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*Legal Aid Society of South Central Florida, Inc.*

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The Legal Aid Society of South Central Florida, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing free legal aid to those individuals who could not otherwise afford representation in Highlands County.

The Legal Aid Society's primary function is the representation of clients in family court, dealing with dissolutions of marriage and child custody/support issues. There is no other free legal aid for persons with family legal problems in the Highlands County. The only other assistance in the area of family law provides court-appointed counsel only if parental rights are to be terminated.

Legal Aid is being run solely on private donations and these are entirely tax deductible. Besides monetary donations, the Legal Aid Society of South Central Florida is also seeking donations of office equipment and supplies.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Sandra B. Mortham  
Secretary of State

February 24, 1998

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SOUTH CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.  
403 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE  
SEBRING, FL 33870

SUBJECT: LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SOUTH CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.  
Ref. Number: N98000000101

We have received your document for LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SOUTH CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC. and check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

The document you submitted has been prepared pursuant to profit statutes (chapter 607, Florida Statutes). As the entity was originally filed as a nonprofit corporation, this document should be filed pursuant to chapter 617, Florida Statutes. Enclosed is the correct form.

The document must be signed by the chairman, any vice chairman of the board of directors, its president, or another of its officers.

Please return 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) 487-6905.

Thelma Lewis  
Corporate Specialist Supervisor

Letter Number: 098A00010300

Thelma,

Please rush back to us in the cardboard envelope enclosed.

Thanks,

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**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT**  
**to**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**of**

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Legal Aid Society of South Central Florida, Inc.

*Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.*

**FIRST:** Amendment(s) adopted: (INDICATE ARTICLE NUMBER(S) BEING AMENDED, ADDED OR DELETED.)

Article III  
Article IV  
Article IX

**SECOND:** The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: February 18, 1998

**THIRD:** Adoption of Amendment (CHECK ONE)

☐ The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.

☒ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the board of directors.

Legal Aid Society of South Central Florida, Inc.

Corporation Name



Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer

Peggy Shaffer

Typed or printed name

President

Title

2/27/98

Date

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
LEGAL AID SOCIETY of SOUTH CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.  
A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the Corporation is Legal Aid Society of South Central Florida, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE III**

The purpose of the Corporation is as follows:

Said organization 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code. This is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Florida Statutes Chapter 617, the Florida Not For Profit Corporations Act, formed for the purpose of providing legal aid.

**ARTICLE IV**

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by any organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated on a non-stock basis within the meaning of Florida Statutes Chapter 617, the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act. The Corporation shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock. The Corporation may issue membership certificates if so provided in the Bylaws. The Bylaws may provide for one class of Nonvoting members whose qualifications, rights and privileges shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE V**

The initial registered agent is:  
The initial registered office is:

Peggy Shaffer  
403 S. Commerce Ave.  
Sebring, FL 33870

## **ARTICLE VI**

The initial Board of Directors shall have three (3) members whose names and addresses are:

Peggy Shaffer                      207 NE Lakeview Dr.  
# 704  
Sebring, FL 33870

Charles K. Henderson              929 N. Gilmore Ave.  
#198  
Lakeland, FL 33801

David Singha                      405 N. Reo St.  
#120  
Tampa, FL 33609

The Bylaws shall provide the method of election of all Directors. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased by amendment to, or in the manner provided in the Bylaws, but the Corporation shall never have fewer than three (3) Directors. The Bylaws shall set forth the method of selection for the Chairman of the Board.

## **ARTICLE VII**

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Other officers may be provided for in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for such terms and in such a manner as set forth in the Bylaws. The Bylaws shall set forth the duties of each Officer. The same individual may simultaneously hold more than one office.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

The names and addresses of the incorporators of this corporation are:

Peggy Shaffer                      207 NE Lakeview Dr.  
# 704  
Sebring, FL 33870

## ARTICLE IX

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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 disposed of shall be disposed of by Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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 X

The street address of the Corporation's initial principal office is :

403 S. Commerce Ave.  
Sebring, FL 33870

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation on  
this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

Peggy Shaffer

Acknowledged before me on this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997, by \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ who produced a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and who executed said instrument for the  
purposes expressed therein.

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS

NOTARY PUBLIC

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

I, Peggy Shaffer, am familiar with the duties and obligations required of a registered agent as pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 617, the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and do hereby accept appointment as initial Registered Agent for Legal Aid Society of South Central Florida, Inc.

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Peggy Shaffer