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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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OF

# LEWIS M. RESS AND ASSOCIATES, P.A.

The undersigned, subscriber of these Articles of Incorporation is a natural person, competent to contract and is an Attorney, duly licensed to render services as such under the Laws of State of Florida, and he does hereby present these Articles for the formation of a corporation under the Professional Service Corporation Act and other Laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is LEWIS M. RESS AND ASSOCIATES, P.A.

#### ARTICLE\_II

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation is:

- (A) To engage in every phase and aspect of the practice of rendering professional service to the public that an Attorney at Law, duly licensed under the Laws of the State of Florida is authorized to render, provided however that said professional services shall be rendered only through officers, employees and agents who are appropriately and duly licensed under the Laws of the State of Florida.
- (B) To engage in all activities or business permitted under the Laws of the United States or the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE III

The capital stock of this Corporation shall consist of One Thousand (1000) shares of common stock with a value of \$1.00 par value per share.

#### ARTICLE IV

## INITIAL CAPITAL

The amount of the capital with which this Corporation shall begin business shall be One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

### ARTICLE V

# TERM OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence, unless sooner dissolved according to law, said existence shall commence on the date of issuance of the Certificate of Incorporation herein by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE VI

# PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business of the Corporation shall be located at 12000 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 217, North Miami, Florida, or such other place of business as may be determined and fixed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The Resident Agent of this Corporation shall be LEWIS M. RESS at 12000 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 217, North Miami, Florida.

# ARTICLE VII

#### INDEBTEDNESS

The outstanding indebtedness of this Corporation shall be unlimited.

# ARTICLE VIII

#### DIRECTORS

The number of directors of this Corporation shall be not less than two (2) nor more than five (5) as the same may be provided for by the By - Laws of this Corporation. The By - Laws may provide for an increased or decreased number of directors, or change thereof.

The names and post office addresses of the first Board of Directors, who subject to the provisions of the By - Laws and the Laws of the State of Florida, shall hold office for the first year of the Corporation's existence or until their successors are chosen and elected, are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
LEWIS M. RESS	12000 Biscayne Boulevard Suite 217, North Miami, FL 33181
ANDREW M. RESS	12000 Biscayne Boulevard Suite 217, North Miami, FL 33181 North Miami, FL 33181
ESTA B. RESS	12000 Biscayne Boulevard Suite 217, North Miami, FL 33181

#### ARTICLE IX

#### SUBSCRIBERS

The name and address of each subscriber to the capital stock of this Corporation, each of whom is an Attorney at Law and currently licensed to practice law in the State of Florida, and the number of shares of stock each agree to purchase are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	SHARES
LEWIS M. RESS	12000 Biscayne Boulevard Suite 217, North Miami Florida 33181	900
JOEL KAPLAN	9420 S.W. 77th Avenue 2nd, Floor Miami, Florida 33156	100

#### ARTICLE X

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No contract or other transaction between this Corporation and any other corporation shall be affected or invalidated by the fact that any of the officers of this Corporation are pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, or are Directors or Officers of, such 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 or 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 or a majority thereof, and any Director of this Corporation or who is so interested may be counted in determining

the existence of a quorum at any such meeting of the Board of Directors, and may vote at any such meeting of the Board of Directors of this Corporation which shall authorize any such contract or transaction, with like force and effect as is he were not such a Director of Officer of such other Corporation or not so interested.

#### ARTICLE XI

# INCORPORATION PROVISIONS AT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION ACT

This Corporation shall be a Professional Corporation within the meaning of the applicable Florida Statute, and this Corporation, its officers, directors, stockholders, agents and employees shall be subject to all of the terms and provisions of said Chapter, as the same now exists or may be hereafter amended.

#### ARTICLE XII

# INDEMNIFICATION

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

# ARTICLE XIII

#### 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.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### BY - LAWS

The following provisions for the regulation of the business and for the conduct of the affairs of the corporation and creating, dividing, limiting and regulating the powers of the corporation, its stockholders and directors, are hereby adopted as part of these Articles of Incorporation. The Board of Directors, from time to time, shall determine whether or not and to what extent and at what time and place, and under what conditions and regulations, the accounts and books of the corporation or any of them, shall be open to inspection of stockholders, and no stockholder shall have any right to inspect any account or document of the corporation, except as conferred by a Statute, or authorized by the Board of Directors, or by resolution of the Stockholders.

WHEREAS, this corporation is and shall be a small business corporation as defined in Section 1244 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code and there is not now outstanding any offering or portion thereof of this Corporation to sell or issue any of its stock except as provided in Article IV of these Articles of Incorporation, being a sale to the original subscriber, who issued a total of the shares authorized, which is the maximum amount that

can be issued within one year from this date in accordance with the PORATION plan adopted by the Board of Directors.

WHEREAS, it is further deemed advisable that the subscription, sale and issue of such shares be effectuated in such a manner that qualified shareholders may receive the benefits of Section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Corporation, and the parties hereto, are authorized to and shall take whatever action shall be necessary to cause the shares of the Corporation to qualify as "Section 1244 Stock" as such term is used and defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 amended, and the regulations issue thereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned, have executed these Articles of Incorporation for the uses and purposes therein stated.

I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilites as Registered Agent.

LEWIS M. RESS Incorporator Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA

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COUNTY OF MIAMI - DADE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared LEWIS M. RESS to be well known and known by me to the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of LEWIS M. RESS AND ASSOCIATES, P.A., and he acknowledged before me, according to law, that he made and subscribed to the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and stated and set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the County and State last aforementioned, this 10th day of September, 1999.

Notary Public in and for the

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My: Commission Expires: