

Restated Articles of Incorporation of Alaska Legal Services Corporation

Under AS 10.20.196, the board of directors of the Alaska Legal Services Corporation adopts the following restated articles of incorporation:¹

ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name of the corporation is Alaska Legal Services Corporation.

ARTICLE II. DURATION.

The corporation's period of duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSES; RESTRICTIONS.

1. The corporation is organized for the purpose of providing legal assistance to persons lacking the financial ability to obtain private counsel. The assistance may cover all matters, and may be provided in all forums, permitted by federal and state statutes, regulations, and court rules. The assistance may include advice, representation, litigation, advocacy, negotiation, and all other types of legal assistance that are within the role of an attorney and counselor, as permitted by federal and state statutes, regulations, and court rules.

2. The corporation shall also seek to broaden the scope of availability of legal services of all kinds for people unable to afford those services, and shall seek to promote knowledge about the law among those people.

3. The corporation may do all things necessary to further its purposes, including employing attorneys and other persons. It may seek and accept money and services from any source, in furtherance of its purposes.

4. The corporation shall establish guidelines and specify to the extent necessary the eligibility of persons for its legal services, either to further the purposes stated above or in response to criteria established by sources of funding for the corporation.

¹ In these restated articles, only art. I remains unchanged from the last restated articles, dated February 28, 1981.

5. The corporation is organized only for the purposes set out in this article, and is limited by 26 U.S.C. 170(c)(2) and 501(c)(3) (United States Internal Revenue Code) or the corresponding provisions of any future United States internal revenue law. In particular, no part of the net earnings of the corporation inures to the benefit of or is distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and may make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set out in this article.

ARTICLE IV. PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS.

The principal place of business of the corporation is Anchorage, Alaska.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; OFFICERS.

1. Directors. The corporation shall be managed by a board of fifteen directors, and may have one alternate for each director. Directors and alternates shall be selected as provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

2. Terms of Directors. All terms of office of directors and alternates are for three years, except that a director representing the Alaska Bar Association's board of governors has a term of one year.

3. Commencement of Directors' Terms. All terms of office of directors and alternates commence on the date of the annual meeting as provided in the bylaws of the corporation, and all terms end immediately before commencement of the new terms. If no director or alternate is selected for the new term, the term of the incumbent director or alternate continues until a new director or alternate is selected.

4. Officers. The officers of the corporation, selected from the board of directors, are a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, elected at the annual meeting. Two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of president and secretary.

ARTICLE VI. FUNDING; DISSOLUTION.

1. The principal source of funding for the corporation is the Legal Services Corporation or successor offices or corporations. The corporation may also seek money from other private and public sources, which may exceed the amounts received from the principal source. Upon dissolution of the corporation, all assets of the corporation purchased through or with money received from the Legal Services Corporation shall be returned to that source or its successor.

2. In addition, upon the dissolution of the corporation, the directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of the corporation's assets in the manner and to the organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific

