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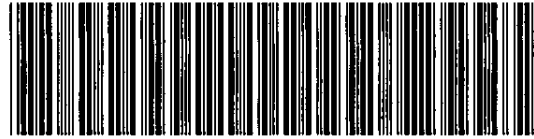
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Orlando Center for Justice, Inc.

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April 18, 2016


Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
Clifton Building  
2661 Executive Center Circle  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

RE: Orlando Center for Justice, Inc. not for profit incorporation filing

Dear Corporations Division:

Enclosed are an original and two (2) copies of the articles of incorporation and a check for: \$87.50 for the filing fee, Certified Copy and a Certificate of Status.

Sincerely,



Melissa L. Marantes  
Incorporator

**COVER LETTER**

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Orlando Center for Justice, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

\$70.00  
Filing Fee

\$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

\$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

\$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Melissa L. Marantes  
Name (Printed or typed)

1802 North Alafaya Trail, Ste 173  
Address

Orlando, FL 32828  
City, State & Zip

(407) 279-1802  
Daytime Telephone number

marantes@orlandojustice.org  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
ORLANDO CENTER FOR JUSTICE, INC.  
A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**Article 1**

The name of the corporation is **ORLANDO CENTER FOR JUSTICE, INC.** ("the **Corporation**"). The principal office of the corporation is located in Orange County at 1802 North Alafaya Trail, Suite 173, Orlando, FL 32826. The mailing address of the corporation is 1802 North Alafaya Trail, Suite 173, Orlando, FL 32826. The registered office is located in Orange County at 707 Meadowside Court, Orlando, FL 32825.

**Article 2**

The name of the registered agent of the corporation is Melissa Lopez Marantes. The address of this registered agent is 707 Meadowside Court, Orlando, FL 32825.

**Article 3**

The period of duration is perpetual. The corporation is organized pursuant to the Not for Profit Corporation laws of the State of Florida.

**Article 4**

The method of election of the Board of Directors shall be stated in the bylaws. The initial Board of Directors are:

Juan Carlos Gomez, Board Member  
1802 North Alafaya Trail, Suite 173  
Orlando, FL 32826

John Allen Barry, Board Member  
1802 North Alafaya Trail, Suite 173  
Orlando, FL 32826

Vanessa McCarthy, Board Member  
1802 North Alafaya Trail, Suite 173  
Orlando, FL 32826

STATE OF FLORIDA  
CORPORATION

## Article 5

The name and address of the incorporator is: Melissa Lopez Marantes, 707 Meadowside Court, Orlando, FL 32825.

## Article 6

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable, educational and professional and consist of the following:

1. To serve low to moderate income underserved communities throughout Florida who can not afford a full priced attorney but may not qualify for traditional free legal assistance by providing free and/or affordable legal services and;
2. Such other charitable and educational activities such that (a) educational and economic development opportunities in those communities may be expanded; (b) poverty, environmental degradation and discrimination may be lessened; (c) more vulnerable populations such as, but not limited to, children and victims of domestic violence may be served in greater numbers.
3. To engage in any and all activities and to support or assist other organizations as may be reasonably related to the foregoing and following purposes.
4. To solicit and receive contributions, purchase, own and sell real and personal property, to make contracts, invest corporate funds, to spend corporate funds for corporate purposes and to engage in any activity which is in furtherance of, incidental to, or connected with any of the foregoing or following purposes.
5. To aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions, or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes, no part of net earnings of which insures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
6. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, association, trusts, institution, foundations, or governmental bureaus, department or agencies.
7. All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in such a manner that the Corporation will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

#### **Article 7**

Membership requirements shall be stated in the bylaws.

#### **Article 8**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted by an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

#### **Article 9**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and education purposes. The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof, or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

#### **Article 10**

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office except as authorized under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

#### **Article 11**

Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.


#### **Article 12**

Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursement, incurred by him (or by his heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein,

except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Office (or such heirs, executors of administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

**Execution**

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporator on this 18 day of April, 2016.

  
Signature/Incorporator: Melissa L. Marantes


STATE OF FLORIDA

ss:

COUNTY OF ORANGE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an office duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared Melissa Lopez Marantes to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument as incorporator and acknowledged before me that he or she executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

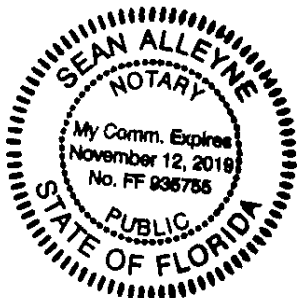
  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
My Commission Expires: November 12, 2019

**REGISTERED AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT**

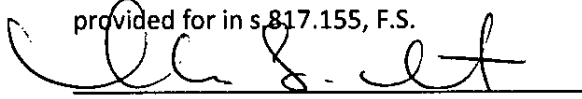
I, Melissa Lopez Marantes, having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the **Orlando Center for Justice, Inc.**, a Florida Not for Profit Corporation, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

  
Melissa L. Marantes

4/18/2016  
Date



I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.



Melissa L. Marantes, Incorporator

4/18/2016

Date

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