



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Office of the Secretary of State

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**Non-Profit Corporation  
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is The School of Hard Knocks

**ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration is  Perpetual

**ARTICLE III**

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

3.01 PURPOSE

THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS IS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION AND SHALL OPERATE EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501 (C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE TO PROVIDE BROAD SCOPE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO BOTH MALE AND FEMALE INDIVIDUALS FOR AGES 3 AND 25 AND THEIR FAMILIES IN AREAS OF: FINANCIAL LITERACY; BUSINESS EDUCATION AND PLANNING; LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT; CULTURAL ENRICHMENT; PERSONAL AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT; SOCIAL RECREATION. SERVICES WILL PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES AND IMPROVE THE OVERALL COMMUNITY CLIMATE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH. ACTIVITIES WILL CHANNEL INDIVIDUAL'S INITIATIVE, IDEAS, AND EFFORTS INTO POSITIVE DIRECTIONS AND WILL THEREBY PRESENT AND MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SOCIAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS FINANCIAL LITERACY, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, FAMILY STRUCTURE BREAKDOWN, TRUANCY, RUNNING AWAY, AND ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE. AS WELL AS UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS AND THE CORPORATION'S WEBSITE TO PROVIDE FACTS, STATISTICS, OTHER RELATED DATA ON CAUSES, AND CURRENT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE POVERTY CONDITIONS.

OUR PROGRAMS HOLD FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE TO THOSE

SUFFERING FROM POVERTY REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE, ETHNICITY, OR RELIGION.

TO MAXIMIZE OUR IMPACT ON CURRENT EFFORTS, WE MAY SEEK TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHICH FALL UNDER THE 501(C) (3) SECTION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND ARE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

AT TIMES, PER THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WE MAY PROVIDE INTERNSHIPS OR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WHICH WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT IN SAID ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO HAVE A GREATER IMPACT FOR CHANGE.

### 3.02 PUBLIC BENEFIT

THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS IS DESIGNATED AS A PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION.

## **ARTICLE IV**

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

### 4.01 NON-PROFIT NATURE

THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS IS ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES INCLUDING, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, THE MAKING OF DISTRIBUTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT QUALIFY AS EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS UNDER SECTION 501 (C) (3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE. NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO ITS MEMBERS, TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PRIVATE PERSONS, EXCEPT THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO PAY REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE PURPOSE CLAUSE HEREOF.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS DOCUMENT, THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT CARRY ON ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON (A) BY ANY ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501 (C) (3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE, OR (B) BY AN ORGANIZATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170 (C) (2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE.

THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS IS NOT ORGANIZED AND SHALL NOT BE OPERATED FOR THE PRIVATE GAIN OF ANY PERSON. THE PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION IS IRREVOCABLY DEDICATED TO ITS

EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES. NO PART OF THE ASSETS, RECEIPTS, OR NET EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTED TO ANY INDIVIDUAL. THE CORPORATION MAY, HOWEVER, PAY REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED, AND MAKE OTHER PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THESE ARTICLES.

#### 4.02 PERSONAL LIABILITY

NO OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE DEBTS OR OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER, NOR SHALL ANY OF THE PROPERTY OR ASSETS OF THE OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS BE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS OR OBLIGATIONS OF THIS CORPORATION.

#### 4.03 DISSOLUTION

UPON TERMINATION OR DISSOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS, ANY ASSETS LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ONE (1) OR MORE QUALIFYING ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 (OR DESCRIBED IN ANY CORRESPONDING PROVISION OF ANY SUCCESSOR STATUTE) WHICH ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS HAVE A CHARITABLE PURPOSE WHICH, AT LEAST GENERALLY, INCLUDES A PURPOSE SIMILAR TO THE TERMINATING OR DISSOLVING CORPORATION.

THE ORGANIZATION TO RECEIVE THE ASSETS OF THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS HEREUNDER SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE DISCRETION OF A MAJORITY OF THE MANAGING BODY OF THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS AND IF ITS MEMBERS CANNOT SO AGREE, THEN THE RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION SHALL BE SELECTED PURSUANT TO A VERIFIED PETITION IN EQUITY FILED IN A COURT OF PROPER JURISDICTION AGAINST THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS BY ONE (1) OR MORE OF ITS MANAGING BODY WHICH VERIFIED PETITION SHALL CONTAIN SUCH STATEMENTS AS REASONABLY INDICATE THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS SECTION. THE COURT UPON A FINDING THAT THIS SECTION IS APPLICABLE SHALL SELECT THE QUALIFYING ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS TO RECEIVE THE ASSETS TO BE DISTRIBUTED, GIVING PREFERENCE IF PRACTICABLE TO ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

IN THE EVENT THAT THE COURT SHALL FIND THAT THIS SECTION IS APPLICABLE BUT THAT THERE IS NO QUALIFYING ORGANIZATION KNOWN TO IT WHICH HAS A CHARITABLE PURPOSE, WHICH, AT LEAST GENERALLY, INCLUDES A PURPOSE SIMILAR TO THIS CORPORATION, THEN THE COURT SHALL DIRECT THE DISTRIBUTION OF ITS ASSETS LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE TREASURER OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO BE ADDED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

#### 4.03 PROHIBITED DISTRIBUTIONS

NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS, OR PROPERTIES OF THIS CORPORATION, ON DISSOLUTION OR OTHERWISE, SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO, ITS MEMBERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS OR OTHER PRIVATE PERSON OR INDIVIDUAL, EXCEPT THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO PAY REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.01.

#### 4.04 RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES

NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE CORPORATION'S ACTIVITIES SHALL BE THE CARRYING ON OF PROPAGANDA, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION, AND THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN, OR INTERVENE (INCLUDING THE PUBLISHING OR DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS) IN ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

#### 4.05 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THESE ARTICLES, THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT CARRY ON ANY ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON (I) BY A CORPORATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX AS AN ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED BY SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE, OR (II) BY A CORPORATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170(C)(2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE.

### **ARTICLE V**

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 11 COOLIDGE STREET  
City or Town: JOHNSTON State: RI Zip: 02919

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is DEION COLAFRANCESCO

### **ARTICLE VI**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 3 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Individual Name</b> First, Middle, Last, Suffix	<b>Address</b> Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	DEION REVÈ COLAFRANCESCO	11 COOLIDGE STREET JOHNSTON, RI 02919 USA
DIRECTOR	NICOLE MCGHEE	48 FARMERS LANE

		ATTLEBORO, MA 02703 USA
DIRECTOR	DESIREE IRENE WEEDEN	101 N. BROADWAY APT 306C RUMFORD, RI 02916 USA

### ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	DEION REVÈ COLAFRANCESCO	11 COOLIDGE STREET JOHNSTON, RI 02919 USA

### ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 05/02/2018  
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

**Signed this 2 Day of May, 2018 at 5:58:19 AM by the incorporator(s).** *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

**Enter signature(s) below.**  
DEION REVÈ COLAFRANCESCO

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**Nellie M. Gorbea**, *Secretary of State*

I, NELLIE M. GORBEA, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations, hereby certify that this document, duly executed in  
accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as  
amended, has been filed in this office on this day:

May 02, 2018 05:57 AM

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nellie M. Gorbea". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Nellie M. Gorbea  
*Secretary of State*

