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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
LEGAL RIGHTS CENTER, INCORPORATED

We, the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317, Minnesota Statutes, known as the Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby associate ourselves together as a body corporate and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be Legal Rights Center, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II.

The purposes of this corporation shall be:

A. To provide adequate legal services to people, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, political belief, sex, or age, where they cannot obtain such services elsewhere. *Written by 11 Chinese*

B. Develop programs and projects to improve the administration of justice, improve probation and parole services, and to provide alternatives to present procedures.

C. Provide training in the representation of poor people to lawyers and law students, and to community people.

D. To make and receive distributions to and from organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or future United States Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III.

This corporation shall not afford pecuniary gain to its members, incidental or otherwise, other than compensation for services rendered.

ARTICLE IV.

The period of duration of corporate existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VI.

This corporation shall have the power to lease, buy, sell, and encumber real estate, securities and bonds, to make investments; to receive and make charitable contributions; to accept testamentary devises; to hire and discharge lawyers, secretaries and clerical personnel, and professional and community service personnel, and to make contracts for special services.

This corporation shall have the power to make contracts with departments of government and with public and private agencies in connection with the legal representation of the poor.

This corporation shall have the power to exercise all other powers conferred by the Statutes of the State of Minnesota.

ARTICLE VII.

The legal representation to be supplied by this corporation, the determination of legal and ethical issues, and all relations between attorney and client shall be within the exclusive determination of the lawyers employed by this corporation.

The members of this corporation shall consist solely and exclusively of the persons who constitute the directors of the corporation from time to time. When a person becomes a director of the corporation he shall concurrently with becoming such a director, automatically become and be a member of the corporation, and when a person ceases to be a director of the corporation he shall, concurrently with ceasing to be such a director, automatically cease to be a member of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Board of Directors shall consist of not fewer than three (3) nor more than thirty (30) persons each of whom shall hold office until the first annual meeting of members of the corporation or until his or her successor shall be elected. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors are as follows:

Peter Dorsey

1916 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405

Syl Davis

3001 Portland Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407

.. of the members of the Board of Directors subsequent to the first Board of Directors shall be prescribed by the By-laws of the corporation.

(Inability of any member of the Board of Directors to serve because of illness, death, removal or resignation shall not affect the power of the remaining directors to conduct the business of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX.

No officer or director or member of this corporation shall be personally liable for any corporate obligation or liability.

ARTICLE X.

This corporation shall have no capital stock.

ARTICLE XI.

The funds or activities of this corporation shall not be used to carry on propaganda or to influence legislation; nor to intervene in any political campaign.

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 Laws, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or any future United States Internal Revenue Laws.

ARTICLE XII.

Each director of the corporation shall have one vote. No votes may be cast by proxy.

ARTICLE XIII.

The By-laws of the corporation shall provide for the number of directors of the corporation subject to these Articles; shall provide for the manner and time of calling regular and special meetings, and regular and special elections; shall provide for the method of election and removal of directors; shall provide for the elections of the officers of the corporation; shall provide for the manner and

conditions for removal of directors and officers; shall provide for the method of altering and amending the By-laws.

ARTICLE XIV.

No officer or director of the corporation shall make or attempt to make a loan to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation out of the funds and/or assets of the corporation.

ARTICLE XV.

The corporation shall establish methods for a full, complete and fair accounting of the finances of the corporation. An annual audit by a Certified Public Accountant shall be made of the books and records of the corporation for submission to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVI.

The officers of the corporation shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The terms of office and the duties of said offices shall be specified in the By-laws. Additional offices may be created through adoption of or amendment to the By-laws.

ARTICLE XVII.

The By-laws shall specify the requirements for the form of notice for regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall specify the manner of giving notice. The By-laws shall specify a method for giving notice of any and all amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and to the By-laws of the Corporation. The By-laws shall establish a quorum requirement for the meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVIII.

The books and records of the corporation shall be kept at the registered office. Any director of the corporation or his duly authorized attorney or agent may inspect such books and records at any reasonable time at said place. The corporation shall have available the regular statement of its financial condition on the request of any director or member at reasonable time.

ARTICLE XIX.

Upon dissolution of this corporation, the assets must be dedicated to an exempt purpose, in compliance with the United States Internal Revenue regulations, notwithstanding any other provisions of Federal or State law or regulation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 10th day of March, 1970.

In presence of:

Therese L. Pina
Carol Acosta

Peter Dorsey

Syl Davis

Clyde Bellecourt

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN) ss.

On this 11 day of March, 1970, before me a Notary Public, in and for said County, personally appeared Peter Dorsey, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged this to be of his own free act and deed, and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Joyce Thorvilson
Notary Public

JOYCE THORVILSON
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.
My Commission Expires June 27, 1972.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

) ss.

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

On this 10th day of March, 1970, before me a Notary Public,

in and for said County, personally appeared Syl Davis, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged this to be of his own free act and deed, and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Notary Public

BERT T. DAVIS

Notary: _____, Hennepin County, Minn.
My Comm. Expires: _____

My Commission Expires Feb. 2, 1977

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN) ss.

On this 11th day of July, 1970, before me a Notary Public,
in and for said County, personally appeared Clyde Bellecourt, to me known to be the
person named in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and
acknowledged this to be of his own free act and deed, and for the uses and
purposes therein expressed.

Albert Bellecourt
Notary Public

ALBERT BELLECOURT, JR.
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.
My Commission expires July 9, 1976.

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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT OF
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
LEGAL RIGHTS CENTER, INCORPORATED

We, the undersigned, being, respectively, the President and Secretary of the Legal Rights Center, Incorporated, a Minnesota corporation, now existing under the nonprofit corporation laws of the State of Minnesota, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 317, do hereby certify that in a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Legal Rights Center, Incorporated, duly held on the 25 day of June, 1970, in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, pursuant to written notice which was duly mailed to each director of the corporation, the following resolutions were adopted in conformance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Annotated 317.27, Subdivision 4:

RESOLVED, That the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation be amended as follows: By amending all of Article XIX by omitting Article XIX in its present form and substituting the following Article XIX:

"Article XIX.

"Upon dissolution of this corporation, all remaining assets after payment of liabilities shall be distributed to a charitable organization or organizations which shall themselves at such time be exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or to a local, state, or Federal government to be used exclusively for public purposes."

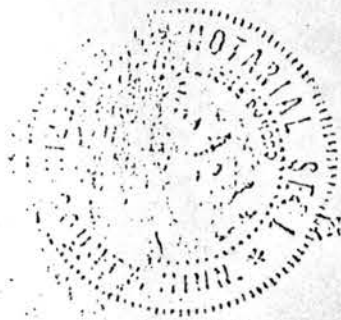
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President and Secretary of this corporation be and they hereby are, authorized to execute, acknowledge and file Articles of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation of Legal Rights Center, Incorporated, setting forth the foregoing changes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands on this 29 day of June, 1970.

LEGAL RIGHTS CENTER, INCORPORATED
By [Signature] Its President
And [Signature] Its Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

On this 29th day of June, 1970, before me, a Notary Public within and for said County, personally appeared Peter Dorsey and Pat Robinson, to me personally known, who being each by me duly sworn, did say that they are, respectively, the President and Ass't Secretary of Legal Rights Center, Incorporated, the corporation named in the foregoing instrument; that said instrument was signed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors; and said Peter Dorsey and Pat Robinson acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.



Notarial Seal)

Maddell Slutz

MADDELL SLUTZ
Notary Public, Hennepin County,
My Commission Expires Aug. 23, 1971.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed for record in this office on the 10 day of July, A.D. 1970, at 9 o'clock A.M., and was duly recorded in Book 0-14 of Incorporations, on page 470.

Joseph L. Donovan
Secretary of State

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OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS
MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

I hereby certify that the within instrument
filed for record in this office on the
day of JUL A.D. 1970 at 8
o'clock P.M., and was duly recorded in book
of Hennepin County Records

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Benjamin J. Allison
REGISTER OF DEEDS

A. L. Wallin
DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

WILLIAM R. HIBBS, ATTY.

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