

September 26, 2023

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Re: Document Number N09261

The Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation for JACKSONVILLE AREA CHAPTER OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION, INC. which changed its name to JACKSONVILLE FEDERAL COURT BAR ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, were filed on August 24, 2023.

The certification you requested is enclosed.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please telephone (850) 245-6050, the Amendment Filing Section.

Jasmine N Horne Regulatory Specialist II Division of Corporations

Letter Number: 023A00022217



# Department of State

I certify from the records of this office that JACKSONVILLE FEDERAL COURT BAR ASSOCIATION, INC. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on May 13, 1985.

The document number of this corporation is N09261.

I further certify that said corporation has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2023, that its most recent annual report/unif rm business report was filed on February 10, 2023, and its stat s is active.

I further certify that said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution.

Given under my hand and the Great S al of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Twenty-sixth day of September, 2023



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Secretary of State



## FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

JACKSONVILLE AREA CHAPTER OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION, INC. (TO BE KNOWN AS JACKSONVILLE FEDERAL COURT BAR ASSOCIATION, INC. PURSUANT TO ARTICLE I BELOW)

Pursuant to Section 617.1007 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act (the "Act"), Jacksonville Area Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Inc. hereby amends and restates its Articles of Incorporation as follows:

## ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is Jacksonville Federal Court Bar Association, Inc. (the "Corporation"), formerly known as Jacksonville Area Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Inc.

## **ARTICLE II - ADDRESS**

The street address of the principal office:

501 West Bay Street Jacksonville, Florida 32202

The mailing address of the Corporation is:

221 N. Hogan Street, Box # 267 Jacksonville, Florida 32202

## ARTICLE III- DURATION AND EXISTENCE: EFFECTIVE DATE

The Corporation will exist perpetually. These First Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation shall be effective as of the date of filing with the Florida Secretary of State.

## **ARTICLE IV - PURPOSES**

The Corporation is organized for the purpose of advancing the science of jurisprudence; promoting the administration of justice; upholding a high standard for the federal judiciary, attorneys representing the Government of the United States, and attorneys appearing before courts, departments, and agencies of the United States, particularly those located in the Jacksonville area; encouraging cordial and friendly relations among the members of the legal profession practicing in the Jacksonville area; providing a platform for meaningful discussion and dialogue between the federal bench and the attorneys who appear before the judges; and performing all other lawful business of a not for profit corporation permitted under Act and the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida. The corporation's purposes are intended to qualify the Corporation as a Section 501(c)(6) organization within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

# **ARTICLE V- BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Corporation shall have seven (7) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time in accordance with the bylaws of the Corporation. The manner of the election, removal and replacement of directors shall be as set forth in the bylaws of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE VI- REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The Corporation hereby (i) designates 501 West Bay St., Jacksonville, Florida 32202, as the street address of the Corporation's registered office, and (ii) names Joni Poitier as the Corporation's registered agent at that address to accept service of process within the State of Florida.

## **ARTICLE VII- MEMBERSHIP**

The Corporation shall have members. The qualification for members and the manner of their admission are set forth in the bylaws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VIII- INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation will indemnify each of its directors and officers and former directors and officers to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law. Except as prohibited by the Act, any such director or officer will be entitled to indemnification by the Corporation in any action, suit or proceeding (including any appeal thereof) resulting from the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Corporation or is or was serving at the Corporation's request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, joint venture, partnership, trust or other enterprise, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner that he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the Corporation's best interests and, with respect to any criminal action or proceedings, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The Corporation may, before final disposition of any action, suit or proceeding (including any appeal thereof), advance funds to pay for or reimburse expenses incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding by an individual who is a party thereto because he or she is or was a director or officer of the Corporation if the director or officer delivers to the Corporation a signed written undertaking to repay any funds advanced if (a) the director or officer is not entitled to mandatory indemnification under the Act and (b) it is ultimately determined that he or she has not met the relevant standard of conduct or is otherwise not entitled to indemnification under the Act, these Articles of Incorporation or the Corporation's bylaws.

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These First Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation contain amendments to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation, which were approved by the Corporation's Board of Directors and its members on August 14, 2023.

The undersigned, for the purpose of amending and restating the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, has executed these First Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.

JACKSONVILLE AREA CHAPTER OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: Jama Renstrom, President

# ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby agrees to act as registered agent for the Corporation named above, to accept service of process at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, and to comply with the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and hereby acknowledges that he/she is familiar with, and accepts the obligations of such position.

Dated: August 14, 2023

on Poitier, Esq.