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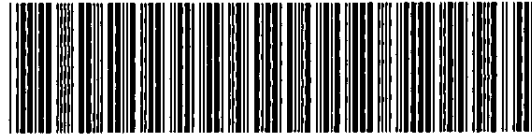
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SUBJECT: Floridians for fair and impartial courts, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**FLORIDIANS FOR FAIR AND IMPARTIAL COURTS, INC.**

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned subscribes to these Articles of Incorporation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit and further states as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**Name and Principal Place of Business**

The name of the corporation is the "Floridians for Fair and Impartial Courts, Inc." The initial principal place of business is: Suite 4900, 200 South Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33131-2352.

**ARTICLE II**

**Duration**

The period of the duration of this corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved in accordance with Florida law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**ARTICLE III**

**Purposes**

This corporation is organized as a charitable, educational and research organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities which are not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. The corporation is established for educational purposes, including but not limited to the following:

1. To educate the public about the importance of maintaining the Florida judicial system as a co-equal branch of State government;

2. To provide research concerning the impact of legislation and other efforts which could compromise the impartiality of Florida's judicial branch of government;

3. To educate the public about the importance of maintaining the fair and impartial administration of justice;

4. To disseminate research findings and statistical information relevant to administration of the judicial system in Florida;

5. To raise adequate funds from individuals, foundations, businesses, associations and other entities to support the corporation's activities consistent with these purposes and as permitted for an organization exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations issued pursuant thereto, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended; and

6. To transact any and all other lawful business activities permitted of a corporation not-for-profit established under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, and to distribute the whole or any part of the income and principal derived from such activities exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes, either directly or through contributions to other organizations which qualify as exempt organizations pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations issued pursuant thereto, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **Restrictions**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons; provided, however, the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III, hereof and to pay or reimburse the reasonable expenses of fundraising and carrying out the objectives of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate 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.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **Members**

Membership in Floridians for Fair and Impartial Courts, Inc. shall be as set forth in classifications as determined in the bylaws of the corporation. There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The street address and city of the registered office of the corporation is:

Suite 4900  
200 South Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, Florida 33131-2352

The name of the initial registered agent at such address is Raoul G. Cantero, Esquire.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

##### **Board of Directors**

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed between meetings of the membership by a Board of Directors which shall consist of no fewer than three members. The number and method of selection of

directors shall be prescribed in the bylaws. There shall be no limit on the number of terms a Board member may serve. Board members shall serve with no compensation; provided, however, the Board may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred by Board members in conjunction with the corporation's business or other approved activities directly related to the corporation's purposes. Board members shall serve two year terms and may serve for successive renewal terms without limitation.

Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

#### **ARTICLE VIII** **Officers**

The corporation shall have such officers as may be provided for in the bylaws. The manner of selection of officers shall also be provided for in the bylaws. The corporation shall have at least the following officers:

- President/Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Any one individual may hold more than one office in the corporation. Duties of officers shall be described in the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE IX** **Indemnification of Officers and Directors**

As provided in the bylaws, officers and directors shall be indemnified by the corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, (including any incurred in appellate proceedings), reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding or settlement thereof in which they may become involved by reason of holding such office. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all officers and directors against any such liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as officers and directors or arising out of their status as such.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Non-Stock Basis**

This corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, the residual assets of the corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future United States Internal Revenue law or to the federal, state or local government to be used for exclusively public purposes.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**Amendment**

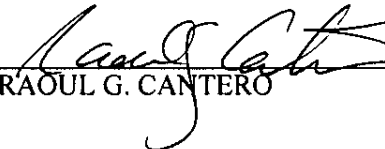
Amendment of these articles shall require the approval of a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at a meeting of the Board. At least thirty (30) days prior to the Board meeting, the text of any proposed amendments shall be furnished to the directors of the corporation. The membership of the corporation may alter or rescind a proposed amendment by majority vote of those members present at the annual business meeting or by mail ballot furnished to the membership as provided in the bylaws and decided by majority vote.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**Incorporators**

The name and address of the incorporator subscribing to these Articles of Incorporation are set forth below:

Raoul G. Cantero, Esquire  
Suite 4900  
200 South Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, Florida 33131-2352

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida does hereby make and file in the office of the Secretary of State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation and further certifies that the facts stated herein are true and correct.

  
RAOUL G. CANTERO

SEP 6 AM 8:05  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
COUNTY OF DADE            )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2011, by Raoul G. Cantero, who is        personally known to me or        who produced satisfactory identification to me (check one).

WITNESS my hand and seal in the County and State named above on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2011.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public:

NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA  
Mary P. Gaulding  
Commission #DD952580  
Expires: JAN. 25, 2014  
BONDED THRU ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

Printed Name

**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Raoul G. Cantero, the Registered Agent named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, by the execution of this acceptance, does hereby agree to abide by the provisions of Section 617.0503, Florida Statutes, with respect to the duties of such registered agent and agrees to maintain normal business hours at the following address: Suite 4900, 200 South Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33131-2352.

  
RAOUL G. CANTERO