

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ALABAMA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

An Alabama Non-Profit Corporation

The incorporators, whose names are subscribed below and who are natural persons of the age of 19 years or more, desiring to organize a non-profit corporation under the provisions of §10-3-1 et seq., Code of Alabama (1975) entitled "Non-Profit Corporation", hereby assign, verify and file these Articles of Incorporation, and certify as follows:

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of the corporation is Alabama Defense Lawyers Association.

ARTICLE II
Duration

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III
Purpose

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

1. To bring together by association, communication and organization, lawyers of Alabama who devote a substantial amount of their professional time to the handling of litigated cases and whose representation in such cases is primarily for the defense.
2. To provide for the exchnage among the members of this association of such information, ideas, techniques of procedure and court rulings relating to the handling of litigation as are calculated to enhance the knowledge and improve the skills of defense lawyers.
3. To elevate the standards of trial practice in this area and, in conjunction with similar associations in other areas, to develop, establish, and secure court adoption or approval of a high standard code of trial conduct and courtroom manners.
4. To support and work for the improvement of the adversary system of jurisprudence in our courts.
5. To work for the elimination of court congestion and delays in civil litigation.
6. In general, to promote improvements in the administration of justice and to increase the quantity and quality of the service and contribution which the legal profession renders to the community, state and nation.

ARTICLE IV
Membership

The conditions for membership shall be fixed by the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE V
Directors

There shall be nine (9) members of the initial board of directors of the corporation, the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first election thereof are as follows:

Jerry B. Ange
P. O. Drawer 527
Huntsville, Al.

Archie T. Reeves, Jr.
P. O. Drawer 457
Selma, Al.

Eugene P. Stutts
1750 1st National-Southern
Natural Building
Birmingham, Al.

J. Pelham Ferrell
P. O. Box 1188
Phenix City, Al.

Braxton W. Ashe
P. O. Drawer N
Sheffield, Al.

Samuel H. Franklin
1500 Brown-Marx Building
Birmingham, Al.

Curtis Wright
P. O. Box 405
Gadsden, Al.

Charles J. Fleming
P. O. Box 290
Mobile, Al.

Joe C. Cassady
P. O. Box 780
Enterprise, Al.

ARTICLE VI
Limitations

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except for reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this corporation will not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt under federal income tax under Sec. 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE VII
Dissolution

In the event of a dissolution, the Board of Directors shall after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation

and distribution of property held subject to limitations, dispose of the residual assets of the corporation by turning the residual assets over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt organizations described in Sec. 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE VIII
Registered Office and Agent

The address of the initial registered agent of the corporation is 1101 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is Robert J. Russell.

ARTICLE IX
Incorporators

The name and address of each incorporator of the corporation is:

Robert S. Lamar, Jr. P. O. Drawer 2148 Montgomery, Al.	Robert J. Russell 1101 S. Hull St. Montgomery, Al.	Clarence M. Small 800 1st National-Southern Natural Building Birmingham, Al.
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ARTICLE X
Corporate Powers

The corporate powers allowed under Title 10, Chapter 3, Article 6 (Sec. 10-3-120 et seq.), Code of Alabama 1975 are hereby adopted and made a part hereof.

ARTICLE XI
Bylaws

The Directors of the corporation shall adopt the Bylaws which will embody general policy provisions relating to the management and operation of the corporation. Said bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any Annual or Special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XII
Action by members or directors without meeting

Any action to be taken in a meeting of the members or Directors of the corporation or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the members or Directors or of a committee of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all the members, all of the Directors or all of the members of the committee of Directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter, thereof, as the case may be. Such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote and may be stated as such in any articles or documents filed with the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE XIII
Amendments

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be made pursuant to Sec. 10-3-40 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have subscribed our names on this the 18th day of January, 1982.



Robert S. Lamar, Jr.



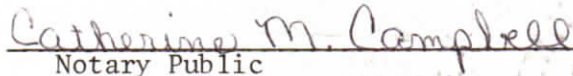
Clarence M. Small



Robert J. Russell

STATE OF ALABAMA)
MONTGOMERY COUNTY)

On the 18th day of January, 1982, before me, a Notary Public in the aforesaid State and County, personally appeared Robert S. Lamar, Jr., Clarence M. Small and Robert J. Russell who are known to me to be the persons named in and who executed the foregoing instrument and who severally acknowledge that they executed the same freely.



Notary Public

STATE OF ALA.
MONTGOMERY CO.
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT
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