



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

**Fee: \$150.00**

Division Of Business Services  
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**Limited Liability Company**

**Articles of Organization**

(Chapter 7-16-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the limited liability company is: 9 American Lender, LLC

**ARTICLE II**

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the limited liability company's registered agent in Rhode Island is:

No. and Street: 321 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
SUITE 400

City or Town: PROVIDENCE State: RI Zip: 02903

The name of the resident agent at such address is: JEAN A. HARRINGTON, ESQ.

**ARTICLE III**

Under the terms of these Articles of Organization and any written operating agreement made or intended to be made, the limited liability company is intended to be treated for purposes of federal income taxation as:

*Check one box only*

a partnership     a corporation     disregarded as an entity separate from its member

**ARTICLE IV**

The address of its principal office of the limited liability company if it is determined at the time of organization:

No. and Street: 20 NEWMAN AVENUE  
SUITE 1005

City or Town: RUMFORD State: RI Zip: 02916 Country: USA

**ARTICLE V**

The limited liability company has the purpose of engaging in any lawful business, unless a more limited purpose is set forth in Article VI of these Articles of Organization.

The period of its duration is: X Perpetual      

**ARTICLE VI**

Additional provisions, if any, not inconsistent with law, which members elect to have set forth in these Articles of Organization, including, but not limited to, any limitation of the purposes or any other provision which may be included in an operating agreement:

9 AMERICAN LENDER, LLC

EXHIBIT A

6. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH LAW SET FORTH IN THESE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION:

I. A MANAGER OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SHALL NOT BE PERSONALLY LIABLE TO THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR TO ITS MEMBERS FOR MONETARY DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF ANY DUTY PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 17 OF THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT, AS MAY HEREAFTER BE AMENDED (THE "ACT"), EXCEPT FOR (I) LIABILITY FOR BREACH OF THE MANAGER'S DUTY OF LOYALTY TO THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR ITS MEMBERS, (II) LIABILITY FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT IN GOOD FAITH OR WHICH INVOLVE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR A KNOWING VIOLATION OF LAW, (III) LIABILITY IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 32 OF THE ACT, OR (IV) LIABILITY FOR ANY TRANSACTION FROM WHICH THE MANAGER DERIVED AN IMPROPER PERSONAL BENEFIT, UNLESS SAID TRANSACTION WAS WITH THE INFORMED CONSENT OF THE MEMBERS OR A MAJORITY OF THE DISINTERESTED MANAGERS.

II. (A) THE MEMBERS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MAY INCLUDE PROVISIONS IN THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY'S OPERATING AGREEMENT, OR THE MANAGERS MAY AUTHORIZE AGREEMENTS TO BE ENTERED INTO WITH EACH MEMBER, MANAGER, AGENT OR EMPLOYEE, PAST OR PRESENT, OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (AN "INDEMNIFIED PERSON"), FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDEMNIFYING AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON IN THE MANNER AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE ACT.

(B) IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY CONFERRED UPON THE MEMBERS AND MANAGERS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY BY THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPH (A), THE MEMBERS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MAY INCLUDE PROVISIONS IN THE OPERATING AGREEMENT, OR THE MANAGERS MAY AUTHORIZE AGREEMENTS TO BE ENTERED INTO WITH EACH INDEMNIFIED PERSON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDEMNIFYING SUCH PERSON IN THE MANNER AND TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED HEREIN:

(I) THE OPERATING AGREEMENT PROVISIONS OR AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY MAY PROVIDE THAT THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SHALL, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SIXTH II (B), PAY, ON BEHALF OF AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON ANY LOSS OR EXPENSES ARISING FROM ANY CLAIM OR CLAIMS WHICH ARE MADE AGAINST THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON (WHETHER INDIVIDUALLY OR JOINTLY WITH OTHER INDEMNIFIED PERSONS) BY REASON OF ANY COVERED ACT OF THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON.

(II) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE SIXTH, WHEN USED HEREIN:

(1) "MANAGER(S)" MEANS ANY OR ALL OF THE MANAGERS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR THOSE ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OR OTHER

PERSONS WHO ARE EXERCISING ANY POWERS NORMALLY VESTED IN THE MANAGERS:

(2) "LOSS" MEANS ANY AMOUNT WHICH AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON IS LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO PAY FOR ANY CLAIM FOR COVERED ACTS AND SHALL INCLUDE, WITHOUT BEING LIMITED TO, DAMAGES, SETTLEMENTS, FINES, PENALTIES OR, WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLANS, EXCISE TAXES;

(3) "EXPENSES" MEANS ANY EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFENSE AGAINST ANY CLAIM FOR COVERED ACTS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT BEING LIMITED TO, LEGAL, ACCOUNTING OR INVESTIGATIVE FEES AND EXPENSES OR BONDS NECESSARY TO PURSUE AN APPEAL OF AN ADVERSE JUDGMENT; AND

(4) "COVERED ACT" MEANS ANY ACT OR OMISSION BY THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON IN THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON'S OFFICIAL CAPACITY WITH THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND WHILE SERVING AS SUCH OR WHILE SERVING AT THE REQUEST OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AS A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY, MANAGER, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF ANOTHER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, JOINT VENTURE, TRUST, OTHER ENTITY OR ENTERPRISE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY ENTITIES AND ENTERPRISES WHICH ARE SUBSIDIARIES OR AFFILIATES OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN.

(III) THE OPERATING AGREEMENT PROVISIONS OR AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY MAY COVER LOSS OR EXPENSES ARISING FROM ANY CLAIMS MADE AGAINST A RETIRED INDEMNIFIED PERSON, THE ESTATE, HEIRS OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF A DECEASED INDEMNIFIED PERSON OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF AN INCOMPETENT, INSOLVENT OR BANKRUPT INDEMNIFIED PERSON, WHERE THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON WAS AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON AT THE TIME THE COVERED ACT UPON WHICH SUCH CLAIMS ARE BASED OCCURRED.

(IV) ANY OPERATING AGREEMENT PROVISIONS OR AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY MAY PROVIDE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSES TO AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON PRIOR TO THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF ANY ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING, OR ANY APPEAL THEREFROM, INVOLVING SUCH INDEMNIFIED PERSON AND BASED ON THE ALLEGED COMMISSION BY SUCH INDEMNIFIED PERSON OF A COVERED ACT, SUBJECT TO AN UNDERTAKING BY OR ON BEHALF OF SUCH INDEMNIFIED PERSON TO REPAY THE SAME TO THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY IF THE COVERED ACT INVOLVES A CLAIM FOR WHICH INDEMNIFICATION IS NOT PERMITTED UNDER CLAUSE (V), BELOW, AND THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF SUCH ACTION, SUIT, PROCEEDING OR APPEAL RESULTS IN AN ADJUDICATION ADVERSE TO SUCH INDEMNIFIED PERSON.

(V) THE OPERATING AGREEMENT PROVISIONS OR AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY MAY NOT INDEMNIFY AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON FROM AND AGAINST ANY LOSS, AND THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SHALL NOT REIMBURSE FOR ANY EXPENSES, IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CLAIM OR CLAIMS MADE AGAINST AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON WHICH THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY HAS

DETERMINED TO HAVE RESULTED FROM: (1) ANY BREACH OF THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON'S DUTY OF LOYALTY TO THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR ITS MEMBERS; (2) ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT IN GOOD FAITH OR WHICH INVOLVE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR KNOWING VIOLATION OF LAW; (3) ACTION CONTRAVENTING SECTION 17 OF THE ACT; OR (4) A TRANSACTION FROM WHICH THE PERSON SEEKING INDEMNIFICATION DERIVED AN IMPROPER PERSONAL BENEFIT.

III. (A) IF AND SO LONG AS THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY IS MEMBER-MANAGED AND THERE IS MORE THAN ONE MEMBER, NO SINGLE MEMBER ACTING ALONE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO BIND THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

TO ANY CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY UNLESS SUCH CONTRACT HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY OR GENERALLY APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS ACTING COLLECTIVELY OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY'S OPERATING AGREEMENT.

## ARTICLE VII

The limited liability company is to be managed by its  Members or  Managers (check one)  
(If managed by Members, go to ARTICLE VIII)

The name and address of each manager (If LLC is managed by Members, DO NOT complete this section):

Title	Individual Name	Address
	First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country

## ARTICLE VIII

The date these Articles of Organization are to become effective, not prior to, nor more than 90 days after the filing of these Articles of Organization.

Later Effective Date:

*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 company, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-16.*

**Signed this 21 Day of June, 2019 at 10:01:53 AM by the Authorized Person.**

JEAN A. HARRINGTON, ESQ.

**Address of Authorized Signer:**

DUFFY & SWEENEY, LTD.  
321 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 400  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903

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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:

June 21, 2019 10:00 AM

Nellie M. Gorbea  
*Secretary of State*

