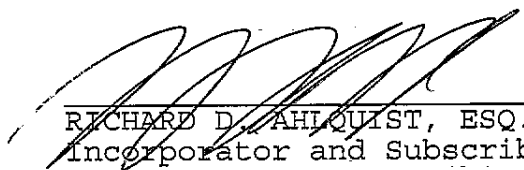
#### ARTICLE IX

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by Statute, and all rights conferred upon the stockholders herein are subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation, Sarasota, Florida, on this 28 day of July, 1999.

Existing shareholders shall have a proportional preempted right to purchase as to all issues of stock authorized subsequent to their becoming shareholders.

Heather J. Bonura  
Florence M. Stokes

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
RICHARD D. AHLQUIST, ESQ.  
Incorporator and Subscriber

STATE OF FLORIDA)  
COUNTY OF SARASOTA)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared RICHARD D. AHLQUIST, personally known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument in writing and they acknowledged before me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Sarasota, in the County and State aforesaid, this 28 day of July, 1999.

Flourence M. Stokes  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires



Flourence M. Stokes  
My Commission CC744083  
Expires May 19, 2002

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATION

The undersigned individual having been named as Registered Agent for the above-stated corporation in Article IV, at the place designated in said Article, hereby accepts to act in the capacity of Registered Agent, and agrees to comply with the pertinent provisions of the Florida Statutes pertaining to Registered Agents and Officers.

Richard D. Ahlquist  
Richard D. Ahlquist, Esquire  
Registered Agent  
2088 Hawthorne Street  
Sarasota, Florida, 34239  
(941) 365-5611

**FILED**  
99 AUG 13 AM 7:56  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA



STATE OF FLORIDA)  
COUNTY OF SARASOTA)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Richard D. Ahlquist, Esquire, personally known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument in writing and he acknowledged before me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Sarasota, in the County and State aforesaid, this 28 day of July, 1999.

Florence M. Stokes  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:



Florence M Stokes  
My Commission CC744083  
Expires May 19, 2002