

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

**I.**

The name of this corporation is the California Commission on Access to Justice.

**II.**

A. This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public and charitable purposes.

B. The specific purposes of this corporation are to provide ongoing independent leadership in the effort to achieve access to justice for all Californians, particularly poor and moderate means Californians, and oversee efforts to increase funding and improve delivery methods through a coordinated effort among the three branches of government, the public, attorneys and other public and private sector stakeholders.

**III.**

The name and street address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is C T Corporation System, 818 West Seventh Street, Suite 930, Los Angeles, California 90017.

**IV.**

The initial street and mailing address of this corporation is: 350 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 701, Oakland, CA 94612.

**V.**

A. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Sections 170(c)(2) and 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); or any corresponding sections of any future Federal Internal Revenue Code.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Code Section 501(c)(3) or any corresponding successor section or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2), or any corresponding successor section.

C. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as otherwise permitted in accordance with elections duly made pursuant to Code Section 501(h) or any corresponding successor section and Section 23704.5 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. This corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

VI.

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation that is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and that has established its tax-exempt status under Code Section 501(c)(3) or any corresponding successor section.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_, Incorporator