

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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COMPLAINT FORM

FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY:

CASE NUMBER

c 2025-040

COMPLAINANT: Frederick R Ange Jr.

RESPONDENT: Jason Branham

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

TITLE: Citizen

TITLE: Richland County District 1 Council Member

Set forth in detail specific facts upon which you based your complaint against above-named respondent (only detailed, clear factual allegations will be considered. If additional space is needed, attach supplemental sheets).

It has come to my attention that my Richland County Council representative, Jason Branham, may have received campaign contributions in excess of those allowed by Section 8-13-1314 of the South Carolina Code of Laws Chapter 13, Article 1. This complaint is made in good faith, and is based on information received from Mr. Branham's 2022 Initial Report which is available on the South Carolina Ethics Commission's website; as well as filings available from the North Carolina Secretary of State's Business Search portal.

For January 9th, 2022, Mr. Branham reported 10 donations of \$1,000 each, all from companies based in North Carolina. A search of Articles of Incorporation (AOI), Annual Filings, Amendments, etc. identified a link to the same two individuals – Gregory Scott and Thomas Brock; and a consistent address: 1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive, Winston Salem, NC 27103 (though other addresses may have been used depending on the time period). In at least two cases, the businesses had not filed their annual reports and were administratively dissolved in 2021 (meaning that they no longer exist), before Mr. Branham reported receiving the donations.

I would respectfully ask that you review the attached documents, form your own opinion, and take appropriate action.

Respectfully, Fred Ange

If there is a finding of probable cause, the following documents become public record: the complaint, the response (if any) by respondent, and the notice of hearing. If a hearing is to be held, the final order and all exhibits become public record. If no hearing is held following a finding of probable cause, the final disposition of the matter becomes public record.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Richland

Personally appeared before me Frederick Ange Jr who, first being duly sworn, says that he/she has read and knows the contents of the above complaint and that the allegations contained therein, are true and correct to the best of his/her own knowledge, except for those matters therein based upon information and belief, and as to those he/she believes them to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

21 day of April 2025



[REDACTED]
Complainant Signature

Scott and Brock PC

Registered Address (03/22/23):

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive Suite 200

Winston Salem, NC 27103

President: Thomas Brock

President: Gregory Scott

Bullhead Investments LLC

Registered Address (03/11/25):

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

Winston Salem, NC 27103

Manager: Thomas Brock

Manager: Gregory Scott

BSB Properties LLC

Registered Address (03/11/25):

5431 Oleander Dr.

Wilmington, NC 28403

Manager: Thomas Brock

Manager: Gregory Scott

AMSX Inc.

Registered Address (03/11/25):

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

Winston Salem, NC 27103

President: Thomas Brock

Secretary: Gregory Scott

Barbel Investments

Registered Address (04/21/08):

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

Winston Salem, NC 27103

President: Thomas Brock

Secretary: Gregory Scott

DISSOLVED MAY 27, 2021

Brock and Scott PLLC

Registered Address (09/24/12):

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

Winston Salem, NC 27103

Registered Agent: Thomas Brock

Cirratu Holdings LLC

Registered Address:

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

Winston Salem, NC 27103

Registered Agent: Thomas Brock

Manager: Gregory Scott

DISSOLVED JUNE 15, 2021

Channel Group LLC

Registered Address:

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

Winston Salem, NC 27103

Manager: Thomas Brock

Manager: Gregory Scott

Brock and Scott Holdings Inc.

Registered Address (0311/25):

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive Suite 100

Winston Salem, NC 27103

President: Thomas Brock

Secretary: Gregory Scott

Comprehensive Legal Solutions

Registered Address (08/27/09):

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

Winston Salem, NC 27103

President: Thomas Brock

Secretary: Gregory Scott

Electronic Filing

Candidate Campaign Disclosure Review

Initial Report 2022

Candidate: Jason Branham
Position Sought: Richland County Council District 1
Election Type: General
Election Date: Nov 8, 2022
Filing Type: Original Report, Filed
Submitted Date: Jan 14, 2022

Demographic Information

206 Averill Ln
Irmo, SC 29063
803-381-7791
County: Richland

Report Type

Initial Report 2022

Filing Fee

Please Note: If the filing fee is greater than \$0, the filing fee was paid from personal funds and is the only expense for the campaign.

Amount of Filing Fee: \$0.00

Contributions	This Period	Election Cycle
Cash Contributions	\$10,100.00	\$10,100.00
In-kind Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt Setoff Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Personal Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Loans	\$0.00	\$0.00
Account Credits	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$10,100.00	\$10,100.00

Expenditures	This Period	Election Cycle
Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00
Returned Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00
In-Kind Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

Balance of Contributions	This Period
Contributions on Hand (Beginning this Period)	\$0.00
Total Contributions (This Period)(+)	\$10,100.00
Total Expenditures (This Period)(-)	\$0.00
Contributions On Hand (Period End)(=)	\$10,100.00

Loans

Loan Balance:	\$0.00
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Contributions

Date	Contributor	Address	Occupation	Amount
1/9/2022	Scott & Brock, PC	112 Cambridge Dr. Winston Salem, NC 27104		\$1,000.00
1/9/2022	Bullhead Investments, LLC	750 Highland Oaks Dr. Winston Salem, NC 27103		\$1,000.00
1/9/2022	BSB Properties, LLC	5431 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, NC 28403		\$1,000.00
1/9/2022	AMSX, Inc.	1315 Westbrook Plaza Dr. Winston Salem, NC 27103		\$1,000.00
1/9/2022	Barbel Investments Corp.	4550 Country Club Rd. Winston Salem, NC 27104		\$1,000.00
1/9/2022	Brock & Scott, PLLC	1315 Westbrook Plaza Dr. Winston Salem, NC 27103		\$1,000.00
1/9/2022	Cirratius Holdings, LLC	750 Highland Oaks Dr. Winston Salem, NC 27103		\$1,000.00
1/9/2022	Channel Group, LLC	750 Highland Oaks Dr. Winston Salem, NC 27103		\$1,000.00
1/9/2022	Brock & Scott Holding, Inc	1315 Westbrook Plaza Dr. Winston Salem, NC 27103		\$1,000.00
1/9/2022	Comprehensive Legal Solutions, Inc.	750 Highland Oaks Dr. Winston Salem, NC 27103		\$1,000.00
1/5/2022	Jason Branham	206 Averill Ln. Irmo, SC 29063	Attorney	\$100.00
Total				\$10,100.00

*** No Expenditures Reported. ***

*** No Loans Reported. ***

***** No Loans Repayment Reported. *****

***** No Account Credits Reported. *****

State of North Carolina
Department of the Secretary of State
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
(PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION)

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Elaine F. Marshall
North Carolina Secretary of State

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Pursuant to Chapter 55B and § 55-2-02 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a professional corporation:

1. The name of the corporation is: **SCOTT & BROCK, P.C.**
2. The number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue is: **1000**

These shares shall be: *(check either a or b)*

- a. **XX** all of one class, designated as common stock; or
- b. _____ divided into classes or series within a class as provided in the attached schedule, with the information required by N.C.G.S. § 55-6-01.

3. The street address and county of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

Number and Street: **1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive, Suite 100**

City, State, Zip Code: **Winston-Salem, NC 27103** County: **Forsyth**

4. The mailing address *if different from the street address of the initial registered office is:*
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5. The name of the initial registered agent is: **Matthew S. Cheney**

6. Any other provisions, which the corporation elects to include, are attached.

The specific purpose for which the corporation is being formed: **The practice of law.**

7. The name and address of each incorporator is as follows: *(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)*

Matthew S. Cheney
1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive, Suite 100
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

8. With respect to each professional service to be practiced through the corporation, the name of at least one of the corporation's incorporators who is a licensee of the licensing board which regulates such profession in this State is:

Matthew S. Cheney
1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive, Suite 100
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

9. A certification by the appropriate licensing board that the shareholder interests of the corporation are in compliance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. Sections 55B-4(2) and 55B-6 is attached.
10. These articles will be effective upon filing, unless a date and/or time is specified: _____

This the 28th day of November, 2011.

Matthew S. Cheney (Incorporator)

NOTES:

1. Filing fee is \$125. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State.
2. Only a "professional corporation" may use this form. To determine whether a particular corporation is such a "professional corporation," it is necessary to examine the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 55B-2(5). If the corporation does not meet those requirements, it must use the standard form for incorporation of a business corporation.

Revised January 2000

Form PC-05

CORPORATIONS DIVISION

P. O. BOX 29622

RALEIGH, NC 27626-0622

**CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION BY THE COUNCIL
OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR**

The incorporators of **Scott & Brock, P.C.**, a Professional Corporation, have certified to the Council of the North Carolina State Bar the names and address of all persons who will be original owners of said professional corporation's shares.

Based upon that certification and my examination of the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina, I hereby certify that each person who will be an original owner of the shares of stock of said Professional Corporation is duly licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina.

This certificate is executed under the authority of the Council of the North Carolina State Bar, this 29th day of November, 2011.



L. Thomas Lunsford, II, Secretary
The North Carolina State Bar

[This certificate is required by G.S. 55B-4(4) and must be attached to the original Articles of Incorporation when filed with the Secretary of State. See regulation 3.1.2.]

PC-2

SUBMIT THIS COPY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
CORPORATIONS DIVISION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED
OFFICE AND/OR REGISTERED AGENT

Pursuant to §55D-31 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned entity submits the following for the purpose of changing its registered office and/or registered agent in the State of North Carolina.

INFORMATION CURRENTLY ON FILE

The name of the entity is: Scott & Brock, P.C.

The street address and county of the entity's registered office currently on file is:

Number and Street: 112 Cambridge Drive

City: Winston Salem State: NC Zip Code: 27104 County: Forsyth

The mailing address if different from the street address of the registered office currently on file is:

Number and Street: _____

City: _____ State: NC Zip Code: _____ County: _____

The name of the current registered agent is: Matthew S. Cheney

NEW INFORMATION

1. The street address and county of the new registered office of the entity is:
(complete this item only if the address of the registered office is being changed)

Number and Street: 1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive, Suite 200

City: Winston Salem State: NC Zip Code: 27103 County: Forsyth

2. The mailing address if different from the street address of the new registered office is:
(complete this item only if the address of the registered office is being changed)

Number and Street: _____

City: _____ State: NC Zip Code: _____ County: _____

3. The name of the new registered agent and the new agent's consent to appointment appears below:
(complete this item only if the name of the registered agent is being changed)

Type or Print Name of New Agent

* Signature & Title

4. The address of the entity's registered office and the address of the business office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical.

5. This statement will be effective upon filing, unless a date and/or time is specified: _____

This is the 22 day of March, 2023.

Scott & Brock, P.C.

Entity Name

Signature

Gregory A. Scott, President

Notes: Filing fee is \$5.00. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State.

Type or Print Name and Title

* Instead of signing here, the new registered agent may sign a separate written consent to the appointment, which must be attached to this statement.

BUSINESS REGISTRATION DIVISION

P. O. BOX 29622

RALEIGH, NC 27626-0622

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 North Carolina Secretary of State
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED
 OFFICE AND/OR REGISTERED AGENT

Pursuant to §55D-31 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned entity submits the following for the purpose of changing its registered office and/or registered agent in the State of North Carolina.

INFORMATION CURRENTLY ON FILE

The name of the entity is: Scott & Brook, P.C.

Entity Type: ☒ Corporation, ☐ Foreign Corporation, ☐ Nonprofit Corporation, ☐ Foreign Nonprofit Corporation,
☐ Limited Liability Company, ☐ Foreign Limited Liability Company ☐ Limited Partnership, ☐ Foreign Limited Partnership,
☐ Limited Liability Partnership, ☐ Foreign Limited Liability Partnership

The street address and county of the entity's registered office currently on file is:

Number and Street: 1100-o South Stratford Road, Suite 100

City, State, Zip Code: Winston Salem, NC 27103

County: Forsyth

The mailing address *if different from the street address* of the registered office currently on file is:

The name of the current registered agent is: Matthew S. Cheney

NEW INFORMATION

1. The street address and county of the new registered office of the entity is:
(complete this item only if the address of the registered office is being changed)

Number and Street: 112 Cambridge Drive

City, State, Zip Code: Winston Salem, NC 27104

County: Forsyth

2. The mailing address *if different from the street address* of the new registered office is:
(complete this item only if the address of the registered office is being changed)

3. The name of the new registered agent and the new agent's consent to appointment appears below:
(complete this item only if the name of the registered agent is being changed)

Type or Print Name of New Agent

* Signature & Title

4. The address of the entity's registered office and the address of the business office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical.

5. This statement will be effective upon filing, unless a date and/or time is specified:

This is the 14 day of August, 2017.

Scott & Brook, P.C.

Signature
THOMAS E. BROCK, PRESIDENT
 Type or Print Name and Title

Notes: Filing fee is \$3.00. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State.

* Instead of signing here, the new registered agent may sign a separate written consent to the appointment, which must be attached to this statement.

CORPORATIONS DIVISION

P. O. BOX 29622

RALEIGH, NC 27626-0622

Revised January 2002

Form BE-06



LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

NAME OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: Bullhead Investments, LLC

SECRETARY OF STATE ID NUMBER: 1021133 STATE OF FORMATION: NC

REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR: 2024

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SECTION A: REGISTERED AGENT'S INFORMATION

1. NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT: Thomas E Brock

2. SIGNATURE OF THE NEW REGISTERED AGENT: _____

SIGNATURE CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT

3. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE STREET ADDRESS & COUNTY 4. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

Winston Salem, NC 27103-1357 Forsyth County

Winston Salem, NC 27103-1357

SECTION B: PRINCIPAL OFFICE INFORMATION

1. DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF BUSINESS: Investment - Distressed Consumer Debt Portfolios

2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: (336) 354-1200

3. PRINCIPAL OFFICE EMAIL: Privacy Redaction

4. PRINCIPAL OFFICE STREET ADDRESS

5. PRINCIPAL OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

750 Highland Oaks Drive, Suite 200

750 Highland Oaks Drive, Suite 200

Winston Salem, NC 27103-7110

Winston Salem, NC 27103-7110

6. Select one of the following if applicable. (Optional see instructions)

☐

The company is a veteran-owned small business

☐

The company is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business

SECTION C: COMPANY OFFICIALS (Enter additional company officials in Section E.)

NAME: Thomas E Brock

NAME: Gregory A Scott

NAME: _____

TITLE: Manager

TITLE: Manager

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: 750 Highland Oaks Drive

ADDRESS: 750 Highland Oaks Drive

ADDRESS: _____

Suite 200

Suite 200

Winston Salem, NC 27103

Winston Salem, NC 27103

SECTION D: CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT. Section D must be completed in its entirety by a person/business entity.

Thomas E Brock

3/11/2025

SIGNATURE

DATE

Form must be signed by a Company Official listed under Section C of This form.

Thomas E Brock

Manager

Print or Type Name of Company Official

Print or Type Title of Company Official

This Annual Report has been filed electronically.

MAIL TO: Secretary of State, Business Registration Division, Post Office Box 29525, Raleigh, NC 27626-0525



LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

NAME OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: BSB Properties, LLC

SECRETARY OF STATE ID NUMBER: 0734751 STATE OF FORMATION: NC

REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR: 2024

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SECTION A: REGISTERED AGENT'S INFORMATION

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1. NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT: James P. Bonner

2. SIGNATURE OF THE NEW REGISTERED AGENT: _____

SIGNATURE CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT

3. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE STREET ADDRESS & COUNTY 4. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

5431 Oleander Drive

5431 Oleander Drive

Wilmington, NC 28403-5847 New Hanover County

Wilmington, NC 28403-5847

SECTION B: PRINCIPAL OFFICE INFORMATION

1. DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF BUSINESS: Real Estate Services

2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: (910) 520-0217

3. PRINCIPAL OFFICE EMAIL: Privacy Redaction

4. PRINCIPAL OFFICE STREET ADDRESS

5. PRINCIPAL OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

5431 Oleander Drive

5431 Oleander Drive

Wilmington, NC 28403-5847

Wilmington, NC 28403-5847

6. Select one of the following if applicable. (Optional see instructions)

☐

The company is a veteran-owned small business

☐

The company is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business

SECTION C: COMPANY OFFICIALS (Enter additional company officials in Section E.)

NAME: James Phillip Bonner

NAME: Thomas E Brock

NAME: Greg A Scott

TITLE: Manager

TITLE: Manager

TITLE: Manager

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

5431 Oleander Drive

5431 Oleander Drive

5431 Oleander Drive

Wilmington, NC 28403

Wilmington, NC 28403

Wilmington, NC 28403

SECTION D: CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT. Section D must be completed in its entirety by a person/business entity.

Thomas E Brock

3/11/2025

SIGNATURE

DATE

Form must be signed by a Company Official listed under Section C of This form.

Thomas E Brock

Manager

Print or Type Name of Company Official

Print or Type Title of Company Official

This Annual Report has been filed electronically.

MAIL TO: Secretary of State, Business Registration Division, Post Office Box 29525, Raleigh, NC 27628-0525



BUSINESS CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT

10-2017

NAME OF BUSINESS CORPORATION: AMXS, Inc.

SECRETARY OF STATE ID NUMBER: 1104300

STATE OF FORMATION: NC

REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR END: 12/31/2024

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SECTION A: REGISTERED AGENT'S INFORMATION

1. NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT: Gregory A. Scott

2. SIGNATURE OF THE NEW REGISTERED AGENT: _____

SIGNATURE CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT

3. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE STREET ADDRESS & COUNTY 4. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

Winston Salem, NC 27103-1357 Forsyth County

Winston Salem, NC 27103-1357

SECTION B: PRINCIPAL OFFICE INFORMATION

1. DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF BUSINESS: Investment - Distressed Consumer Debt Portfolios

2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: (336) 354-1200 x_

3. PRINCIPAL OFFICE EMAIL: Privacy Redaction

4. PRINCIPAL OFFICE STREET ADDRESS

5. PRINCIPAL OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive Suite 100

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive Suite 100

Winston-salem, NC 27103

Winston-salem, NC 27103

6. Select one of the following if applicable. (Optional see instructions)

☐

The company is a veteran-owned small business

☐

The company is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business

SECTION C: OFFICERS (Enter additional officers in Section E.)

NAME: Gregory A Scott

NAME: Thomas E Brock

NAME: _____

TITLE: Secretary

TITLE: President

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: 750 Highland Oaks Drive

ADDRESS: 750 Highland Oaks Drive

ADDRESS: _____

Suite 200

Suite 200

Winston Salem, NC 27103

Winston Salem, NC 27103

SECTION D: CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT Section D must be completed in its entirety by a person/business entity.

Thomas E Brock

3/11/2025

SIGNATURE

DATE

Form must be signed by an officer listed under Section C of this form.

Thomas E Brock

President

Print or Type Name of Officer

Print or Type Title of Officer

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MAIL TO: Secretary of State, Business Registration Division, Post Office Box 29525, Raleigh, NC 27626-0525

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 North Carolina Secretary of State
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State of North Carolina
 Department of the Secretary of State

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Pursuant to §55-2-02 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a business corporation.

1. The name of the corporation is: Barbel Investments Corporation
2. The number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue is: 100,000
3. These shares shall be: *(check either a or b)*
 - a. ☒ all of one class, designated as common stock; or
 - b. ☐ divided into classes or series within a class as provided in the attached schedule, with the information required by N.C.G.S. Section 55-6-01.
4. The street address and county of the initial registered office of the corporation is:
 Number and Street 1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive
 City Winston-Salem State NC Zip Code 27103 County Forsyth
5. The mailing address, *if different from the street address*, of the initial registered office is:
 Number and Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____
6. The name of the initial registered agent is: Thomas E. Brock
7. Principal office information: *(must select either a or b.)*
 - a. ☐ The corporation has a principal office.
 The street address and county of the principal office of the corporation is:
 Number and Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____
 The mailing address, *if different from the street address*, of the principal office of the corporation is:
 Number and Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____
 - b. ☒ The corporation does not have a principal office.

8. Any other provisions, which the corporation elects to include, are attached.

9. The name and address of each incorporator is as follows:

Thomas E. Brock, 1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive, Winston-Salem NC 27103

10. These articles will be effective upon filing, unless a date and/or time is specified:

Effective upon filing.

This the 21 day of April 2008


Signature

Thomas E. Brock, Incorporator

Type or Print Name and Title

NOTES:

1. Filing fee is \$125. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State.

CORPORATIONS DIVISION

P. O. BOX 29622

RALEIGH, NC 27626-0622

(Revised January, 2002)

(Form B-01)

North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State
Business Registration Division
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Raleigh, NC 27626-0525

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Barbel Investments Corporation
Thomas E Brock
4550 Country Club Rd
Winston-Salem, NC 27104-3518



Notice of Grounds

NOTICE OF GROUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DISSOLUTION

Take action NOW

This corporation is delinquent in filing the fiscal year end 2018 and 2019 annual reports, which may cause it to be administratively dissolved. This Notice is the first step of the dissolution process.

Avoid dissolution! Take advantage of our easy online filing tools to file missing annual reports now!

Go to our homepage at www.sosnc.gov and click on **"File an Annual Report"** to begin the online process. You can also find a YouTube video to help you through the process. Avoid frustrating delays and file online! Filing online means you eliminate all the errors that result in the rejection of up to 25% of paper and pdf filings.

Avoid frustrating delays and file online.

Failing to file all delinquent annual reports within 60 days of this notice will result in the corporation being administratively dissolved.

Customer Service is available at notice@sosnc.gov
or call us at 919-814-5350.
Business Registration Division
Date: January 22, 2021



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NOTICE TO REGISTERED AGENT:

Under N.C.G.S. Section 55D-30(b), it is the duty of the registered agent to forward this certificate to the business entity at the last known address.

Thomas E Brock
Barbel Investments Corporation (1040357)
4550 Country Club Rd
Winston-Salem, NC 27104-3518



**State of North Carolina
Department of the Secretary of State**

CERTIFICATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE DISSOLUTION

I, ELAINE F. MARSHALL, Secretary of State, as mandated by law, do hereby certify that

Barbel Investments Corporation

has been administratively dissolved pursuant to the procedure set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 55-14-21 for failure to file an annual report effective as of the date set forth hereunder.

A corporation administratively dissolved under N.C.G.S. Section 55-14-21 may apply to the Secretary of State for reinstatement by complying with the procedure set forth in the N.C.G.S. Section 55-14-22.



This the 27th day of May, 2021



**ELAINE F. MARSHALL
Secretary of State**

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED
OFFICE AND/OR REGISTERED AGENT**

Pursuant to §55D-31 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned entity submits the following for the purpose of changing its registered office and/or registered agent in the State of North Carolina.

INFORMATION CURRENTLY ON FILE

The name of the entity is: BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC

Entity Type: ☐ Corporation, ☐ Foreign Corporation, ☐ Nonprofit Corporation, ☐ Foreign Nonprofit Corporation,
☒ Limited Liability Company, ☐ Foreign Limited Liability Company ☐ Limited Partnership, ☐ Foreign Limited Partnership,
☐ Limited Liability Partnership, ☐ Foreign Limited Liability Partnership

The street address and county of the entity's registered office currently on file is:

Number and Street: 1315 WESTBROOK PLAZA DRIVE

City, State, Zip Code: WINSTON-SALEM NC 27103

County: Forsyth

The mailing address if different from the street address of the registered office currently on file is:

The name of the current registered agent is: Thomas E Brock

NEW INFORMATION

1. The street address and county of the new registered office of the entity is:
(complete this item only if the address of the registered office is being changed)

Number and Street: 150 Fayetteville Street, Box 1011

City, State, Zip Code: Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

County: Wake

2. The mailing address if different from the street address of the new registered office is:
(complete this item only if the address of the registered office is being changed)

3. The name of the new registered agent and the new agent's consent to appointment appears below:
(complete this item only if the name of the registered agent is being changed)

C T Corporation System

Type or Print Name of New Agent

By

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Hardley Asst. Secretary

Signature & Title

4. The address of the entity's registered office and the address of the business office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical.
5. This statement will be effective upon filing, unless a date and/or time is specified:

This is the 24 day of September, 2012.

BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC

Ternell Kearney
Type or Print Name and Title

Notes: Filing fee is \$5.00. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State.

* Instead of signing here, the new registered agent may sign a separate written consent to the appointment, which must be attached to this statement.

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Limited Liability Company
 ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

Pursuant to §57C-2-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby submit these Articles of Organization for the purpose of forming a limited liability company.

1. The name of the limited liability company is: Ciratus Holdings, LLC.
2. If the limited liability company is to dissolve by a specific date, the latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve: (If no date for dissolution is specified, there shall be no limit on the duration of the limited liability company.)
3. The name and address of each person executing these articles of organization is as follows:
(State whether each person is executing these articles of organization in the capacity of a member, organizer or both. Note: This document must be signed by all persons listed here).
Richard P. Cook, Organizer
Brock and Scott, PLLC
1315 Westbrook Plaza Dr
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
4. The street address and county of the initial registered office of the limited liability company is:
Number and Street 1315 Westbrook Plaza Dr
City, State, Zip Code Winston-Salem, NC 27103 County Forsyth
5. The mailing address, *if different from the street address*, of the initial registered office is:
6. The name of the initial registered agent is: Thomas E. Brock
7. Principal office information: *(Select either a or b.)*
 - a. ☐ The limited liability company has a principal office.
 The street address and county of the principal office of the limited liability company is:
Number and Street
City, State, Zip Code County
 The mailing address, *if different from the street address*, of the principal office of the corporation is:
 - b. ☒ The limited liability company does not have a principal office.

8. Check one of the following:

_____ (i) **Member-managed LLC**: all members by virtue of their status as members shall be managers of this limited liability company.

☒ (ii) **Manager-managed LLC**: except as provided by N.C.G.S. Section 57C-3-20(a), the members of this limited liability company shall not be managers by virtue of their status as members.

9. Any other provisions which the limited liability company elects to include are attached.

10. These articles will be effective upon filing, unless a date and/or time is specified:

This is the 27 day of April, 2009.



Signature

Richard P. Cook, Organizer

Type or Print Name and Title

NOTES:

1. Filing fee is \$125. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State.

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LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

NAME OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: Cirrus Holdings, LLC

SECRETARY OF STATE ID NUMBER: 1096401 STATE OF FORMATION: NC

REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR: 2019

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SECTION A: REGISTERED AGENT'S INFORMATION

1. NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT: Brock, Thomas E

2. SIGNATURE OF THE NEW REGISTERED AGENT: _____

SIGNATURE CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT

3. REGISTERED OFFICE STREET ADDRESS & COUNTY

1315 Westbrook Plaza Dr

Winston salem, NC 27103-1357 Forsyth County

4. REGISTERED OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

1315 Westbrook Plaza Dr

Winston salem, NC 27103-1357

SECTION B: PRINCIPAL OFFICE INFORMATION

1. DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF BUSINESS: Investment - Distressed Consumer Debt Portfolios

2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: (336) 354-1200

3. PRINCIPAL OFFICE EMAIL: Privacy Redaction

4. PRINCIPAL OFFICE STREET ADDRESS & COUNTY

750 Highland Oaks Drive, Suite 200

Winston Salem, NC 27103-7110

5. PRINCIPAL OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

750 Highland Oaks Drive

Winston Salem, NC 27103-7110

6. Select one of the following if applicable. (Optional see instructions)

☐

The company is a veteran-owned small business

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The company is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business

SECTION C: COMPANY OFFICIALS (Enter additional company officials in Section E.)

NAME: Gregory A Scott

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: Manager

TITLE: _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: 750 Highland Oaks Drive

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Suite 200

Winston Salem, NC 27103

SECTION D: CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT. Section D must be completed in its entirety by a person/business entity.

Gregory A Scott

3/20/2019

SIGNATURE

DATE

Form must be signed by a Company Official listed under Section C of This form.

Gregory A Scott

Manager

Print or Type Name of Company Official

Print or Type Title of Company Official

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Raleigh, NC 27626-0525

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Cirratus Holdings, LLC
Thomas E Brock
1315 Westbrook Plaza Dr
Winston salem, NC 27103-1357



Notice of Grounds

NOTICE OF GROUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DISSOLUTION

This LLC is delinquent in filing the 2020 annual report, which may cause it to be administratively dissolved. This Notice is the first step of the dissolution process.

Avoid dissolution! Take advantage of our easy online filing tools to file missing annual reports now!

Go to our homepage at www.sosnc.gov and click on **"File an Annual Report"** to begin the online process. You can also find a YouTube video to help you through the process. Avoid frustrating delays and file online! Filing online means you eliminate all the errors that result in the rejection of up to 25% of paper and pdf filings.

Avoid frustrating delays and file online.

Failing to file all delinquent annual reports within 60 days of this notice will result in the corporation being administratively dissolved.

Customer Service is available at notice@sosnc.gov
or call us at 919-814-5350.

Business Registration Division

Date: 03/22/2021

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NOTICE TO REGISTERED AGENT:

Under N.C.G.S. Section 55D-30(b), it is the duty of the registered agent to forward this certificate to the business entity at the last known address.

Thomas E Brock
Cirratu Holdings, LLC (1096401)
1315 Westbrook Plaza Dr
Winston salem, NC 27103-1357



State of North Carolina
Department of the Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE DISSOLUTION

I, ELAINE F. MARSHALL, Secretary of State, as mandated by law, do hereby certify that

Cirratu Holdings, LLC

has been administratively dissolved pursuant to the procedure set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 57D-6-06 for failure to file an annual report effective as of the date set forth hereunder.

A Limited Liability Company administratively dissolved under N.C.G.S. Section 57D-6-06 may apply to the Secretary of State for reinstatement by complying with the procedure set forth in the N.C.G.S. Section 57D-6-06.



This the 15th day of June, 2021

Elaine F. Marshall

ELAINE F. MARSHALL
Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina
Department of the Secretary of State

Limited Liability Company
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

Pursuant to §57C-2-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby submit these Articles of Organization for the purpose of forming a limited liability company.

1. The name of the limited liability company is: Channel Group, LLC.
2. If the limited liability company is to dissolve by a specific date, the latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve: *(If no date for dissolution is specified, there shall be no limit on the duration of the limited liability company.)* January 1, 2099
3. The name and address of each person executing these articles of organization is as follows:
(State whether each person is executing these articles of organization in the capacity of a member, organizer or both. Note: This document must be signed by all persons listed here).
Gregory A. Scott, Manager.
1315 WESTBROOK PLAZA DR.
WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27103
4. The street address and county of the initial registered office of the limited liability company is:

Number and Street 1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

City, State, Zip Code Winston-Salem, NC 27103 County Forsyth
5. The mailing address, *if different from the street address*, of the initial registered office is:

6. The name of the initial registered agent is: Thomas E. Brock
7. Principal office information: *(Select either a or b.)*
 - a. ☒ The limited liability company has a principal office.

The street address and county of the principal office of the limited liability company is:

Number and Street 1315 Westbrook PLaza Drive.
City, State, Zip Code Winston-Salem, NC 27106 County Forsyth

The mailing address, *if different from the street address*, of the principal office of the corporation is:

 - b. ☐ The limited liability company does not have a principal office.

8. Check one of the following:

_____ (i) **Member-managed LLC**: all members by virtue of their status as members shall be managers of this limited liability company.

☒ (ii) **Manager-managed LLC**: except as provided by N.C.G.S. Section 57C-3-20(a), the members of this limited liability company shall not be managers by virtue of their status as members.

9. Any other provisions which the limited liability company elects to include are attached.

10. These articles will be effective upon filing, unless a date and/or time is specified:

This is the 13 day of December, 20 07.



Signature

Gregory A. Scott, ~~Manager~~ **ORGANIZER**

Type or Print Name and Title

NOTES:

1. Filing fee is \$125. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State.

CORPORATIONS DIVISION
(Revised January 2002)

P.O. Box 29622

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LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

NAME OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: Channel Group, LLC

SECRETARY OF STATE ID NUMBER: 1021183 STATE OF FORMATION: NC

REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR: 2024

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SECTION A: REGISTERED AGENT'S INFORMATION

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1. NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT: Thomas E Brock

2. SIGNATURE OF THE NEW REGISTERED AGENT: _____

SIGNATURE CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT

3. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE STREET ADDRESS & COUNTY 4. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

Winston Salem, NC 27103-1357 Forsyth County

Winston Salem, NC 27103-1357

SECTION B: PRINCIPAL OFFICE INFORMATION

1. DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF BUSINESS: Investment - Distressed Consumer Debt Portfolios

2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: (336) 354-1200

3. PRINCIPAL OFFICE EMAIL: Privacy Redaction

4. PRINCIPAL OFFICE STREET ADDRESS

5. PRINCIPAL OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

750 Highland Oaks Drive, Suite 200

750 Highland Oaks Drive, Suite 200

Winston Salem, NC 27103-7110

Winston Salem, NC 27103-7110

6. Select one of the following if applicable. (Optional see instructions)

☐

The company is a veteran-owned small business

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The company is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business

SECTION C: COMPANY OFFICIALS (Enter additional company officials in Section E.)

NAME: Thomas E Brock

NAME: Gregory A Scott

NAME: _____

TITLE: Manager

TITLE: Manager

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: 750 Highland Oaks Drive

ADDRESS: 750 Highland Oaks Drive

ADDRESS: _____

Suite 200

Suite 200

Winston Salem, NC 27103

Winston Salem, NC 27103

SECTION D: CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT. Section D must be completed in its entirety by a person/business entity.

Thomas E Brock

3/11/2025

SIGNATURE

DATE

Form must be signed by a Company Official listed under Section C of This form.

Thomas E Brock

Manager

Print or Type Name of Company Official

Print or Type Title of Company Official

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BUSINESS CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT

10-2017

NAME OF BUSINESS CORPORATION: Brock and Scott Holdings, Inc.

SECRETARY OF STATE ID NUMBER: 0589110

STATE OF FORMATION: NC

REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR END: 12/31/2024

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SECTION A: REGISTERED AGENT'S INFORMATION

1. NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT: Thomas Brock

2. SIGNATURE OF THE NEW REGISTERED AGENT: _____

SIGNATURE CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT

3. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE STREET ADDRESS & COUNTY 4. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive Ste. 100

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive Ste. 100

Winston Salem, NC 27103 Forsyth County

Winston Salem, NC 27103

SECTION B: PRINCIPAL OFFICE INFORMATION

1. DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF BUSINESS: Law Firm

2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: (336) 354-1200 x_

3. PRINCIPAL OFFICE EMAIL: Privacy Redaction

4. PRINCIPAL OFFICE STREET ADDRESS

1315 Westbrook Plaza Dr., Ste. 100

5. PRINCIPAL OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

1315 Westbrook Plaza Dr., Ste. 100

Winston Salem, NC 27103

Winston Salem, NC 27103

6. Select one of the following if applicable. (Optional see instructions)

☐

The company is a veteran-owned small business

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The company is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business

SECTION C: OFFICERS (Enter additional officers in Section E.)

NAME: Thomas Brock

NAME: Gregory Scott

NAME: _____

TITLE: President

TITLE: Secretary

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

4550 Country Club Rd

4550 Country Club Rd

Winston Salem, NC 27104

Winston Salem, NC 27104

SECTION D: CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

Section D must be completed in its entirety by a person/business entity.

Thomas Brock

3/11/2025

SIGNATURE

DATE

Form must be signed by an officer listed under Section C of this form.

Thomas Brock

President

Print or Type Name of Officer

Print or Type Title of Officer

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Pursuant to §55-2-02 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a business corporation.

1. The name of the corporation is: Comprehensive Legal Solutions, Inc.
2. The number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue is: 100,000
3. These shares shall be: *(check either a or b)*
 - a. ☒ all of one class, designated as common stock; or
 - b. ☐ divided into classes or series within a class as provided in the attached schedule, with the information required by N.C.G.S. Section 55-6-01.
4. The street address and county of the initial registered office of the corporation is:
 Number and Street 1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive
 City Winston-Salem State NC Zip Code 27103 County Forsyth
5. The mailing address, *if different from the street address*, of the initial registered office is:
 Number and Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____
6. The name of the initial registered agent is: Gregory A. Scott
7. Principal office information: *(must select either a or b.)*
 - a. ☐ The corporation has a principal office.
 The street address and county of the principal office of the corporation is:
 Number and Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____
 The mailing address, *if different from the street address*, of the principal office of the corporation is:
 Number and Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____
 - b. ☒ The corporation does not have a principal office.

8. Any other provisions, which the corporation elects to include, are attached.

9. The name and address of each incorporator is as follows:

Richard P. Cook

1315 Westbrook Plaza Drive

Winston-Salem, NC 27103

10. These articles will be effective upon filing, unless a date and/or time is specified:

This the 27 day of August 2009


Signature

Richard P. Cook, Incorporator

Type or Print Name and Title

NOTES:

1. Filing fee is \$125. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State.

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RALEIGH, NC 27626-0622

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BUSINESS CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORTNAME OF BUSINESS CORPORATION: Comprehensive Legal Solutions, Inc.SECRETARY OF STATE ID NUMBER: 1113703 STATE OF FORMATION: NCREPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR END: 12/31/2024

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1/22/2025 12:09☐ Changes**SECTION A: REGISTERED AGENT'S INFORMATION**1. NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT: Scott, Gregory A

2. SIGNATURE OF THE NEW REGISTERED AGENT: _____

SIGNATURE CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT

3. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE STREET ADDRESS & COUNTY 4. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

750 Highland Oaks Drive Ste 200750 Highland Oaks Drive Ste 200Winston Salem, NC 27103-7110 Forsyth CountyWinston Salem, NC 27103-7110**SECTION B: PRINCIPAL OFFICE INFORMATION**1. DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF BUSINESS: Investment - Distressed Consumer Debt Portfolios2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: (336) 397-15903. PRINCIPAL OFFICE EMAIL: Privacy Redaction

4. PRINCIPAL OFFICE STREET ADDRESS

750 Highland Oaks Drive Ste 200

5. PRINCIPAL OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

750 Highland Oaks Drive Ste 200Winston Salem, NC 27103-7110Winston Salem, NC 27103-7110

6. Select one of the following if applicable. (Optional see instructions)

☐

The company is a veteran-owned small business

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The company is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business

SECTION C: OFFICERS (Enter additional officers in Section E.)NAME: Gregory A ScottNAME: Thomas E Brock

NAME: _____

TITLE: SecretaryTITLE: President

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

750 Highland Oaks Drive Ste 200750 Highland Oaks Drive Ste 200Winston Salem, NC 27103Winston Salem, NC 27103**SECTION D: CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT.** Section D must be completed in its entirety by a person/business entity.Thomas E Brock1/22/2025

SIGNATURE

DATE

Form must be signed by an officer listed under Section C of this form.

Thomas E BrockPresident

Print or Type Name of Officer

Print or Type Title of Officer

This Annual Report has been filed electronically.

MAIL TO: Secretary of State, Business Registration Division, Post Office Box 29525, Raleigh, NC 27626-0525

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
IN THE MATTER OF:)
Complaint C2025-040)
Fredrick Ange, Jr.,)
Complainant.)
Jason Branham,)
Respondent.)

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State Ethics Commission has determined that there is probable cause pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the above-captioned complaint. The Commission will convene a formal hearing into the matter in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i) & (j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.) on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegations will be heard:

COUNT ONE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jason Branham, Richland County Councilmember, failed to timely file a Quarter 2 2023 Campaign Disclosure Report, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT TWO
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jason Branham, Richland County Councilmember, failed to timely file a Quarter 1 2024 Campaign Disclosure Report, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT THREE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jason Branham, Richland County Councilmember, failed to timely file a Quarter 2 2024 Campaign Disclosure Report, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT FOUR
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jason Branham, Richland County Councilmember, failed to timely file a Quarter 3 2024 Campaign Disclosure Report, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT FIVE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jason Branham, Richland County Councilmember, failed to timely file a Quarter 1 2025 Campaign Disclosure Report, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT SIX
FAILURE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
SECTION 8-13-1140, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jason Branham, Richland County Councilmember, failed to timely file a 2023 Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Section 8-13-1140.

You have the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. This hearing will be open to the public as required by Section 8-13-320(10)(j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The procedures to be followed are set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 1-23-10, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the State Ethics Act, Section 8-13-100, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.).

A pre-hearing conference may be scheduled prior to the hearing to allow exchange of witness lists and evidence, marking of exhibits, and disposition of motions or pleadings. In the event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you. If there are any questions concerning the above notice or hearing times, please contact the State Ethics Commission.


Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 21st day,
of May 2026.

Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on RESPONDENT Jason Branham, 206 Averill Lane, Irmo, SC 29063 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 20 day of May 2026, by CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.


Marquita S. Kessler
State Ethics Commission

Columbia, South Carolina

(803) 253-4192

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)	BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
IN THE MATTER OF:)	
COMPLAINT C2025-040)	
Frederick Ange, Jr.,)	CONSENT ORDER
Complainant,)	
Jason Branham,)	
Respondent.)	

This matter comes before the South Carolina State Ethics Commission (Commission) by way of a complaint filed on April 21, 2025. Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act (Ethics Act), the Complaint against Jason Branham (Respondent) was considered by the Commission and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. Prior to the call of the case, Respondent agreed to the following:

STATEMENTS OF FACT

1. Respondent was elected to the Richland County Council on November 8, 2022.
2. As an elected official, Respondent filed a Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) on or before March 30 in 2022, 2024, 2025, and 2026.
3. Respondent filed his 2023 SEI on April 7, 2023.
4. Respondent filed an Initial Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR) on January 14, 2022. Since January 14, 2022, Respondent has maintained a balance of contributions in his campaign bank account and, as such, has continued to file quarterly CDRs. In that regard, Respondent failed to timely file the following CDRs:

CDR	CDR Due	CDR Filed
Quarter 2 2023	7/10/2023	8/14/2023
Quarter 1 2024	4/10/2024	8/9/2024

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Quarter 2 2024	7/10/2024	8/9/2024
Quarter 3 2024	10/10/2024	11/1/2024
Quarter 1 2025	1/10/2025	7/7/2025

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Statements of Facts, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. At all times relevant, Respondent was a public official, as defined by Section 8-13-100(27).

Therefore, the Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.

2. Respondent failed to file the Quarter 2 2023 CDR, Quarter 1 2024 CDR, Quarter 2 2024 CDR, Quarter 3 2024 CDR, and Quarter 1 2025 CDR within ten (10) days of the end of the calendar quarter, all in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B), which provides:

Following the filing of an initial certified campaign report, additional certified campaign reports must be filed within ten days following the end of each calendar quarter in which contributions are received or expenditures are made, whether before or after an election until the campaign account undergoes final disbursement pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-13-1370.

3. Respondent failed to file the 2023 SEI on or before March 30, 2023, in violation of Section 8-13-1140, which provides, in relevant part:

A person required to file a statement of economic interests under this chapter annually shall file, pursuant to Section 8-13-365, an updated statement for the previous calendar year, no later than noon on March thirtieth of each calendar year

4. Respondent has accrued \$600.00 in late-filing penalties in accordance with Section 8-13-1510(A), which provides, in relevant part:

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, a person required to file a report or statement under this chapter who files a late statement or report or fails to file a required statement or report must be assessed a civil penalty as follows: (1) a fine of one hundred dollars if the statement or report is not filed within five days after the established deadline provided by law in this chapter; and (2) after notice has been given by certified or registered mail that a required

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statement or report has not been filed, a fine of ten dollars per calendar day for the first ten days after notice has been given, and one hundred dollars for each additional calendar day in which the required statement or report is not filed, not exceeding five thousand dollars.

5. Section 8-13-130 allows the Commission to levy an enforcement or administrative fee on a person who is in violation of any provision of the Ethics Act.

DISCUSSION

The Commission found probable cause to charge Respondent with five (5) counts of Section 8-13-1308(B) for failing to timely file CDRs for the following quarters: Quarter 2 2023, Quarter 1 2024, Quarter 2 2024, Quarter 3 2024, and Quarter 1 2025. The Commission also found probable cause to charge Respondent with one (1) count of Section 8-13-1140 for failing to timely file a 2023 SEJ.¹ Through this Consent Order, Respondent acknowledges that he violated the Ethics Act as described herein.

DISPOSITION

1. The Commission hereby finds Respondent in violation of five (5) counts of Section 8-13-1308(B) and one (1) count of Section 8-13-1140.
2. The Commission hereby adopts the Statements of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Discussion, and Disposition as agreed upon by the Respondent.

¹ The Complaint alleged Respondent accepted ten (10) excessive contributions on January 9, 2022. The Complaint alleged that the excessive contributions originated from companies in North Carolina that were linked to the same two (2) individuals. The Commission's investigation revealed each of the companies referenced were legally distinct entities and that each contribution was drawn from a separate bank account held in the name of the respective business. Accordingly, the Commission did not find probable cause to support this allegation. See SEC AO95-005 (finding corporations have separate contribution limits under Section 8-13-1314 when the corporations have distinct and separate business purposes). However, during the Commission's investigation, the late-filed reports discussed herein were discovered and charged. See Reg. 52-705(C)(2) ("If, in the course of the investigation, other issues involving potential violations of the law are found, these issues shall likewise be investigated.").

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THEREFORE, the Commission hereby issues this Written Warning to Respondent and orders Respondent to pay a late-filing penalty of \$600.00 (\$100.00 per report)² within ninety (90) days from his receipt of this Order. The Commission declines to assess an administrative fee given that the Commission's investigation was primarily focused on the allegations contained in the Complaint, for which there was insufficient evidence to find probable cause.

By executing this Consent Order, Respondent understands that he is not only admitting to violations of the Act but also confessing to a judgment of \$600.00 (less any money paid to the Commission) in the event he does not make full and timely payment or action as provided in this Order. In that event, the Commission shall file a Judgment against Respondent in the County of Respondent's last known residence. Upon said filing, the Clerk of Court shall enter this Order in the amount of \$600.00 (less any money paid to the Commission) in its Judgment Rolls, without cost to the Commission.

AND IT IS ORDERED THIS 20th DAY OF July 2026.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

[Redacted Signature]

NEAL D. TRUSLOW

[Redacted Signature]

JASON BRANHAM
RESPONDENT

² Respondent's late-filing penalty is limited to \$100.00 per report because he was already in compliance when the Complaint was filed and therefore did not receive certified notice of his failure to file under Section 8-13-1510(A)(2).