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SUBJECT: THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY SENIOR LAW CENTER, INC.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: Jeffrey A. Rapkin, Esq.

Name (Printed or typed)

18245 Paulson Dr.

Address

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City, State & Zip

941-916-4096

Daytime Telephone number

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E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

**NONPROFIT ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR
THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY SENIOR LAW CENTER, INC.**

Articles of Incorporation of the undersigned, The Board of Directors who are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Laws of the State of Florida, and the United States, do hereby certify:

First: The **name** of the Corporation shall be: **THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY SENIOR LAW CENTER, INC.**

Second: Principal Office: The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is: **18245 Paulson Drive, Port Charlotte, Fl. 33954.**

Third: Purpose: (See eighth and ninth for specific purposes) This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Fourth: Board of Directors and manner of election: The corporation shall have a Board of Directors that will govern all activities of the corporation. The Bylaws of the corporations shall also provide for their duties and functions. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, alter, and rescind the Bylaws of this corporation provided that at least thirty days (30 days) notice has been given all members of the Board of Directors of the character of the prepared amendment or amendments to be voted on. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. There shall be no fewer than three voting members. All board members shall be appointed in accordance with the Corporation's Bylaws. The names and addresses of the persons who are the three initial directors of the corporation are as follows:

1. Jeffrey A. Rapkin, Esq. 18245 Paulson Drive, Port Charlotte, Fl. 33954.
2. Virginia M. Rapkin. 18245 Paulson Drive, Port Charlotte, Fl. 33954.
3. Susan Bodden, Esq. 18245 Paulson Drive, Port Charlotte, Fl. 33954.

Fifth: Initial Registered Agent, Incorporator, Officers:

Section 1

The initial **registered agent and incorporator** is:

Jeffrey A. Rapkin, 18245 Paulson Drive, Port Charlotte, Fl. 33954, mailing address: 18245 Paulson Drive, Port Charlotte, Fl. 33954.

Section 2

The officers of the Corporation shall be: the Chairman; Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected from the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the membership year.

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Section 3

Nominations shall be made from the floor. The Board members shall elect, by ballot, the officers for a term of three (3) years. The terms of office shall be upon election and continue until their successors are elected.

Section 4

Officers shall perform the duties provided in this section and such other duties as they are prescribed for the office in these Bylaws, in the adopted parliamentary authority, in the standing rules, or as assigned by the Board of Directors.

(a) The Chairman shall: be Chief Executive Officer and official spokesman of the Corporation, appoint committees subject to approval of the Board of Directors; subject to Board approval, sign contracts as required; be authorized to sign checks, to do anything lawful and necessary to protect the corporation and further its goals.

(b) The Secretary shall: Record minutes of all meetings of the Corporation Board of Directors; Furnish a copy of the minutes to each member of the Board and to other persons, directed by the Chairman not more than thirty (30) days after each meeting, perform any secretarial services lawful and necessary to protect the corporation and further its goals.

(c) The Treasurer shall: be custodian of all funds and serve as Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee; make a financial report to the Board of Directors at each meeting and at other times when requested by the Chairman of the Board of Directors; submit semiannual financial reports; be authorized to sign checks; keep records in accordance with all State and Federal statutes.

(d) Vacancies: in office shall be filled by election at any regular or special meeting of the Corporation.

Sixth: Meetings

Section 1

There will be a minimum of two (2) meetings each year to facilitate the planning of corporation activities. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman. A special meeting may be called by the Secretary with approval of a majority of the Board. Three (3) weeks notification by mail or telephone must be given for any meeting.

Section 2

A quorum shall be a majority of the those members of the Board of Directors with voting rights.

Seventh: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that 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 Third hereof. 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 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Eighth: Statement of Lawful Purpose: The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America. The Corporation will not engage in prohibited political and legislative activity under 501(c)(3): 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 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation. Should this corporation be dissolved, it will distribute its assets within the meaning of 501(c)(3): Upon the dissolution of the corporation, should it be dissolved, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

Ninth: Specific Purpose:

The Charlotte County Senior Law Center, Inc. (hereafter abbreviated as "CCSLC") implements, expands, and establishes cooperative efforts and projects to provide free legal assistance to residence of Charlotte County Florida who are over sixty years of age and who may have difficulty affording or obtaining legal assistance.

The Charlotte County Senior Law Center, Inc. shall assist older residents of Charlotte County no matter their race, religion, creed, or economic status.

CCSLC implements, expands, and establishes efforts and projects to provide legal assistance, by providing direct legal representation, educational outreach, and/or advocacy services on behalf of the older individuals residing in Charlotte County. CCSLC also provides training, educational services, legal services, technical assistance, and data collection to improve its capacity to offer legal assistance to the older individuals residing in Charlotte County.

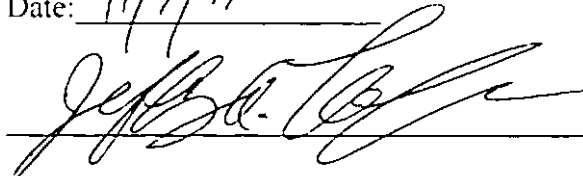
Tenth: Length of corporation and rules: This Corporation is perpetual. However, should the Charlotte County Senior Law Center, Inc. be dissolved for any reason, upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a

Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Corporation may adopt. Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Corporation by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all voting Board members. The amendment must be submitted in writing.

Signatures:

Incorporator and Registered Agent:

Date: 11/7/17

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Rapkin", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey A. Rapkin

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