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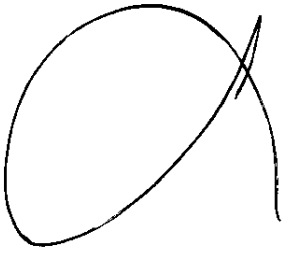
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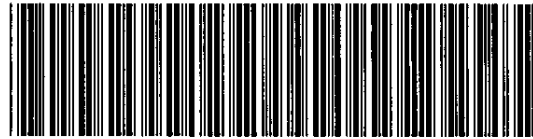
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE NORTH FLORIDA CENTER FOR EQUAL JUSTICE, INC.**

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:

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ARTICLE I

NAME OF CORPORATION: The name of the corporation is THE NORTH FLORIDA CENTER FOR EQUAL JUSTICE, INC. hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation."

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE: The principal office of the corporation is located at 2121 Delta Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303.

ARTICLE III

MAILING ADDRESS: The mailing address of the corporation is 2121 Delta Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303.

ARTICLE IV

REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT: The initial ^{principal}~~registered~~ office of the Corporation shall be located at 2121 Delta Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303. The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is Kent Spuhler. The address of this registered agent is 2425 Torreya Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303.

ARTICLE V

DURATION: The period of duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The business affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall be set forth in the bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The Board of Directors shall be appointed and hold office as provided in the bylaws. The Board of Directors may, in its Bylaws, provide for delegation of powers to an executive committee.

The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as the initial Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Benjamin Crump
240 North Magnolia Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Wendy Loquasto
314 West Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Theodore Mack
803 North Gadsden Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP: The sole member of this Corporation shall be Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.

ARTICLE VIII

INCORPORATORS: The name and address of the incorporator is: Kristine E. Knab, 2119 Delta Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303.

ARTICLE IX

CORPORATE PURPOSES: The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable and educational.

Specifically, the primary purpose of the Corporation is to provide high quality civil legal assistance (through staff and volunteer attorneys) to economically disadvantaged persons and groups and to vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and domestic violence victims, who are or may be in need of civil legal services but are unable to obtain private attorneys to provide such services because of the nature of the legal services required, and their inability to afford such services. The Corporation shall provide legal services to individuals and groups requiring such legal services who reside or are located in the following counties within the State of Florida: Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington Counties.

A. The legal services to be provided by the Corporation shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The defense and/or prosecution of civil actions related to housing, consumer, employment, and public benefits, including federal and state class actions.
2. Representation of individuals and groups before all types of tribunals, boards legislative entities, and administrative agencies of the Federal, State and Local Government.
3. Providing counseling, instructions, education and advisory services and, if necessary, representation concerning consumer and consumer fraud issues; housing issues to improve, preserve and expand low income housing opportunities; availability requirements and eligibility issues for various State and Federal assistance aid programs; problems involving credit, mortgage, loan and related issues; wage earner rights and remedies.
4. Areas in which the harsh working and living conditions of the poor can be improved through individual or class action litigation, administrative changes, Court reforms or any other legal actions to enforce their rights.

B. In carrying out its purposes, this Corporation shall have all powers provided for Corporations Not for Profit by Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes or corresponding provisions of any subsequent statute and may:

1. Purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use or otherwise deal in and with real and personal property, or any interest therein, in its own right, as Trustee or in any other fiduciary capacity, wheresoever, situated.
2. Take, receive, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold or use gifts or grants of money.
3. 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, departments or agencies.

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 X

501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS

1. **CORPORATE PURPOSES:** Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on 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.

2. **EXCLUSIVITY:** The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

3. **NO PRIVATE INUREMENT:** 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. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

4. **LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS:** 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. Advocacy of appropriate reforms in statutes, regulations and administrative practices is a part of the traditional role of the lawyer and shall be among the services provided by the Corporation. Such activities shall not constitute a substantial portion of the activities of the Corporation or its employees as would jeopardize the Corporation's tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

5. **DISSOLUTION:** 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 (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code) 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. No member, director, officer or private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets upon dissolution.

6. "PRIVATE FOUNDATION" PROVISIONS: In the event this Corporation is considered to be a "Private Foundation" by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under provisions of the United States Code the following provisions apply:

a) The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

b) The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

c) The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

d) The Corporation will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

e) The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XI

INDEMNIFICATION: 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 disbursements, 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 Officer (or such heirs, executors or administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

EXECUTION

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporator on this
15th day of May, 2007.

Kristine E. Knab
Kristine E. Knab
2119 Delta Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32303

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Kristine E. Knab, who is either personally known to me or who produced a valid Florida Driver's License, executed the foregoing instrument as incorporator (or the agent of the 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
15th day of May, 2007.

Constance L. Davis
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
My Commission Expires:



**REGISTERED AGENT'S
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT**

I hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for The North Florida Center for Equal Justice, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation.

Kent Spuhler
Kent Spuhler

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