ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
PUERTO RICO LEGAL SERVICES INCORPORATED

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ARTICLE I

This corporation shall be known as PUERTO RICO LEGAL SERVICES INCORPORATED:

ARTICLE II

The Principal Office of the Corporation within the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is to be located in #808 Ponce de León Ave., Colegio de Abogados Building, at Miramar, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

The agent in charge thereof is Rafael Buono Petrilli in the above mentioned address.

ARTICLE III

This is a Non-Profit Corporation and its objectives and purposes to be transacted or carried on are:

To receive by grant, gift, loan, bequest, devise, purchase, lease, transfer or otherwise, any real or personal property; to hold such property and to apply the principle and income therefrom, for the following program:

a) To mobilize and utilize resources, public and private, or any urban or rural, or combined urban and rural, geographical area including but not limited to the Metropolitan Areas of San Juan, Ponce, Aguadilla, Humacao and Guayama; in a Comprehensive attack on the legal problems of the poor providing the legal representation that they may require.
b) To provide legal and social-judicial services to protect the indigent against unequal treatment under the law and to provide the advice and advocacy of lawyers, educators, investigators and social workers for people in poverty.

c) To conduct research and promote effective methods to bring the aid of the law and the assistance of lawyers and law students to the economically disadvantaged people.

d) To sponsor education, research, training and publications in the areas of procedural and substantive law which affect the causes and problems of poverty.

e) To teach the poor and those dealing with them to recognize their problems which can be best resolved by the law and lawyers.

f) To assist the Puerto Rican and District Bar Associations, Society for Legal Assistance of Puerto Rico, Department of Justice, The Administration of the Courts of P. R., the Family Institute of Puerto Rico, The Law Schools of the University of P. R., Catholic University of P. R. and Interamerican University and others to provide legal services to the disadvantaged.

g) To assist and offer cooperation to private and government agencies and organizations in carrying out programs and projects for broad legal advice and council regarding the problems of the poor specially those involving rights pertinent to the acknowledgment of rights under the law and recognition of legal problems.

h) To enter into agreements and contracts with any Federal, Commonwealth or private agencies or organizations, and individuals for the provision of such facilities and services needed to carry out the objectives herein set forth.

i) To develop and implement comprehensive demonstration projects and legal clinics aimed at the betterment of the poor and the prevention of delinquency and to guide and help the youth to achieve progress toward productive participation in society and reducing delinquent and deviant behaviour.
j) To publish periodicals, books or magazines and to conduct seminars, symposiums and radio and television forums and related activities in the furtherance of the programs and objectives of this Corporation.

k) To enter into agreements and contracts with outside consultants for consultation and evaluation of programs and services, with attorneys for services for the qualified members of the society to be served, and any other personnel needed to accomplish the purposes set forth herein.

ARTICLE IV

This Corporation will not have authority to issue capital stocks.

ARTICLE V

The names and addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

Lcda. Inez Acevedo de Campos 34 Castillo St., Ponce, P. R.
Lic. Noel Colón Martínez Condominio Condado, Santurce, P. R.
Lic. Rafael Buono Petrilli Colegio de Abogados, San Juan, P. R.
Lic. Jesús Rodríguez López Calle Castillo #8, Ponce, P. R.

ARTICLE VI

Sec. 1

All property received by the Corporation and all its business shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not more than twenty five members subject to the provisions contained in Section 6 infra.

Sec. 2

The members of the Board of Directors and their successors shall serve for a period of two years, except in case of incapacity or resignation, and in the case that any Director may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the whole
Board of Directors, voting in person or by written proxy at any regular or special meeting, provided notice shall have been mailed to each director at least fifteen days prior to the date of said meeting to the effect that a resolution will be offered for the removal of said Director.

Sec. 3

In order to remove a representative of the clientele to be served as a Director, at least two thirds of said representatives must affirm removal and his successor must also be a representative of the clientele.

Sec. 4

In case of a vacancy in the Board of Directors by reason of death, resignation, incapacity or removal, such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the remaining directors at any regular or special meeting by a vote of two thirds of the whole Board of Directors, voting in person or by proxy at said meeting.

Sec. 5

At all meetings of the Corporation a majority of the whole Board of Directors present in person or by written proxy, shall be necessary to constitute quorum.

Sec. 6

A Chairman, Two Vice-Chairman (one of whom shall be a member chosen from the clientele) and a Secretary-Treasurer, will hold office for a period of two years and will be chosen by the Board of Directors every two years at the annual meeting of the Directors, to be held each year at such time and place as the Board of Directors may designate or as provided by the by-laws.

These four officers and two Board members one of whom shall be chosen from the clientele to be served shall constitute an Executive Committee to transact interim business of the Corporation between meetings of the Board of Directors. The Board may elect an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and any such other executive and administrative
officers as may from time to time be deemed necessary by the Board.

Sec. 7

The services of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and its members, shall be gratuitous, but the Board of Directors may fix such salaries and compensation for the services of the employees consultants and other persons as they may consider necessary for the proper management and conduct of the affairs of the corporation. The members of the Board in P. R. may receive a per diem fee and all travel expenses they might incur as agreed by the Board.

Sec. 8

The Board of Directors shall consist of representatives from the following organizations and agencies:

Bar Association of Puerto Rico - The President, The Executive Director and two others.
Law and Poverty Commission of the Bar Association of Puerto Rico represented by the President and the Secretary.
One representative of the Department of Justice of P. R.
One representative of the Society for Legal Assistance of Puerto Rico.
Eight representatives from the clientele no more than one from each judicial district of P. R. and eight alternates.
One representative of the S. J. Municipal Government
One representative of the Ponce Municipal Government
One representative from a Labor Organization
One Representative of the Family Institute of P. R.
One Representative of the School of Social Workers of the UPR
One representative of the Legal Clinic of the UPR
Three representatives from the three Law Schools of P. R. - one from each Law School.

The Corporation shall have power to adopt By-laws not inconsistent with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
ARTICLE VIII

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Directors by a two-thirds vote of the whole Board of Directors, present in person or by written proxy, provided notice shall have been properly mailed to each member of the Board of Directors at least fifteen days before the date of said meeting, which notice shall contain a copy of the proposed amendment and a statement of the object to be accomplished by the proposed change. Any member of the Board of Directors may propose an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation by forwarding the same to the Secretary of the Board, who shall mail the same to each member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

The existence of this Corporation is to be perpetual.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of the General Corporation Law for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, enacted March 29, 1966, do make and file this Certificate, and do swear the facts herein stated are true.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 29th. day of March, 1966.

[Signatures]

Affidavit N.m. --1583--

Sworn and subscribed to before me on this 29th. day of March, 1966 by Inez Acevedo de Campos, Noel Colón Martínez, Rafael Buono Petrilli and Jesús Rodríguez López, all of legal age, married, property owners and residents of San Juan, Puerto Rico whom are personally known to me.