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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the Articles of Incorporation for Citizens for Judicial Accountability. Also enclosed is a money order for \$78.00 which is for the filing fee of \$70.00 and \$8.00 to mail to the registered agent, Pedro Padilla 1400 S.W. 101Avenue, Miami Fl. 33174. a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation upon having filed it with your office.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter.

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Sincerely,

Pedro Padilla

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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

September 20, 2000

PEDRO PADILLA 1400 S.W. 101ST AVENUE MIAMI, FL 33174

SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Ref. Number: W00000023062

We have received your document for JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY and your check(s) totaling \$78.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with an address and telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

The name of the corporation must contain a corporate suffix. This suffix may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6972.

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Doris Brown Document Specialist

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF CITIZENS FOR JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY INC.



#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is CITIZENS FOR JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY INC. The principal office mailing address is, 1051 N.E. 90th Street, Miami Florida, 33138

#### **ARTICLE II - DURATION**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence, unless sooner dissolved in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Corporate existence shall commence at the time of filing of the Articles by the Department of State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

This corporation is a nonprofit corporation and is not organized for pecuniary profit or for the private gain of any person. It is organized for charitable, educational and public service purposes under Chapter 617 Florida Statutes, Not For Profit Corporation Act. It shall exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations. Its functions include, but are not limited to: 1) monitoring the professional conduct of all Officers of the Court including judges, attorneys and court reporters; 2) educating and assisting the public in improving the judiciary system for the benefit of that system and the general public. It shall do and transact all such business, incidental to or in any; way connected with said functions.

#### **ARTICLE IV - POWERS**

This Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

This Corporation shall have all the powers of a natural person and, as provided by law, subject only to limitations imposed by these Articles and by Bylaws of this Corporation. Notwithstanding any such powers, or any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are tax deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided in Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign (including the publication or distribution or statements) on behalf o any candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE V - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these articles is Pedro Pedilla, 1400 S.W. 101 Avenue, Miami, Fl. 33174.

#### ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 1400 S.W. 101 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33174.

#### ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Except as otherwise provided by law, by these Articles of Incorporation, or by the Corporation Bylaws, the business and affairs of this Corporation shall be conducted by, and the powers of this Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of a Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall be elected or appointed as set forth in the Bylaws.

This corporation shall have three (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the bylaws but shall never be less than one. The Directors named herein as the initial Directors shall hold office until the first meeting of the Member(s) of the Corporation, at which time a new Board of Directors shall be elected or appointed as provided for in the Corporation Bylaws. The names and addresses of the initial directors of this corporation are:

Adilia Budnick, 4645 S.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33126 Alvin L. Combs, 820 N.E. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, Florida 33138 Pedro Padilla, 1400 S.W. 101 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33174

#### **ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS**

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a vice president, a Treasurer/Secretary and such additional officers as the Bylaws of this Corporation may authorize. Each officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (and may be removed by the Board of Directors) in such manner as prescribed by the Bylaws. The name and address of each initial officer of the corporation is as follows:

President - Alvin L. Combs, 820 N.E. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, Florida 33138 Vice President - Adilia Budnick, 4645 S.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33126 Secretary-Treasurer - Pedro Padilla, 1400 S.W. 101 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33174

#### ARTICLE X - BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the Member(s) of the Corporation acting in accordance with law and as set forth in the Corporation Bylaws.

## ARTICLE XI - PRIVATE PROPERTY

The private property of the Member(s) and Officers of this Corporation and the Board of Directors shall be exempt from liability for the debts of this Corporation.

### ARTICLE XII - NONSTOCK BASIS

This Corporation is organized and shall be operated on a nonstock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock, but may have membership certification if so provided in the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE XIII - DEDICATION AND DISSOLUTION OF ASSETS

All the property and assets of this Corporation are dedicated to charitable and education purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

No part of said property or assets shall inure to the benefit of any Member, Director or Officer of this Corporation or to the benefit of any private individual. However, reasonable compensation may be paid to the employees or consultants for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes.

Upon the dissolution, winding up or abandonment of the Corporation, the Member(s) of the Corporation shall, after payment, or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of this Corporation, dispose of all assets of the Corporation to such an organization or organizations as the Member(s) choose which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at that time have established tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended.

#### ARTICLE XIV - INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENT

Amendments to this Article of Incorporation may be adopted only the Member(s) of the Corporation acting in accordance with law and Corporation's Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the incorporator has executed these Articles of incorporation for the purpose of forming this Corporation Not For Profit under the laws of the State of Florida this \( \forall \) day of September, 2000.

PEDRO PADILLA

STATE OF FLORIDA

SS

COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 7 day of September 2000, by Pedro Padilla, who is personally known to me and who did take an oath and who acknowledged to me to be the person who executed the foregoing articles of incorporation.

**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

NYPIL VIVIEN HIMES
COMMISSION & CC 712175
EXPIRES JAN 29, 2002
COMMISSION & CC 712175

Citizens for Judicial Accountability Inc., names as the Corporation's registered agent for service of process at the address given:

Pedro Padilla, 1400 S.W. 101 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33174.

# CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

I the undersigned, having been named as initial registered agent of the corporation in the foregoing articles of incorporation hereby accept said office and will serve in said capacity.

REGISTERED AGENT