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NAME: AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW

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XX ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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#### NOT FOR PROFIT CERTIFICATE OF DOMESTICATION

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				MEENINGOCETT	
The	e undersigned.	Kevin Cieply	President		
	Ava Maria School o	(Name)		(Title)  a foreign Corporation	
in s	accordance wit	(Corporation Name h section 617.1803, Florida Sta			
۱.	The date on w	hich corporation was first form	ed was February 23	, 2000	
2,	The jurisdiction where the above named corporation was first formed, incorporated, or otherwise came into being was Michigan				
3.	The name of the corporation immediately prior to the filing of this Certificate of Domestication was Ave Maria School of Law				
4.	The name of the corporation, as set forth in its articles of incorporation, to be filed pursuant to s. 617.01201 and 617.0202 with this certificate is Ave Maria School of Law, Inc.				
5.	The jurisdiction that constituted the seat, siege social, or principal place of business or central administration of the corporation, or any other equivalent jurisdiction under applicable law, immediately before the filing of the Certificate of Domestication was Michigan				
6.	Attached are Florida articles of incorporation to complete the domestication requirements pursuant to s. 617.1803.				
l ai	m President	of Ave Maria Sch	nool of Law, Inc.	•	
	d am authorize this the <u>/5</u> 7	d to sign this Certificate of Don day of May	nestication on behalf of the	corporation and have done	
		(Author	ecd Signature)		
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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW, INC.

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In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S. (Not for Profit)

#### ARTICLE I Name

The name of the Corporation shall be Ave Maria School of Law, Inc. (the "Corporation").

## ARTICLE II Principal Office

The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation shall be 1025 Commons Circle, Naples, Florida 34119.

## ARTICLE III Purposes

- A. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized and shall be operated are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and/or educational, and such other allowable charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future United States internal revenue law (the "Code"). In furtherance of these purposes, but not in limitation thereof, the Corporation may exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon not-for-profit corporations, exempt organizations that qualify as such under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding provisions of a future United States Revenue Code. In all events the Corporation shall operate exclusively for purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
- B. The essential character of the Ave Maria School of Law shall at all times be maintained as a Catholic institution of higher learning which operates consistently with Ex Corde Ecclesiae. With such essential character in mind, the purposes of the Corporation further include the following:
  - 1. To educate students in the principles of English and American Law, in the context of the moral and social teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and such other subjects of investigation relating or appertaining thereto as the Board of Directors of the School of Law may determine, and to develop in these students the professional skills necessary to the practice of law in the United States.
  - 2. To encourage legal research and scholarship, particularly in areas of special interest and concern to the Roman Catholic Church.

- 3. To serve the common good and train its students to serve the common good, as elaborated in the moral and social teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
- 4. To build a community among the faculty, administration, students, alumni and staff based on the inherent dignity of every human being, a dignity based on our creation in the image and likeness of God and raised to a new level by our redemption by Jesus Christ.
- 5. To improve the legal profession through legal education and the activities described above.
- 6. To confer the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree and honors as are customarily conferred by other schools or colleges of law, which will be awarded to students who satisfactorily complete 90 semester hours of graduate course work or its equivalent and meet other degree requirements.
- 7. To admit students without regard to race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, veteran status or physical or mental disability, and to not discriminate on these bases in the administration of any of its programs related to applicants or students, including but not limited to admissions, financial aid, academics and student affairs.
- 8. To solicit funds or revenues necessary for the discharge of the purposes of the Corporation.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision set forth herein:
- No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any of its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its exempt purposes.
- 2. 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 (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- 3. The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from Federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible for federal income tax purposes.

## ARTICLE IV Operation and Manner of Election

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of a Board of Directors of the Corporation. The number, term of office, method of selection and manner of removal of the Board of Directors shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE V Initial Registered Agent and Street Address

The name and Florida street address of the Corporation's registered agent shall be Kaye Castro, 1025 Commons Circle, Naples, Florida 34119.

#### ARTICLE VI Corporate Duration

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved by law.

#### ARTICLE VII Members

The Corporation shall have no members.

## ARTICLE VIII Indemnification

The Corporation shall indemnify each director and officer, including former directors and officers, to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Section 617.0831. It is intended that the Corporation be an organization the officers and directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Section 617.0834 and other similar laws.

## ARTICLE IX Dissolution

In the event the Corporation is dissolved or liquidated, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provision for payment of all of the known liabilities of the Corporation, shall distribute the Corporation's property and assets to such other one or more exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code as, in the sole judgment of the Corporation's Board of Directors, have charitable purposes most closely allied to those of the Corporation. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction exclusively for such exempt purposes of any exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code as said court shall determine.

## ARTICLE X Private Foundation Status

- A. If the Corporation is ever classified as a private foundation under the Code, the following provisions shall be applicable:
  - 1. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner so as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code.
  - 2. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code.
  - 3. The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code.
  - 4. The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Code.
  - 5. The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code.

## ARTICLE XI Initial Directors and Officers

The names and addresses of the persons to serve as the initial Officers and Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Thomas S. Monaghan

Chairman and Director

1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119

Kevin Cieply Director, President, Secretary and Treasurer

1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119

Patrick J. Conlin Director

1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119

Thomas B. Garlick Director

1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119

James W. Fennessey 1025 Commons Circle

Naples, Florida 34119 Director

Richard Klaas Director 1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119 His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida

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Cathy Ruse Director 1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119

Ronald J. Rychlak Director 1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119

Michael Saadeh Director 1025 Commons Circle

James P. White Director 1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119

Edward V. Staros Director 1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119

Peter A. Carfagna 1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119

Naples, Florida 34119

Frank J. Dewane Other

1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119

Mitzi S. Magin Director 1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119

Henry F. White, Jr. Director 1025 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119

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Richard F. Natonski 2015 Commons Circle Naples, Florida 34119 Director

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## ARTICLE XII Amendment

These Articles of Incorporation shall only be amended by a majority vote of the Corporation's Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XIII Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator is Lynne M. Rader, Cohen & Grigsby, P.C., 625 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the Incorporator on this Aday May, 2017.

Signature M. Salv

### REGISTERED AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-named Corporation at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent and agrees to act in such capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of its duties as registered agent, and is familiar with and accepts the obligations of such position.

Kave Castro Registered Agent

Date: May /5, 2017