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UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF
LAW COMMITTEE FOR THE
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS,

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

VS.

BELINDA F. PUNTANEN,
INDIVIDUALLY, AND D/B/A
LEGAL ADMIN RESOURCES

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HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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**PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION,
APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER
AND TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES, the UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS ("UPLIC"), hereinafter referred to as Plaintiff, complaining of BELINDA F. PUNTANEN, individually and d/b/a LEGAL ADMIN RESOURCES, hereinafter called Defendants, and for cause of action would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I.

Parties

Plaintiff is a standing committee created by Tex. Gov. Code, Sec. 81.104(2) and appointed by the Honorable Supreme Court of the State of Texas.

Defendant, BELINDA F. PUNTANEN, is an individual who may be served with process at her residence 21829 Gentry Road #7, Cypress, Harris County, Texas 77429.

Defendant, BELINDA F. PUNTANEN, d/b/a LEGAL ADMIN RESOURCES, may be served with process at her residence 21829 Gentry Road #7, Cypress, Harris County, Texas 77429.

II.

Plaintiff herein seeks temporary and permanent injunctive relief and an award of attorney's fees arising from the actions of the Defendants of which Plaintiff complains and says constitute the unauthorized practice of law.

III.

Plaintiff is authorized to bring this action pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code, Sec. 81.101 *et. seq.*

IV.

Defendants are not now nor have they ever been at any time duly licensed attorneys in the State of Texas so as to allow them to engage in acts, practices and conduct which constitute the practice of law. The activities of the Defendants constitute the unauthorized practice of law.

V.

Although Sec. 81.102(a) of the Government Code of the State of Texas and the order of the Supreme Court of the State of Texas originally entered on the 19th day of June, 1979, prohibits all persons not members of the State Bar of Texas from practicing law, except for the limited practice of law authorized by Section 81.102(b), Texas Government Code, the Defendants has nevertheless engaged over a substantial period of time in a persistent pattern of conduct and action which constitutes the practice of law, including, but not limited to the following:

1. advertising to the public that they possess the skills necessary to help complete various types of instruments to affect and perfect the legal rights of citizens ranging from adoption to divorces and wills as set out on the rate sheet of the Defendants, a true and correct copy of which is attached as **Exhibit A**;
2. selecting various types of instruments for the legal rights of citizens ranging from adoption to divorces and wills as set out on the rate sheet of the Defendants, a true and correct copy of which is attached as **Exhibit A**;
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4. advertising to the public that they possess the skills necessary to help complete various types of instruments to affect and perfect the legal rights of citizens by using a business card that states that they are qualified for "Legal Document Preparation," a true and correct copy of which is attached as **Exhibit C**; and
5. representing that they are qualified to practice law in Texas for the reason that they possess the skills necessary by virtue of eleven years or more of work as a legal secretary and/or a legal assistant.

VI.

Plaintiff has reason to believe and docs believe that because of the long pattern of misconduct on the part of the Defendants and their continued, uninterrupted activities, that these Defendants will, in the future, engage in a course of conduct the same or similar to that course of conduct set out above, which constitutes the unauthorized practice of law.

The public interest and protection of the public demand that legal advice and legal services be rendered to the public only by persons duly qualified, schooled and educated in the law and who are attorneys duly admitted to practice under the laws of the State of Texas. Public interest demands that persons receiving legal services will receive the same directly from qualified persons who are at all times subject to the ethical considerations and disciplinary rules of the State Bar of Texas and of our courts. It is one of the functions of the State Bar of Texas to aid in maintaining high standards of professional conduct of attorneys and professional services, to protect the public against unqualified and unadmitted persons rendering legal service, to protect professional standards and the public reputation of attorneys and the legal profession.

VII.

Additionally, and not in the alternative, Plaintiff requests from the Court a Declaratory Judgment, under Section 37.003 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code, that the acts complained of above constitute the unauthorized practice of law. Pursuant to Section 37.009 of the Texas Civil Practice & remedies Code, Plaintiff herein is entitled to recover of and from the Defendants its costs and reasonable attorney's fees.


A danger is posed that the Defendants will further prejudice legal rights of citizens of this State by their inept legal services and illegal organizations and assumed names, will thereby alter the status quo intended to make ineffectual any judgment in favor of Plaintiff; and unless Defendants are deterred from continuing their present practices, Plaintiff will be without an adequate remedy of law, in that the harm to Plaintiff and to the public it is sworn to protect, is incapable of being precisely ascertained and is unpredictable and unending.

WIHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff respectfully prays that the Defendants be cited to appear and answer herein as required by law and that upon final hearing hereof the Plaintiff have judgment of and from the Defendants for a temporary injunction and a permanent injunction after trial on the merits enjoining Defendants, their agents, shareholders, officers, directors, employees, attorneys, successors, businesses or assigns, or any one acting in

concert with them, from engaging in the unauthorized practice of law or the aiding and abetting of the unauthorized practice of law; a declaratory judgment that Defendants' activities constitute the unauthorized practice of law; an accounting requiring the Defendants to account for the monies and profit obtained by them because of this illegal activity; costs of court; attorneys' fees; and for such other and further relief, whether in law or in equity, as Plaintiff may show itself to be justly entitled to receive.

Respectfully submitted,

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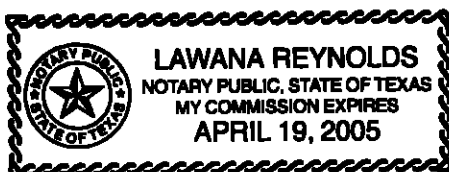
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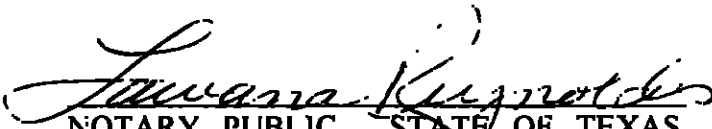
I have read the statements contained in paragraph V of the foregoing petition, they are true and correct and they are within my personal knowledge.



TIMOTHY CLYNE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this 18th day of February, 2003.





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TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

The Application of the UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS, Plaintiff in this cause, for a temporary restraining order, Temporary Injunction and a Permanent Injunction came on for presentation this day.

In considering the affidavit received, the Court finds and concludes that Plaintiff will probably prevail on the hearing on temporary injunction and the trial of this cause; that Defendants and all of them, intend to continue operations which dispense legal advice, make representations to members of the public in the settlement of personal injury and property damage cases with insurance companies all to the detriment of the citizens of the State of Texas.

A danger is posed that the Defendants will further prejudice legal rights of citizens of this State by their inept legal services will thereby alter the status quo intended to make ineffectual any judgment in favor of Plaintiff; and unless Defendants are deterred from continuing their present practices, Plaintiff will be without an adequate remedy of law, in that the harm to Plaintiff and to the public it is sworn to protect, is incapable of being precisely ascertained and is unpredictable and unending.

The practice of law is defined in §81.101(a), Texas Government Code: "the practice of law' means..... as well as a service rendered out of court, including the giving of advice or the rendering of any service requiring the use of legal skill or knowledge, such as preparing a will, contract, or other instrument, the legal effect of which under the facts and conclusions involved must be carefully determined".

BELINDA F. PUNTANEN, individually and d/b/a LEGAL ADMIN RESOURCES, are not licensed attorneys in the State of Texas and they do not possess the necessary skill, knowledge and

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training to give legal advise nor to prepare instruments to affect the legal rights of citizens in adoption, divorce and probate matters.

The Court finds that Defendants are currently advising and representing "*clients*" in document preparation and legal rights counseling. The Court makes the following findings that the Defendants are:

1. advertising to the public that they possess the skills necessary to help complete various types of instruments to affect and perfect the legal rights of citizens ranging from adoption to divorces and wills as set out on the rate sheet of the Defendants, a true and correct copy of which is attached as **Exhibit A**;
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5. representing that they are qualified to practice law in Texas for the reason that they possess the skills necessary by virtue of eleven years or more of work as a legal secretary and/or a legal assistant.

IT IS ORDERED that the Defendants, BELINDA F. PUNTANEN, individually and d/b/a LEGAL ADMIN RESOURCES, and their agents, attorneys, servants, employees, assigns, purchasers, predecessors, successors, or any person or entity acting in concert with him or with actual knowledge of this Temporary Restraining Order (all of them are hereby included within the term "*Defendants*"), indirectly or directly, are hereby enjoined as follows until a temporary injunction in this cause is entered by this Court:

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The Court finds that Plaintiff is exempt, under the law, from filing a bond as otherwise required by law and therefore no bond shall be required.

IT IS ORDERED that this case is set for a hearing for the issuance of a temporary injunction on the _____ day of _____, 2003, at _____ o'clock ____m.

SIGNED this _____ day of ~~January~~^{August}, 2003 at _____ o'clock ____m.

JUDGE PRESIDING

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RE: **LAR - Legal Admin Resources**
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