

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM, INC.

The undersigned, Debra W. Jenkins and Kenneth R. Cain, Jr., who are citizens of the United States, being desirous of forming a non-profit corporation for the purposes hereinafter stated, under the Alabama Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be and is Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Program, Inc.

ARTICLE II

Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Program, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") shall have perpetual succession and shall exist until it is dissolved pursuant to law.

ARTICLE III

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and its successors, and regulations issued thereunder. To that end, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) The Corporation shall receive and administer funds for scientific, educational and charitable purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and its successors, and regulations issued thereunder, and in connection therewith, the Corporation shall take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, grant, purchase, lease or otherwise any property, real, personal, tangible or intangible, or any undivided interest therein, without limitation as to the amount or value. It shall have the power to sell, convey and otherwise dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest, or deal with the principal or income thereof in such manner as, in the judgment of the Directors, will best promote the purposes of the Corporation without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, these Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of the Corporation, or any laws applicable thereto. The Corporation shall have the power to do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial

gain of its Directors or officers.

(b) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its incorporators, directors, officers, benefactors, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No incorporator, director, officer, benefactor, or any other private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation. 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. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or its successor, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or its successor.

(c) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or its successor.

(d) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or its successor.

(e) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or its successor.

(f) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, as amended, or its successor.

(g) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or its successor.

(h) No gift or grant will be accepted if it contains major conditions which would restrict or violate any of the charitable or educational purposes or if it would require serving a private as opposed to public interest.

(i) Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all 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 or operating exclusively for charitable purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or its successors, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, or by the Probate 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 IV

The Corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE V

(a) The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Corporation. The Directors shall be elected in the manner set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors created by resignation, death or inability of any Director to serve, the remaining Directors shall, by vote, fill such vacancy. The number of Directors may be changed by amendment to the By-Laws, but in no case shall there be less than three (3) Directors.

(b) The names and addresses of the initial Directors until the first annual meeting of the Corporation are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Douglas I. Friedman	2000-A SouthBridge Pkwy., Ste. 210 Birmingham, AL 35209
LaVeeda Morgan Battle	2101 6 th Ave. N., Ste. 700 Birmingham, AL 35203-2761
Timothy M. Lupinacci	1901 6 th Ave. N., Ste. 2400 Birmingham, AL 35203-4604
Anne W. Mitchell	420 20 th St. N., Ste. 1600 Birmingham, AL 35203-5202
Robert A. Jones, Jr.	1205 N. 19 th St. Birmingham, AL 35234

ARTICLE VI

The principal place of business of the Corporation shall be the Birmingham Bar Center, 2021 2nd Ave. No., Birmingham, Alabama 35203-3703, or such other location as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate.

ARTICLE VII

The initial registered office of the Corporation shall be the Birmingham Bar Center, 2021 2nd Ave. No., Birmingham, Alabama 35203-3703, and its initial registered agent at said address shall be Debra W. Jenkins.

ARTICLE VIII

These Articles may not be altered or amended without the affirmative vote of a majority of all Directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX

The names and addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Debra W. Jenkins	Birmingham Bar Center, 2021 2 nd Ave. No., Birmingham, Alabama 35203-3703
Kenneth R. Cain, Jr.	1820 Seventh Avenue North Birmingham, Alabama 35203

ARTICLE X

The Corporation shall adopt appropriate By-Laws by action of its active Board of Directors at any regular meeting for such purpose, and such By-Laws may be amended from time to time in the same manner.

State of Alabama
Jefferson County

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM, INC.

The undersigned, as Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, hereby certifies that _____ Articles of INCORPORATION


duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of Alabama NONPROFIT Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

Accordingly the undersigned, as such Judge of Probate, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby, issues this Certificate of INCORPORATION

of BIRMINGHAM VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM, INC.

and attaches hereto a copy of the _____ Articles of INCORPORATION

Given Under My Hand and Official Seal on this the 26TH day of JANUARY, 2004.



Judge of Probate

