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Subject: Bridge Legal Services, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for a not for profit corporation and a check made payable to the Department of State in the amount of \$87.50 for

- Filing Fee for Articles of Incorporation for a Not for Profit Corporation
- Certified Copy of Articles of Incorporation
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From: Tyler Shortsleeves, Esq.
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Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Shortsleeves', followed by a horizontal line.

Tyler Shortsleeves, Esq.

**Articles of Incorporation
for
Bridge Legal Services, Inc.**

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Nonprofit Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby certify:

**Article I
Name**

The name of the Corporation shall be Bridge Legal Services, Inc.

**Article II
Address**

The street address of the principal office of the Corporation is 38708 9th Avenue, Zephyrhills, Florida 33542.

**Article III
Duration**

The Corporation shall exist perpetually unless it shall be dissolved pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida. The corporate existence shall commence with the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

**Article IV
Purpose and Powers**

1. The general nature of the objects of the Corporation, and the purposes for which the Corporation is organized, and the objects to be carried on and performed by it are as follows:
 - A. To organize and engage in activities that are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code; and
 - B. To provide legal services to citizens of the State of Florida with the goal of eliminating the impact that socioeconomic status has on meaningful access to the justice system, and to engage in services and activities related thereto; and to provide those services and engage in those activities in the community where such services are needed and are authorized by the Board of Directors; and
 - C. To receive from persons, firms, corporations, and other entities by way of gift, donation, grant, devise or bequest, or, in any other manner, charitable donations and contributions of monies, stocks, bonds, mortgages, notes and other securities of all kinds and description, real estate, buildings, and all other kinds of property, real, personal, or mixed, of whatsoever nature; and

- D. To hold and manage all such property coming into its hands, and to invest and reinvest the proceeds thereof, and to collect the income and profits therefrom arising, and to use, expend, pay out, disburse, donate, assign, transfer, and otherwise dispose of said property or the income therefrom arising.
2. Exclusively in the furtherance of the above-stated purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers:
- A. To purchase or otherwise acquire, lease, assign, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of any trade names, trademarks, concessions, inventions, formulae, improvements, processes of any nature whatsoever, copyrights, and letter patent of the United States and of foreign countries, and to accept and grant licenses thereunder.
 - B. To borrow or solicit money for furtherance of the Corporation's purposes.
 - C. To subscribe or cause to be subscribed to and to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold for investment, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, exchange, distribute, or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the shares of the capital stock, bonds, coupons, mortgages, deeds of trust, debentures, securities, obligations, notes and other evidences of indebtedness of any corporation, stock company or associate, now or hereafter existing, and whether created by or under the laws of the State of Florida or otherwise, and while owner of any of said shares of capital stock or bonds, or other property to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership of every kind and description, including the right to vote thereon, with power to designate some person for that purpose from time to time in the same extent as natural persons might or could do.
 - D. In the event that any gift, conveyance, transfer, settlement, devise or bequest is made for a designated restricted purpose, and if such restricted purposes is within the purview of the corporate powers herein, the Board of Directors may accept and expend such funds or property for the designated purposes. The Corporation reserves the right to decline any gift, conveyance, transfer, settlement, devise or other bequest that the Corporation deems inappropriate or undesirable for any reason.
 - E. To purchase, sell, mortgage, lease, improve and deal in real estate and personal property wheresoever situated, and to construct, equip, operate, lease, rent, hire and manage buildings of any kind and description.
 - F. To do all other acts and things which may, in the discretion of the Board of Directors be calculated to further the above purposes.
 - G. To have and exercise any and all corporate powers granted by the laws of Florida, including but not limited to those stated in section 617.0302.
 - H. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, 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 these Articles.

- I. 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 distributing statements) any political campaign on behalf of 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: (1) by a corporation exempt from Federal 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), or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article V **Bylaws**

Except as otherwise provided therein, the Bylaws of this Corporation shall be made, altered, and rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors voting at any regular Board of Directors meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Article VI **Amendments**

Any amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be adopted in the manner set forth in the Bylaws.

Article VII **Board of Directors**

The Corporation shall not have members. All references to members shall be deemed to mean those persons serving on the Board of Directors of the Corporation and having the right to vote. No Director shall have any vested right, interest, or privilege of, in or to the assets, functions, affairs, or franchise of this Corporation, or any right, interest, or privilege which may be inheritable or which shall continue after his/her term of office on the Board of Directors ends.

The affairs of the Corporation are to be managed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of this Corporation shall consist of not less than four (4) no more than seven (7) voting Directors who shall be appointed as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may include non-voting advisory members of the Board of Directors as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation. At meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the voting Directors then in office shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Board of Directors shall elect officers as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, which officers shall be provided for in the Bylaws. They shall be elected from time-to-time in accordance with the Bylaws and each shall hold office until his/her successor is elected and qualified.

The names and addresses of the initial officers are as follows:

President:	Terri Rawasia, Esq. 4249 Winding Vine Dr. Lakeland, Florida 33812
Vice President	Tyler Shortsleeves, Esq. 38708 9th Avenue Zephyrhills, Florida 33542
Treasurer	Gregory Williams 4249 Winding Vine Dr. Lakeland, Florida 33812
Secretary	Tracy O'Connell 38708 9th Avenue Zephyrhills, Florida 33542

Article VIII **Dissolution**

Upon 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.

Article IX **Initial Registered Office and Agent**

The address of the registered office of the Corporation is 38708 9th Avenue Zephyrhills, Florida 33542, and the name of the registered agent at such address is Tyler Shortsleeves, Esq.

Article X **Indemnification**

This Corporation shall indemnify its officers or directors, or any of its former officers or directors to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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Article X
Incorporator


The name and address of the incorporator is Tyler Shortsleeves, Esq., 38708 9th Avenue, Zephyrhills, Florida 33542.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporation of the Corporation has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 18 day of June, 2024.


Tyler Shortsleeves, Esq.

Acceptance of Registered Agent

The undersigned, having been named as Registered Agent and to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation at the place designated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, hereby accepts the appointment as such Registered Agent and agrees to act in this capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all Florida Statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of the undersigned's duties. The undersigned further certifies that the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of such a position as Registered Agent.


Tyler Shortsleeves, Esq.
Registered Agent

06/18/2024
Date Signed