

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION (N-01)  
NONPROFIT CORPORATION  
FOR  
Center for Estate Administration Reform (CEAR), Inc**

(Under North Carolina Business Corporation Act, Section 55-2-02 of the General Statutes of  
North Carolina)

FIRST: The name of the nonprofit corporation is the **Center for Estate Administration Reform (CEAR), Inc.**

**EIN: 82-4517166**

SECOND: The corporation is a charitable corporation as defined in NCGS §55A-1-40(4).

THIRD: The Corporation will not have members.

FOURTH: The principal place of business of the corporation is **19825 N Cove Road, Suite B176, City of Cornelius, County of Mecklenburg, NC 28031-6446** Email: **cearrick@gmail.com**

FIFTH: The name and address of the initial registered agent is **Richard W. Black, 19825 N Cove Road, Suite B176, City of Cornelius, County of Mecklenburg, NC 28031-6446**

SIXTH (N-14 Obligations):

**Purpose of Corporation**

This corporation is organized for charitable purposes including relief of the distressed, eliminating prejudice and discrimination, and defending human and civil rights secured by law. CEAR advises and assists the public dealing with issues pertaining to the exploitation of vulnerable adults via the predatory legal community and promotes reforms to better protect victims, their estates, and their heirs from probate, trust, and adult guardianship fraud, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (herein the "Code") (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code).

**Prohibited Activities**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of purposes set forth in these articles of incorporation. 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

**Distributions Upon Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the 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 and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, scientific or literary purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code as the Board of Directors shall determine, or to federal, state, or local governments to be used exclusively for public purposes. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, such as the court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, or to such governments for such purposes.

SEVENTH: **CEAR** is a nonprofit corporation issuing no stock. Each director will be an equal stakeholder in the corporation, with majority rule on the decisions of the corporation.

EIGHTH: The name and address of the director(s) are:

**Richard W. Black** 19825 N Cove Road, Suite B176, Cornelius, NC 28031-6446

**Terri M. Black** 19825 N Cove Road, Suite B176, Cornelius, NC 28031-6446

NINTH: The name and address of the incorporator is **Richard W. Black, 19825 N Cove Road, Suite B176, Cornelius, NC 28031-6446**

TENTH: These articles will be effective upon filing.

Incorporator Business Entity Name: **Center for Estate Administration Reform (CEAR)**

  
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Signature of Incorporator

  
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Date

**Richard W. Black**  
**Executive Director**