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November 18, 1997

Florida Secretary of State **Division of Corporations** P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

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RE: Collier County Legal Aid Society, Inc.

Ladies:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation, along with a check in the amount of \$122.50 for the filing fee.

Please forward a certified copy of the charter to this office.

If you have any questions or if additional information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

SIESKY & PILON

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

December 1, 1997

SIESKY, PILON & WOOD 1000 TAMIAMI TRAIL N., SUITE 201 NAPLES, FL 34102

SUBJECT: COLLIER COUNTY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC.

Ref. Number: W97000026721

We have received your document for COLLIER COUNTY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

You must list the corporation's principal office and/or a mailing address in the document.

The registered agent and street address must be consistent wherever it appears in your document.

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) 487-6995.

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ONSECTOR PARTIENS

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

COLLIER COUNTY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC.

We, the undersigned incorporators, hereby associate ourselves together and make, subscribe, acknowledge and file with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I NAME AND PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The name of this corporation shall be:

COLLIER COUNTY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC.

The principal office of this corporation shall be located at Collier County Government Center, 5th Floor, Building L, 3301 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, Florida 34112.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

This corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the purpose of providing an advocate for and legal services to persons who would not otherwise have the means to seek a lawyer's assistance; of educating the poor concerning their legal rights and responsibilities and concerning the role of lawyers; and for other charitable and educational purposes including the receipt of gifts and grants of money and property, the investment and reinvestment thereof, the collection of income therefrom, and the use of such money, property, and income for such charitable and educational purposes.

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers, or directors of the corporation, or any private individual.

This corporation shall not engage in any activities constituting the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III POWERS

This corporation shall have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any and all of the charitable and educational purposes for which the corporation is organized.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERS

The members of the corporation shall consist of those persons who are members in good standing of The Florida Bar and of the Collier County Bar Association. Twenty-five (25) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members. Every member of the corporation shall be entitled to one (1) vote at any meeting of the members of the corporation. Such vote may be exercised by the member only in person, and not by proxy.

ARTICLE V TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation shall have perpetual existence; provided, however, that should the corporation at any time be dissolved for any purpose, the disposition of all assets of the corporation upon such dissolution shall be made only unto an organization or organizations which are qualified for exemption under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as such Section now exists or may subsequently be amended, or to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government for public purposes.

Resolved further that the President and Secretary of this corporation be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed, to make, execute and acknowledge a certificate, embracing the forgoing resolutions, and to cause such certificate to be filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State in the manner required by Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE VI SUBSCRIBERS

The name and residences of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

NAME RESIDENCE

Jill Burzynski 6617 Mill Run Circle

Naples, Florida

Melinda Riddle 3841 31st Avenue SW

Naples, Florida

Christine Greider 207 Bay Point

Naples, Florida

Charles Gehrke 22099 Holly Lane

Bonita Springs, Florida

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors elected by the members of the corporation as provided in the by-laws; provided, however, that a majority of the members of the Board of Directors must be members of the corporation, and provided, further, that no salaried personnel of the corporation shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The affairs of this corporation shall be administered by officers who shall be elected by the Board of Directors but who need not be members of the corporation or of the Board of Directors. The officers thus to be elected shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as the by-laws of the corporation may provide. The duties of the respective officers and the manner of filling vacancies in the offices of the corporation shall be provided in the by-laws of the corporation.

The number of directors and the manner of filling vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be provided in the by-laws of the corporation. The number of directors shall not be less than three (3), but may be any number in excess thereof. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the directors qualified and acting, and the act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. Meetings of the directors may be held within or without the State of Florida. Directors need not be members of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

The names and address of the officers of this corporation who, subject to these Articles and the by-laws of the corporation and the laws of the State of Florida, shall hold office until the first election of officers is held by the Directors of this corporation and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified are:

NAME OFFICE ADDRESS

Jill Burzynski President 6617 Mill Run Circle

Naples, Florida

Melinda Riddle Vice-President 3841 31st Avenue SW

Naples, Florida

Christine Greider Secretary 207 Bay Point

Naples, Florida

Charles Gehrke Treasurer 22099 Holly Lane

Bonita Springs, Florida

ARTICLE IX DIRECTORS

Four (4) persons shall constitute the first Board of Directors of the corporation. The names and addresses of such persons, who, subject to these Articles of Incorporation, the bylaws of the corporation, and the laws of the State of Florida, shall hold office until the first election of directors is held by the members of the corporation and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified are:

<u>NAME</u> <u>ADDRESS</u>

Jill Burzynski 6617 Mill Run Circle

Naples, Florida

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Christine Greider ____207 Bay Point

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Charles Gehrke 22099 Holly Lane

Bonita Springs, Florida

ARTICLE X BY-LAWS

The by-laws of this corporation may be made, altered or rescinded from time to time, in whole or in part, by the vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors of this corporation present at any meeting of the directors duly called and convened at which a quorum is present, provided that 15 days' advance notice thereof shall have been given in writing by mail to each director prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles may be amended by resolution adopted by the vote of three-fourths of the members of the corporation present at any meeting of the members duly called and convened at which a quorum is present, provided that thirty days' advanced notice of the amendment or amendments to be considered at such meeting shall have been given in writing by mail to each member prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the corporation, all of the property owned by it shall be distributed only for the purpose set forth in Article II hereinabove, and no member, director, officer or private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets upon such dissolution.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, we have executed these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose therein expressed the October, 1997.

bill Buržynski

Melinda Riddle

Christine Breider

Christine Greider

Charles Gehrke

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF COLLIER)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day of October, 1997, personally appeared Jill Burzynski, Melinda Riddle, Christine Greider and Charles Gehrke, to me well known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as subscribers thereto, and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal the date aforesaid.

Notary Public

Print or Type Name: My Commission Expires:

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHICH PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

THAT, Collier County Legal Aid Society, Inc., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation in the City of Naples, County of Collier, State of Florida, has named James A. Pilon, Esquire located at City of Naples, County of Collier, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process of the above stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

By: James A. Pilon, Esquire

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