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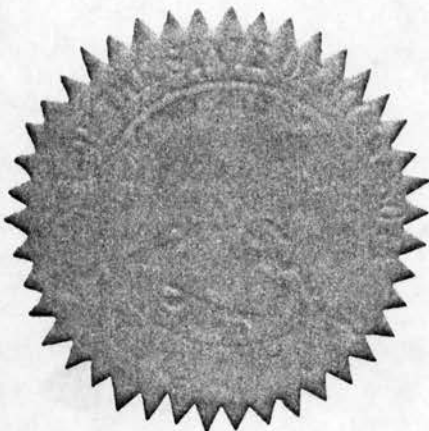
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Now, Therefore, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, as Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, I do hereby certify that the said Centro Legal, Inc.

is a legally organized Corporation under the laws of this State.



Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed and the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota hereunto affixed this twenty-eighth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one

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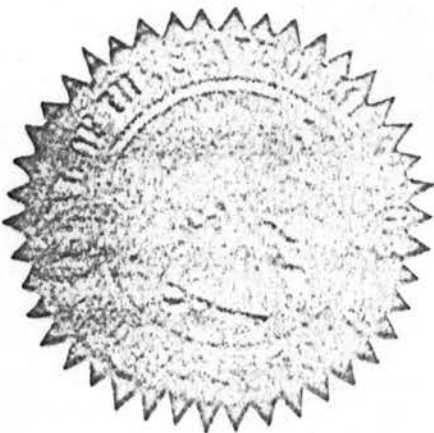
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
CENTRO LEGAL, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, Minnesota Statutes 1978, Chapter 317, as amended, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be Centro Legal, Inc.

ARTICLE II

This corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for providing legal representation for traditionally underrepresented people in the low income segment of the community, with an emphasis on community participation in the legal decisions which affect their lives. For such purposes, this corporation shall have all powers as are reasonably consistent with the foregoing purposes, and which are afforded to the corporation by the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, and any further laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. Notwithstanding any other of the articles, the purposes of the corporation are limited to those which are charitable and

educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### ARTICLE III

This corporation does not and shall not, incidentally or otherwise, afford pecuniary gain to its members, directors or officers. No part of the property of this corporation or any other pecuniary gain shall, directly or indirectly, be distributable to or otherwise inure to the benefit of any member, director, trustee, or officer, or any other person having a personal and private interest in the activities of the corporation, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this 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) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE IV

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 any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE V

The period of duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VI

The registered office of this corporation in the State of Minnesota shall be located at 530 Andrew Street, St. Paul, MN.

ARTICLE VII

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, all of its then assets, if any, shall be distributed by a liquidating receiver designated by the Board of Directors and confirmed by order of a district court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §317.45 (1976) as now enacted or as hereafter amended. The liquidating receiver shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of

all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court 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 VIII

The names and addresses of the incorporators, each of whom is a natural person of full age, are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Arcelia Romo-Perez	530 Andrew Street St. Paul, MN 55107
Susan Conley	530 Andrew Street St. Paul, MN 55107

Salvador Rosas

530 Andrew Street  
St. Paul, MN 55107

ARTICLE IX

The first Board of Directors of this corporation, who shall serve until the first annual meeting, shall consist of five (5) persons, and the names and addresses of each of them are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Arcelia Romo-Perez	530 Andrew Street St. Paul, MN 55107
Susan Conley	530 Andrew Street St. Paul, MN 55107
Salvador Rosas	530 Andrew Street St. Paul, MN 55107
Juan Lopez	530 Andrew Street St. Paul, MN 55107
Wesley Ijima	60 E. 4th Street St. Paul, MN 55107

The Directors shall consist of current officers of the corporation and the immediate past president and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and have qualified.

From time to time, the number of directors of this corporation may be increased or diminished by vote of the members of

the Board of Directors of this corporation in accordance with the By-Laws of this corporation but shall be no less than three (3) nor more than eleven (11) in number.

ARTICLE X

Members, directors, and officers of this corporation shall not be personally liable to any extent whatsoever for obligations of this corporation.

ARTICLE XI

This corporation shall have no capital stock, either authorized or issued.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators have hereunto set their hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1981.

INCORPORATORS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Arcelia Romo-Perez

\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Conley

\_\_\_\_\_  
Salvador Rosas

STATE OF MINNESOTA     )  
                              ) ss.  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY     )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1981, before me, a Notary Public within and for said County, personally appeared Arcelia Romo-Perez, Susan Conely and Salvador Rosas, to me known to be the persons named as incorporators and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and they acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

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Notary Public