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ARTICLES OF MERGER

These Articles of Merger are adopted and approved by Kovatch Foot & PLLC, a Kentucky professional limited liability company, and Kovatch Foot & Specialists, PLLC, an Illinois professional limited liability company on July 31, 2024.

1. The parties to this merger are:
 - Kovatch Foot & Ankle Specialists, PLLC
 - Kovatch Foot & Ankle Specialists, PLLC

2. The state of organization of each party to this merger is Kentucky and Illinois, respectively. The dates of filing Articles of Organization are:
 - Kovatch Foot & Ankle Specialists, PLLC - Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of Kentucky on April 25, 2011.
 - Kovatch Foot & Ankle Specialists, PLLC - Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of Illinois on July 18, 2024.

3. The surviving entity is Kovatch Foot & Ankle Specialists, PLLC, an Illinois professional limited liability company (the "**Surviving Entity**").

4. No change to the articles of organization of the Surviving Entity is desired.

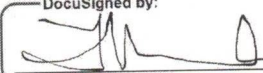
5. The Plan of Merger has been approved and signed by each party that is to merge.

6. The Surviving Entity
 - a. agrees that it may be served with process in the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the "**Commonwealth**") in any proceeding for enforcement of any obligation of any constituent business entity party to the merger that was organized under the laws of the Commonwealth, as well as for enforcement of any obligation of the surviving business entity arising from the merger; and
 - b. appoints the Secretary of State as its agent for service of process in any such proceeding. A copy of the process shall be mailed to 5241 S. Cicero Avenue, Chicago, IL 60632 by the Secretary of State.

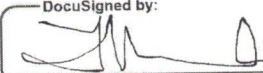
7. The effective date of the merger is August 5, 2024.

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a Kentucky Professional Limited Liability
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