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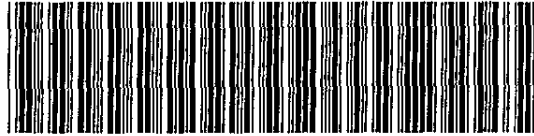
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO: Registration Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: Ackerman-Beardsley-Bennett, Inc
(Name of corporation - must include suffix)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida," "Certificate of Existence," and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign corporation to transact business in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Heide H. Riley
(Name of Person)

Ackerman-Beardsley-Bennett, INC
(Firm/Company)

P.O. Box 1609 168 Battery Street
(Address)

Burlington, Vermont 05401
(City/State and Zip code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Heide H. Riley at (802) 863-9800
(Name of Person) (Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

STREET ADDRESS:
Registration Section
Division of Corporations
409 E. Gaines St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

MAILING ADDRESS:
Registration Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

- \$70.00 Filing Fee
- \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status
- \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy
- \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certificate of Status & Certified Copy



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State

December 15, 2004

HEIDE H. RILEY
ACKERMAN-BEARDSLEY-BENNETT, INC.
P.O. BOX 1609
BURLINGTON, VT 05401

SUBJECT: ACKERMAN-BEARDSLEY-BENNETT, INC.
Ref. Number: W04000045835

We have received your document for ACKERMAN-BEARDSLEY-BENNETT, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained in this office for the following:

A certificate of existence or a certificate of good standing, dated no more than 90 days prior to the delivery of the application to the Department of State, duly authenticated by the secretary of state or other official having custody of the records in the jurisdiction under the laws of which it is incorporated/organized, must be submitted to this office. A translation of the certificate under oath of the translator must be attached to a certificate which is in a language other than the English language. A photocopy of this certificate is not acceptable.

Pursuant to section 607.1502(4), 617.1502(4) or 608.502(4), Florida Statutes, this office collects a civil penalty of \$1000 for each year this entity transacted business or conducted its affairs in Florida prior to qualification and the appropriate annual report/uniform business report fees that would have been due this office had the entity qualified the year it began operations in this state. The amount due this office to cover both annual report/uniform business report and penalty fees is \$1,150.00.

Please return 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) 245-6967.

Michelle Hodges
Document Specialist

Letter Number: 304A00069882

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POST OFFICE BOX 23109 32602
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January 24, 2005

Michelle Hodges
Document Specialist
Florida Department of State
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

re: ACKERMAN-BEARDSLEY-BENNETT, INC.
Ref. Number W04000045835

Dear Ms. Hodges:

Enclosed please find your letter of December 15, 2004, written to Ackerman-Beardsley-Bennett, Inc. This firm had previously represented Ackerman-Beardsley-Bennett in litigation in and around Polk County, Florida.

As a result of an amicable settlement reached in the litigation, Ackerman-Beardsley-Bennett was conveyed several parcels of rental property already under lease. While Ackerman-Beardsley-Bennett was not intending to become a Florida landowner, it unwillingly accepted title to the Polk County properties in an effort to settle the litigation.

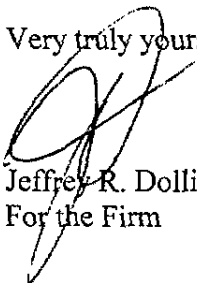
Further, while Ackerman-Beardsley-Bennett recognized that it had an obligation to pay taxes on the income derived from the Florida operations, it was unfamiliar with Florida law and therefore did not timely seek a certificate from your office to transact business within the State of Florida. Once it became aware of that requirement, it immediately filed its application and paid the standard filing fee.

It now appears that your office is seeking to impose the maximum penalty against Ackerman-Beardsley-Bennett for failing to timely apply for authority to transact business in

Florida. Pursuant to the statute section cited in your letter, Ackerman-Beardsley-Bennett requests your office to waive the penalty based upon the good faith and diligent efforts of Ackerman-Beardsley-Bennett to comply with Florida law once it became aware of the requirements. If you need any further information that should be considered prior to making a determination on this request, please feel free to call or provide to me a letter identifying the additional information needed. I will happily assist in any way I can.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your reply.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey R. Dollinger
For the Firm

JRD/lkr

enc.: Letter No. 304A00069882

cc: Ackerman-Beardsley-Bennett w/enc.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State

February 2, 2005

JEFFREY R. DOLLINGER
SCRUGGS & CARMICHAEL, P.A.
P.O. BOX 23109
GAINESVILLE, FL 32602

SUBJECT: ACKERMAN-BEARDSLEY-BENNETT, INC.
Ref. Number: W04000045835

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Based on the information you have provided and in accordance with s.607.1502(4), 608.502(4) or 617.1502(4), F.S., this office will reduce the civil penalty of \$1,000 per year to \$500 per year for each year this entity transacted business or conducted its affairs in Florida prior to qualification. Therefore, the total amount due to cover both annual report/uniform business report and penalty fees is \$650.00.

The total amount due is \$728.75.

There is a balance due of \$650.00.

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Brenda Tadlock
Senior Section Administrator

Letter Number: 305A00007604



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State

February 24, 2005

JEFFREY R. DOLLINGER
SCRUGGS & CARMICHAEL, P.A.
P.O. BOX 23109
GAINESVILLE, FL 32602

SUBJECT: ACKERMAN-BEARDSLEY-BENNETT, INC.
Ref. Number: W04000045835

We have received your document for ACKERMAN-BEARDSLEY-BENNETT, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$728.75. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained in this office for the following:

You failed to make the correction(s) requested in our previous letter.

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Michelle Hodges
Document Specialist

Letter Number: 505A00013095

APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. Ackerman - Beardsley - Benne H, Inc
(Enter name of corporation; must include "INCORPORATED," "COMPANY," "CORPORATION," "Inc.," "Co.," "Corp.," "Inc.," "Co.," or "Corp.")

(If name unavailable in Florida, enter alternate corporate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida)

2. Vermont 3. (State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. 1987 5. N/A (Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. JAN, 2003 (Date first transacted business in Florida, if prior to registration) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501 & 607.1502, F.S., to determine penalty liability)

7. 168 Battery Street (Principal office address)

PO Box 1609 Burlington, Vermont 05401 (Current mailing address)

8. own real estate (rental condos) in florida (Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

Name: Jeff Dollinger

Office Address: Scruggs + Carmichael, P.A. 1 SE 1st Ave Gainesville, Florida 32601 (City) (Zip code)

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10. Registered agent's acceptance:

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

(Registered agent's signature)

11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

12. Names and business addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

B. OFFICERS

President: DONALD Appe

Address: 202 McNeil Cove Road
Charlotte, VT 05445

Vice President: Cheryl Appe

Address: 202 McNeil Cove Road
Charlotte, VT 05445

Secretary: Cheryl Appe

Address: 202 McNeil Cove Rd, Charlotte, VT 05445

Treasurer: Donald Appe

Address: 202 McNeil Cove Rd Charlotte, VT 05445

NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13. _____
(Signature of Director or Officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. _____
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

STATE OF VERMONT
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Certificate of Good Standing

I, Deborah L. Markowitz, Vermont Secretary of State, do hereby certify that
according to the records of this office

ACKERMAN-BEARDSLEY-BENNETT, INC.

a corporation formed under the laws of Vermont

was filed for record in this office on February 12, 1988

I further certify that the corporation has perpetual duration, that its most recent annual report is
on file, and, as of this date, articles of dissolution/withdrawal have not been filed.

March 8, 2005

Given under my hand and the seal
of the State of Vermont, at
Montpelier, the State Capital



Deborah Markowitz
Secretary of State

