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Certificate of Authority

Pursuant to the provisions of KRS 14A.9 - 030 the undersigned hereby applies for authority to transact business in Kentucky on behalf of the entity named below and, for that purpose, submits the following statements:

- 1. The entity is a limited liability company.
- 2. The name of the entity is

FIRST FINANCIAL INVESTMENT FUND III, LLC

- 3. The state or country under whose law the entity is organized is Delaware.
- 4. The date of organization is 8/11/2008 and the period of duration is perpetual.
- 5. The mailing address of the entity's principal office is

3091 Governors Lake Drive Suite 500, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

6. The name of the initial registered agent is

Corporation Service Company

and the street address of the entity's initial registered office in Kentucky is

421 West Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40601

7. The names and business addresses of the entity's representatives: Member Mary Maloney 3091 Governors Lake Drive, Suite 500, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

- 8. This entity is managed by **Members**.
- 9. This filing will be effective on Friday, October 25, 2024.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kentucky that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature of individual signing on behalf of **President: Mary Maloney**

I, **Mary Maloney**, consent to sign for **Corporation Service Company** who serves as the Registered Agent on behalf of this entity on Friday, October 25, 2024.

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