# Partnership Agreement

This Partnership Agreement (the “Agreement”) is entered into and made effective this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ (the “Effective Date”), by and between **John Doe**, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert company name if the company is the actual partner in the contract]*, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert state in which incorporated]* corporation *[or limited liability company]*,with a mailing address of 1234 Heartland Drive, Anywhere, State 12345, and **Christopher Smith**, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert company name if the company is the actual partner in the contract]*, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert state in which incorporated]* corporation *[or limited liability company]*, with a mailing address of 123 Main Street, Somewhere, State 54321.

Both of the above parties shall collectively hereinafter be known as the “Original Partners” for the purposes of this Agreement.

 **IT IS HEREBY AGREED:**

**SECTION I.**

**THE PARTNERSHIP**

1. Name of Partnership. The name of the Partnership shall be “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” It shall be incorporated as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert state of incorporation]* corporation. The business of the Partnership shall be conducted under that name.
2. Purpose of Partnership. The Partnership shall engage in the business of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert nature of the business]* and all such legal and lawful activities as are related or incidental thereto.
3. Principal Place of Business. The principal executive office of the Partnership shall be located at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert address, city, state, zip]*, or at such other location as may be determined from time to time by mutual agreement of the Original Partners. If the Original Partners cannot agree upon a location for the business, the business shall remain at the current location until such time as a mutually-agreeable location can be decided upon.
4. Term of Partnership. The term of the Partnership commenced on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert date that partnership was established]*.
5. Legal Documentation. At least one of the Original Partners shall submit the appropriate paperwork required by the state in which the Partnership is being located in order to legally establish the Partnership.
6. Glossary of Terms. Except as otherwise stated in this Agreement or as the context of this Agreement requires, the terms defined in this Section shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, have the meanings specified below:
	1. “Agreement” shall mean this Partnership Agreement, as amended from time to time.
	2. “Net income” and “Net loss” shall mean the net income or net loss of the Partnership as determined for the purposes of computing federal income taxes pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.
	3. "Assignee" shall mean a person who has acquired beneficial interest in the Partnership interest of a Partner but who is not a "Substituted Partner."
	4. "Assigning Partner" shall mean a Partner who has assigned a beneficial interest in that Partner's Partnership interest, the Assignee of which has not become a "Substituted Partner."
	5. “Original Partners” shall refer collectively to the original Partners of this Agreement.
	6. “Partner” shall refer to an individual in a singular capacity whether an Original Partner or an added Partner.
	7. “General Partner” shall refer to the individual designated by the Original Partners to run the daily general operations of the Partnership.
	8. “Partnership” shall refer to the partnership created under this Agreement.

**SECTION II.**

**MEMBERS OF PARTNERSHIP**

1. Original Partners. The names of the Original Partners are: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert names from opening paragraph]*. There are no other Original Partners than these named herein.
2. General Partner. The name of the General Partner is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert name of general partner running operations and books]*.
3. Admission of Additional Partners. Subject to any other provisions of this Agreement, a person may be admitted as a Partner only with the written consent of each current Partner and the vote or written consent of fifty-one percent (51%) of all Partners. Subject to the provisions of Section IX of this Agreement, governing transfers of Partnership interests, a person may acquire an interest in the Partnership directly from the Partnership and be admitted as a Partner. Each Partner’s interest will be proportionally reduced to admit the new Partner. Before any person is admitted to the Partnership, that person shall agree in writing to be bound by all the provisions of this Agreement.

**SECTION III.**

**FINANCING**

1. Capitalization. The Partnership shall have a total initial capitalization of up to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert dollar amount being put into the creation of the partnership]*. Each Partner shall contribute the sum of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for each one percent (1%) interest in the Partnership.
2. Additional Capital Contributions.
	1. The General Partner may determine the amount of capital required by the Partnership and may require each Partner to contribute a proportionate share of additional capital to the Partnership. The General Partner’s determination will be binding on all Partners unless fifty-one percent (51%) of all Partners vote otherwise. Each Partner’s proportionate share of additional capital shall be defined as the product of the total amount of additional capital required by the Partnership multiplied by that Partner’s “percentage interest in profits and losses” as set forth in the Partnership records. Additional capital contributions shall be made in cash by each Partner to the Partnership within ten (10) days after written notice of the amount of additional capital contributions has been delivered to each Partner (said notice hereinafter referred to as “Call Notice”).
	2. In the event any Partner fails to contribute any additional capital contribution required hereunder within ten (10) days after the Call Notice, then that Partner shall be in default under this Agreement. Any Partner who is in default under this Agreement for failing to contribute the additional capital contribution required hereunder shall have ninety (90) days from the date of delivery of the Call Notice in which to cure that default by contributing his share of the required additional capital contribution and by paying to the non-defaulting Partners, in proportion to their percentage interests in the net profits and net losses, an amount equal to one Percent (1%) of the defaulting Partner’s additional capital contribution for each day he has failed to contribute such additional capital contribution commencing with the eleventh (11th) day after delivery of the Call Notice, as liquidated damages.

By signing an amendment to this Agreement, each Partner specifically agrees to pay any such liquidated damages which may become due as a result of his default hereunder and further agrees that these damages constitute a reasonable estimate of the amount of actual damages which may be suffered by the other Partners. So long as a Partner is in default hereunder, he shall have no voting rights but shall receive notice of any meetings.

* 1. If any Partner is in default under Subsection 3.2(B) and fails to cure the default within ninety (90) days of the Call Notice by contributing the additional required capital and by paying the liquidated damages as above provided, then such Partner shall be in breach of this Agreement.
	2. If any Partner is in breach of this Agreement pursuant to Subsection 3.2(C), then at the option of the Partnership, his interest in the Partnership shall be terminated and he shall become an unsecured creditor for amount equal to his original capital contribution decreased by the sum of:
		1. His proportionate share of the losses previously incurred by the Partnership (excluding depreciation);
		2. The liquidated damages accruing to the other Partners under Subsection 3.2(B); and
		3. By any distributions previously made to said defaulting Partner.

This debt shall be evidenced by an unsecured promissory note executed in the name of the Partnership and shall be payable with interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert percent amount – i.e., nine percent (9%)]* in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert how many monthly installments – i.e., sixty (60)]* equal monthly installments, interest included. If the Partnership dissolves, then this note shall be immediately due and payable.

* 1. If any Partner is in breach of this Agreement pursuant to Subsection 3.2(c), and if he has a deficit balance in his capital account, then, at the option of the Partnership, his interest in the Partnership shall be terminated and he shall pay an amount equal to the deficit balance in his capital account (computed without regard to depreciation) to the Partnership within thirty (30) days after date of the breach. If payment is not made within said thirty (30) day period, interest shall accrue thereafter at eighteen percent (18%) per annum or the highest legal rate under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert state of partnership]* law until paid in full. If any former Partner fails to pay the amount due to the Partnership pursuant to this Subsection 3.2(E), the Partnership or any individual Partner may proceed with action for collection.
	2. As an alternative to terminating the Partner's interest as provided in Subsections 3.2(D) or 3.2(E), the Partnership may elect to sue for breach of this Partnership Agreement. By signing an amendment to this Agreement, the Partners acknowledge and agree that the terms and provisions of Subsections 3.2(D) and 3.2(E) are fair and reasonable and agree to be bound by the terms thereof. Each Partner hereby waives the requirement that a dissolution and accounting must occur before an action may be maintained by a Partner or the Partnership against a Partner.
1. Interest in Contributions. No interest shall be paid on a Partner’s capital contributions.
2. Withdrawal and Return of Capital.
	1. No Partner may withdraw any portion of the capital of the Partnership and no Partner shall be entitled to the return of that Partner’s contribution to the capital of the Partnership exception upon dissolution of the Partnership.
	2. No Partner shall be entitled to demand the distribution of Partnership property other than cash as part of the return of the Partner’s capital account on dissolution.
	3. No Partner shall have a priority over any other Partner as to the return of his capital account upon the dissolution of the Partnership.

**SECTION IV.**

**ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS AND LOSSES**

1. Allocation of Profits and Losses. The net income of the Partnership shall be allocated to, and any net losses suffered by the Partnership shall be borne by, the Partners in the proportions set forth in the Partnership records.
2. Distribution of Cash Available for Distribution. The General Partner shall determine the amount of any distribution to the Partners and the timing of all such distributions. The General Partner’s determination shall be binding upon all Partners.
3. Priorities Among Partners. No Partner shall be entitled to any priority or preference over any other Partner as to any distribution from the Partnership.

**SECTION V.**

**MANAGEMENT OF PARTNERSHIP AFFAIRS AND VOTING RIGHTS**

1. Control and Management. Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, the General Partner shall have sole and exclusive control of the Partnership. The General Partner shall have the power and authority to take such action from time to time as they may deem to be necessary, appropriate, or convenient in connection with the management and conduct of the business and affairs of the Partnership, including without limitation the power to:
	1. Acquire property, including real or personal property, for the use of the Partnership upon such terms and conditions as the General Partner may, from time to time, determine to be advantageous to the Partnership;
	2. Finance the Partnership’s activities by borrowing money from third parties on such terms and under such conditions as the General Partner deems appropriate. When money is borrowed for Partnership purposes, the General Partner shall be, and hereby is, authorized to pledge, mortgage, encumber, or grant a security interest in Partnership properties as security for the repayment of such loans;
	3. Employ, retain, or otherwise secure the services of such personnel or firms deemed necessary by the General Partner for or to facilitate the conduct of Partnership business affairs, all on such terms and for such consideration as the General Partner deems advisable; and
	4. Take any and all other action which is permitted by law and which is customary in and reasonable related to the conduct of the Partnership business or affairs.
2. Voting Rights of Partners.
	1. Except as provided in Subsection 5.2(B), the Partners shall not have either the obligation or the right to take part, directly or indirectly, in the active management or control of the business of the Partnership.
	2. The following Partnership actions may only be taken after approval by vote of the Partners:
		1. Veto of a call for additional capital as set forth in Section 3.2;
		2. Amendment of the Partnership Agreement as provided in Section 13.2;
		3. The sale or transfer of the Partnership;
		4. Approval of Partner loans pursuant to Section 7.2;
		5. Consent to dissolution under Section 12.2; and
		6. Election of a new General Partner under Section 12.3.
	3. Except where otherwise expressly set forth in this Agreement, all of the acts listed in Section 5.2(B)(i) through Section 5.2(B)(ix) shall be approved by fifty-one percent (51%) vote of the interests of the Partners, each Partner having one vote for each one percent (1%) interest profits and losses owned by Partner with the General Partner having the same voting rights as other Partners.
3. Standard Care of General Partner. The General Partner shall exercise ordinary business judgment in managing the affairs of the Partnership. Unless fraud, deceit, or a wrongful taking is involved, the General Partner shall not be liable or obligated to the other Partners for any mistake of fact or judgment made by the General Partner in operating the business of the Partnership that results in any loss to the Partnership or its Partners. The General Partner does not, in any way, guarantee the return of the capital or a profit from the operations of the Partnership. The General Partner is not responsible to any Partner because of a loss of that Partner’s investment or a loss in operations, unless it has been occasioned by fraud, deceit, or a wrongful taking by the General Partner.
4. Removal of General Partner. The General Partner may not be removed by the other Partners. The General Partner may only be removed by the Original Partners.

**SECTION VI.**

**BOOKS, RECORDS, AND ACCOUNTS**

1. Partnership Accounting Practices.
	1. The Partnership books shall be kept on a cash basis. The Partnership books shall be closed and balanced at the end of each fiscal year of the Partnership.
	2. The fiscal year end of the Partnership shall be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert date of fiscal year end…it is not always the actual end of the year (December 31); it is generally the end of the month prior to the start of the corporation – i.e., June 30 if incorporation was July 1 or August 31 if incorporation was September 1].*
2. Maintenance of Records and Accounts. At all times, the General Partner shall maintain or cause to be maintained true and proper books, records, reports, and account in which shall be entered fully and accurately all transactions of the Partnership.
3. Required Records. The General Partner shall maintain at the principal executive office of the Partnership within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert state of incorporation]* all of the following records:
	1. A current list of the full name and last known business or residential address of each Partner, set forth in alphabetical order, together with the contribution and share in profits and losses of each Partner.
	2. A copy of the Articles of Incorporation and all amendments thereto, together with executed copies of any powers of attorney pursuant to which any such Articles of Incorporation or amendment has been executed.
	3. Copies of the Partnership’s federal, state, and local income tax or informational returns and reports, if any, for the six (6) most recent taxable years.
	4. Financial statements of the Partnership for the six (6) most recent fiscal years.
	5. The Partnership’s books and records for at least the current and past three (3) fiscal years.
4. Delivery of Records to Partners. Upon the request of a Partner, it shall be delivered to that Partner, at the expense of the Partnership, a copy of:
	1. The current list of each Partners’ name, address, contribution, and share in profits and losses.
	2. The Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and any powers of attorney pursuant to which any such amendment was executed.
	3. This Agreement, as amended.
5. Access to Records by Partners. Each Partner or his duly authorized representative, attorney, or attorney-in-fact shall have the right, upon reasonable request to:
	1. Inspect and copy, during normal business hours, any Partnership records the Partnership is required to maintain, pursuant to Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of this Agreement.
	2. Obtain from the Original Partner, promptly after becoming available, a copy of the Partnership’s federal, state, and local income tax or information returns for each year.
6. Income Tax Data. The General Partner shall send to each Partner, within ninety (90) days after the end of each taxable year, together with such additional information as is necessary for them to complete their federal and state income tax or information returns for that year.
7. Capital Accounts. An individual capital account shall be maintained for each Partner. A capital account shall consist of a Partner’s contribution to the initial capital of the Partnership, any additional contribution to the Partnership capital made by a Partner pursuant to this Agreement, and any amount transferred thereto from that Partner’s income account pursuant to this Agreement.
8. Income Accounts. An individual income account shall be maintained for each Partner. At the close of each Partnership taxable year, or at more frequent intervals, each Partner’s share of the net profits or net losses of the Partnership shall be credited or debited to, and that Partner’s distributions received during each fiscal year shall be deducted from, that Partner’s income account and any resulting balance or deficit shall be transferred to or charged against the Partner’s capital account.
9. Banking. The General Partner shall open and thereafter maintain or cause to be maintained a separate bank account in the name of the Partnership in which there shall be deposited all funds of the Partnership. No other funds shall be deposited in the account. The funds in that account shall be used solely for the business of the Partnership, and all withdrawals therefrom are to be made only on checks signed by the General Partner.

**SECTION VII.**

**RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND RESTRICTIONS OF PARTNERS**

* 1. Devotion of Time by General Partner. The General Partner shall devote such care, attention, and business capacity to the affairs of the Partnership as may be reasonably necessary. In this connection, the Partners hereby acknowledge that any General Partner may be the Manager or General Partner of other partnerships and may continue to manage other partnerships, and may continue to engage in other related business, whether or not competitive with the business of the Partnership.
	2. Additional Compensation to General Partner. Other than his share of profits and losses, the General Partner shall not be entitled to any additional compensation for services rendered as General Partner.
	3. Loans to the Partnership. No Partner shall loan any money to the Partnership unless approved by a fifty-one percent (51%) vote of all Partners.
	4. Transaction of Business with Partnership. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, a Partner may transact other business with the Partnership. If any Partner transacts business with the Partnership, that Partner shall have the same rights and obligations with respect thereto as a person who is not a Partner.
	5. Partners Engaging in Other Business. Any of the Partners may engage in or possess an interest in other business ventures of every nature and description independently or with others, and neither the Partnership nor the Partners shall have any right by virtue of this Agreement in and to any such independent ventures or to the income or profits derived therefrom.

**SECTION VIII.**

**PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS**

* 1. Call and Place of Meetings. Meetings of the Partners at the Principal Executive Office of the Partnership may be called pursuant to the written request of any Partner.
	2. Notice of Meeting. Immediately upon receipt of a written request stating that a Partner or the Partners request a meeting on a specific date (which date shall not be less than ten (10) or more than sixty (60) days after the receipt of the request by the General Partner), the General Partner shall immediately give notice to all Partners. Valid notice may not be given less than ten (10) or more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting, and shall state the place, date, and hour of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. No business other than the business stated in the notice of the meeting may be transacted at the meeting. Notice shall be given by mail, addressed to each Partner entitled to vote at the meeting at the address appearing in the books of the Partnership for the Partner.
	3. Quorum. At any duly held or called meeting of Partners, Partners holding at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the voting power who are represented in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for all purposes other than amending this Agreement in which case seventy- five percent (75%) of the interests of all Partners shall be required. The Partners present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Partners to leave less than a quorum, if any action taken, other than adjournment, is approved by the requisite percentage of interests of Partners.
	4. Meetings Not Duly Called, Noticed, or Held. The transaction of business at any meeting of Partners, however called and noticed, and wherever held, shall be as valid as though consummated at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum is present at that meeting, either in person or by proxy, and if, either before or after the meeting, each of the persons entitled to vote, not present in person or by proxy, signs either a written waiver of notice, a consent to the holding of the meeting, or an approval of the minutes of the meeting.
	5. Waiver of Notice. Attendance of a Partner at a meeting shall constitute waiver of notice, except when that Partner objects, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting was not lawfully called or convened. Attendance at a meeting is not a waiver of any right to object to the consideration of matters required to be described in the notice of the meeting and not so included, if the objection is expressly made at the meeting. Any Partner approval at a meeting shall be valid only if the general nature of the proposal is stated in any written waiver of notice.
	6. Consent to Action Without Meeting. Any action that may be taken at any meeting of the Partners may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by Partners having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take that action at a meeting at which all Partners entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. In the event the Partners are requested to consent to a matter without a meeting, each Partner shall be given notice of the matter to be voted upon in the manner described in Section 8.2. In the event that any Partner requests a meeting for the purpose of discussing or voting on the matter so noticed, notice of a meeting shall be given pursuant to Section 8.2 and no action shall be taken until the meeting is held. Unless delayed by a request for and the conduct of a meeting, any action taken without a meeting shall be effective fifteen (15) days after the required minimum number of voters have signed consents to action without a meeting; however, the action shall be effective immediately if the General Partner and Partners representing at least ninety percent (90%) of the interests of the Partners sign consents to action without a meeting.
	7. Proxies.
		1. Every Partner entitled to vote may authorize another person or persons to act by proxy with respect to that Partner's interest in the Partnership.
		2. Any proxy purporting to have been executed in accordance with this Section shall be presumptively valid.
		3. No proxy shall be valid after the expiration of eleven (11) months from the date thereof unless otherwise provided in the proxy. Subject to Subsections (F) and (G) of this Section, every proxy continues in full force and effect until revoked by the person executing it. The dates contained on the proxy forms presumptively determine the order of execution, regardless of the postmark dates on the envelopes in which they are mailed.
		4. A proxy is not revoked by the death or incapacitation of the person executing it, unless (except as provided in Subsection (F) of this Section), before the vote is counted, written notice of the death or incapacity of the maker is received by the Partnership.
		5. Revocation of a proxy is effective by a writing delivered to the Partnership stating that the proxy is revoked or by a subsequent proxy executed by the Partner who executed the proxy or, as to any meeting, by the attendance and exercise of the right to vote at that meeting by the Partner who executed the proxy.
		6. A proxy that states that it is irrevocable, is irrevocable for the period specified therein when it is held by any creditor or creditors of the Partnership or the Partner who extended or continued credit to the Partnership or the Partner in consideration of the proxy if the proxy states that it was given in consideration thereof and the name of the person extending or continuing credit. In addition, a proxy may be made irrevocable (notwithstanding Subsection (D) of this Section) if it is given to secure the performance of a duty or to protect a title, either legal or equitable, until the happening of events which, by its terms, discharge the obligations secured by it.
		7. Notwithstanding the period of irrevocability specified in the proxy as provided in Subsection (F) of this Section, a proxy will become revocable when the debt of the Partnership or Partner is paid.
		8. A proxy may be revoked, notwithstanding a provision making it irrevocable, by the assignment of the interest in the Partnership of the Partner who executed the proxy to an Assignee without knowledge of the existence of the proxy and the admission of that Assignee to the Partnership as a Partner.
		9. The General Partner may, in advance of any Partnership meeting, prescribe additional regulations concerning the manner of execution and filing of proxies and their valuation.

**SECTION IX.**

**ASSIGNMENT AND/OR TRANSFER OF PARTNERSHIP INTEREST**

* 1. Conditions for Transfer. A Partner may sell, assign, transfer, encumber, or otherwise dispose of an interest in the Partnership only in conformity with the provisions of this Section IX.
	2. Prohibition Against Assignment, Sale, or Other Transfer. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, during the nine (9) month period after execution hereof, no Partner or his heirs, personal representative, successors, or assigns, shall have the right to assign, sell or otherwise transfer, for consideration or gratuitously, all or any portion of his interest in this Partnership, except to a bona fide resident of the state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[state of incorporation]*.
	3. Assignments. Subject to the provisions of Section 9.2, a Partner may assign all or part of his interest in the profits and losses of the Partnership to any other person upon such terms and conditions as he may deem fit. The Assignee shall not be admitted as a Substituted Partner without the approval of the General Partner or, if the General Partner is the Assigning Partner, without the approval of fifty-one percent (51%) of the Partners. Any assignment made to anyone, not admitted as a Substituted Partner, shall be effective only to give the Assignee the right to receive the share of profits to which the Assigning Partner would otherwise be entitled, shall not relieve the Assigning Partner from any liability under any agreement to make additional capital contributions, shall not relieve the Assigning Partner from liability under the provisions of this Agreement, and shall not give the Assignee the right to become a Substituted Partner. Neither the General Partner nor the Partnership shall be required to determine the tax consequences to any Assignee arising from the assignment of a Partnership interest. The Partnership shall continue with the same basis and capital accounts for the Assignee as was attributable to the Assigning Partner.
	4. Transfer on Death of a Partner.
		1. Subject to the provisions of Section 9.2, if any Partner dies, then his personal representative, heirs, devisees, or successors shall have an option, exercisable within sixty (60) days after the date of death to either:
			1. elect to become a Substituted Partner; or
			2. offer to sell all but not less than all of the deceased Partner's interest to the remaining Partners.
		2. If the General Partner dies, his interest shall be converted to that of a Partner pursuant to Subsection 12.3(B). The personal representative, heirs, devisees or successors of a deceased Partner may elect to become a Substituted Partner by sending written notification to that effect to the Partnership within sixty (60) days after death. If the personal representative, heirs, devisees or successors of the deceased Partner elect to sell all, but not less than all, of the deceased Partner's interest, they shall send a notice of this election to the remaining Partners within sixty (60) days after the date of death. If the personal representative, heirs, devisees or successors fail to elect to become a Substituted Partner or to offer to sell all, but not less than all, of the interest of the deceased Partner, they shall be deemed to have automatically elected to become Substituted Partners.
		3. If the personal representative, heirs, devisees or successors of the deceased Partner offer to sell all, but not less than all, of the interest of the deceased Partner, the Partnership shall be valued pursuant to Subsection 9.4(H) hereof. After the interest is so valued, the remaining Partners shall collectively have the right to purchase all, but not less than all, of the deceased Partner's interest for the Adjusted Net Fair Market Value thereof in accordance with Subsection 9.4(D).
		4. Subject to the provisions of Subsection (B), the remaining Partners shall have an option to purchase their proportionate shares of all, but not less than all, of the deceased Partner's interest on the terms and conditions hereafter provided, exercisable by them at any time within fifteen (15) days after the date the Adjusted Net Fair Market Value of the deceased Partner's partnership interest is determined. If the remaining Partners fail to collectively elect to buy all, but not less than all, of the interest of the deceased Partner, then the deceased Partner's personal representative, heirs, devisees or successors shall automatically become Substituted Partners and shall have the right to assign or sell their partnership interests as provided herein.
		5. On exercise of an option to purchase the interest of a deceased Partner, the remaining Partners who are under an obligation to purchase, shall pay to the person or persons legally entitled thereto the purchase price for such interest in the following manner:
			1. Twenty-five percent (25%) within ten (10) days after a value is placed upon the Partner's interest, whether by agreement or appraisal, and the balance in forty-eight (48) equal monthly installments commencing on the first day of January in the year succeeding the year in which the option was exercised. After exercise of the option, interest only at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum shall be paid monthly until principal and interest payments commence on the succeeding first day of January. The note evidencing the obligation to pay shall be unsecured.
		6. The phrase "Net Fair Market Value" of a Partner's interest shall, for purposes of this Agreement, be defined as the product determined by multiplying that Partner's percentage interest in profits and losses by the sum of the following:
1. All cash and prepaid items on hand as of the date the option was exercised;
2. An amount equal to the amount which would have received had the Partnership been sold for its fair market value at the time of the completion, reduced by closing costs in the amount of six and one-half percent (6-1/2%) of the total sale price and further reduced by all Partnership liabilities in existence at the time of the proposed sale.
	* 1. The Adjusted Net Fair Market Value of a Partner's interest shall be equal to the Net Fair Market Value of that Partner's interest reduced by an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the Net Fair Market Value of that Partnership interest.
		2. The fair market value of the Partnership shall be determined by unanimous agreement of buying and selling Partners, or if they do not agree within ten (10) days, then the fair market value shall be determined by three (3) appraisers. One appraiser shall be appointed by the buying Partners, one appraiser to be appointed by the selling Partner, or his successor, and the third to be appointed by the two so appointed. If the appraisers do not agree upon a single value, then the average value of the three appraisals shall be the fair market value of the Partnership. If the Partners cannot select three (3) appraisers then the determination of fair market value of the Partnership shall be submitted to binding arbitration in accordance with the procedure set forth in the laws of the state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert state of partnership incorporation]*. All appraisers shall be appointed within ten (10) days after the election to offer to sell. All appraisals shall be completed with forty-five (45) days after the appraisers are appointed. All costs of appraisal and all costs affecting the sale (except legal and accounting costs) shall be paid fifty percent (50%) by the buying Partners and fifty percent (50%) by the selling Partner.
	1. Prohibition Against Other Transfer. Except as provided in Section 9.3 and Section 9.4 above, no Partner, or his heirs, personal representatives, successors, or assigns, shall have the right, at any time, to sell or transfer, for consideration or gratuitously, all or any portion of his interest in this Partnership unless the following procedure is followed:
		1. Subject to the nine (9) month prohibition against transfer outlined in Section 9.2, such Partner shall deliver a notice in writing to the remaining Partners, stating the price, terms, and conditions of such proposed sale or transfer, and the identity of the proposed transferee. For a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, the remaining Partners shall have the first right to purchase all, but not less than all, of such interest so offered on the terms and conditions set forth in said notice or if there is no proposed transferee then for the price and on such terms and conditions as may be negotiated by the selling and buying parties.
		2. If there is more than one remaining Partner electing to purchase, each such Partner shall be entitled to purchase a proportionate share of the selling Partner's interest. If one or more Partners decline to purchase their proportionate share of such Partner's interest so offered, the proportionate share of each Partner who elects to purchase shall be increased pro rata.
		3. Should the remaining Partners fail to purchase all of such Partner's interest specified in the notice provided for in this Section, then after the expiration of thirty (30) days after receipt by them of such notice, or as soon as the Partners decide not to exercise their first right of refusal, the transferor Partner may transfer his interest to anyone without regard to any restrictions on transfer contained herein on the same terms and conditions and for the same price as set forth in the notice or if there is no proposed transferee, on the terms and conditions and for the price approved by the remaining Partners and upon no more favorable terms and conditions and for no less a price; provided, however, that if said interest is not transferred within one hundred (100) days after notification, then the transfer of such interest shall again become subject to the provisions of this Section.
		4. In the case of any Partner which is a corporation or Partnership, the transfer of fifty percent (50%) or more of the ownership of such corporation or partnership shall, for purposes of this Agreement, be deemed a transfer of the partnership interest owned by such Partner.

**SECTION X.**

**LIABILITIES OF PARTNERS**

* 1. Liability of General Partner. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the liability of the General Partner arising from the conduct of the business affairs or operations of the Partnership or from the debts of the Partnership is unrestricted.
	2. Indemnity by Partners. The Partners hereby agree to save, defend and hold the General Partner harmless from any and all liability to the Partnership in excess of the General Partner's proportionate share thereof determined by reference to the General Partner's proportionate ownership interest in the Partnership. Each Partner shall be liable pursuant to this indemnity provision only to the extent of such Partner's proportionate ownership interest in the Partnership. The purpose of this Agreement is to ensure that the Partners and the General Partner participate equally in losses as well as profits derived from the Partnership. This Agreement is not intended to create third party beneficiary rights in any creditor of the Partnership. Each Partner shall honor this indemnity agreement within ten (10) days after notice and demand by the General Partner and hereby waives any defense that an action may not be maintained against a Partner until a final accounting and dissolution. By signing an amendment to this Agreement, all Partners specifically acknowledge that they have read this provision and agree to be bound by its terms.

**SECTION XI.**

**PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS**

* 1. Specified Acts. During the time of the organization or continuance of this Partnership, neither the General Partner nor the Partners hereof shall do any of the following:
		1. Use the name of the Partnership (or any substantially similar name) or any trademark or trade name adopted by the Partnership, except in the ordinary course of the Partnership business.
		2. Disclose to any non-partner any of the Partnership business practices, trade secrets, or any other information not generally known to the business community.
		3. Do any other act or deed with the intention of harming the business operations of the Partnership.
		4. Do any act contrary to this Agreement, except with the prior express written approval of all Partners.
		5. Do any act that would make it impossible to carry on the intended or ordinary business of the Partnership.
		6. Confess a judgment against the Partnership.
		7. Abandon or transfer or dispose of Partnership property, real or personal.
	2. Use of Partnership Assets. The General Partner shall not use, and hereby specifically promises not to use, directly or indirectly, the assets of this Partnership for any purpose other than conducting the business of the Partnership, for the full and exclusive benefit of all its Partners.

**SECTION XII.**

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP**

* 1. Dissolution and Winding Up. The Partnership shall be dissolved, and its affairs shall be wound up upon expiration of the term provided for the existence of the Partnership; or when all of the assets of the Partnership have been sold or distributed by the Partnership; or pursuant to Section 12.2.
	2. Dissolution Upon Consent. The Partnership shall be dissolved upon any date specified in a consent to dissolution signed by the General Partner and by fifty-one percent (51%) of the Partners.
	3. Dissolution When General Partner Ceases as Such.
		1. Except as provided in Section 12.3(C), the Partnership shall not dissolve upon the death, incompetency or withdrawal of the General Partner or any Partner. All Partners specifically agree that the Partnership shall not be dissolved for any reason other than as set forth in Sections 12.1, 12.2 or 12.3(C).
		2. Upon the death, incompetency or withdrawal of the General Partner, the General Partner's interest shall become that of a Partner with all the rights, duties and obligations of a Partner hereunder. The transferee of the General Partner in the event of death or incompetency shall be admitted as a Substituted Partner.
		3. In the event of death, incompetency or withdrawal of the General Partner, the Partners shall elect a new General Partner by a fifty-one percent (51%) vote. Each Partner's interest shall be reduced proportionately to the extent of the new General Partner interest. If a new General Partner is not selected within ninety (90) days after the date of death, incompetency or withdrawal, then the Partnership shall be wound up and dissolved.
	4. Responsibility for Winding Up. Upon dissolution of the Partnership, the affairs of the Partnership shall be wound up by the General Partner, or if there is no General Partner, the Partnership's affairs shall be wound up by the Partners.
	5. Liquidation and Distribution. The person or persons responsible for winding up the affairs of the Partnership shall take full account of the Partnership assets and liabilities, shall liquidate the assets of the Partnership as promptly as is consistent with obtaining the fair value thereof, and shall apply and distribute the proceeds in the following order:
		1. To creditors of the Partnership, including Partners who are creditors to the extent provided by law;
		2. Then to the Partners in proportion to their capital accounts.
		3. Any Partner with a deficit in his capital account following the distribution of liquidation proceeds is required to restore the amount of such deficit to the Partnership, which amount shall be distributed to the other Partners in proportion to their positive capital account balances or paid to creditors.
	6. Filing Certificate of Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Partnership, the General Partner shall execute and file in the office of the Secretary of State of the state of ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert where partnership is located]* a Certificate of Dissolution. If dissolution occurs after a sole General Partner ceases to be a General Partner, the Partners conducting the winding up of the Partnership's affairs shall file the Certificate of Dissolution.
	7. Cancellation of Any Certificate of Partnership. Upon completion of the winding up of the Partnership's affairs, the Partners conducting the winding up of the Partnership's affairs shall execute and file in the office of the Secretary of State of the state of ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert where partnership is located]* a Certificate of Cancellation of the Certificate of Partnership, if required. If dissolution occurs after a sole General Partner ceases to be a General Partner, the Partners conducting the winding up of the Partnership's affairs shall file any required Certificate of Cancellation.

**SECTION XIII.**

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

1. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire understanding among the Partners and supersedes any prior written or oral agreements between them respecting the subject matter contained herein. There are no representations, agreements, arrangements, or understandings, oral or written, between and among the Partners relating to the subject matter of this Agreement that are not fully expressed herein.
2. Amendments. The provisions of this Agreement may be amended by the vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Partners. Any amendment of this Agreement shall be in writing, dated, and executed by all Partners. If any conflict arises between the provision of any amendment and the original Agreement as previously amended, the most recent provisions shall control. No amendment shall, without the unanimous consent of all Partners, modify the Partnership interests of the Partners or the allocation of profits or losses or distributions, change the compensation provided for the General Partner or Partners, or amend this Section, except as provided in Subsections 2.3, 2.4 or 9.3.
3. Attorneys' Fees and Costs. If any action at law or in equity, including an action for declaratory or injunctive relief, is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
4. Governing Law. All questions with respect to the construction of this Agreement and the rights and liabilities of the parties hereto shall be governed by the laws of the state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert state of partnership incorporation]*.
5. Notices. All notices shall be in writing and sent by regular United States mail. All notices to the Partners shall be sent to them at the addresses shown for them in the records of the Partnership. All notices to the Partnership shall be sent to it at its principal executive office in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert state of partnership incorporation and where the office is located]*. Notices shall be deemed to have been delivered when deposited in the United States mail.
6. Successors. Subject to the restrictions against assignment of partnership interests contained herein, this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the assigns, successors in interest, personal representatives, estates, heirs, and legatees of each of the parties hereto.
7. Severability. If any provisions of this Agreement shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.
8. No Execution by Spouses. This Agreement is executed only by the Original Partners. Each Original Partner hereby certifies that he has the full right and authority to bind the marital property of such Original Partner and his spouse.
9. Election of Adjusted Basis. In the event of a transfer of all or part of the interest of a Partner, the General Partner may elect, on behalf of the Partnership, to adjust the basis of the Partnership property pursuant to Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code. All other elections required or permitted to be made by the Partnership; under the Internal Revenue Code shall be made by the General Partner in such manner as will, in his opinion, be most advantageous to a majority in interest of the Partners.
10. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and all counterparts so executed shall constitute one agreement which shall be binding on all of the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all of the parties are not signatory to the original or the same counterpart.
11. Headings. The heading preceding the paragraphs of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only, are not a part of this Agreement, and shall be disregarded in the interpretation of any portion of this Agreement.
12. Other Instruments. The parties hereto covenant and agree that they shall execute each other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the Partnership created by this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties as identified below have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date of this Agreement.**

 **“ORIGINAL PARTNER”**

**JOHN DOE,** on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert company name if the company is the actual partner in the contract]*

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 Signature

 **“ORIGINAL PARTNER”**

**CHRISTOPHER SMITH,** on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[insert company name if the company is the actual partner in the contract*

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