THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET NO. 11-9191

Certification of an Approved Legal Assistance Organization

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby certifies <u>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid</u> as an approved legal assistance organization under the State Bar Emeritus attorney Pro Bono Participation Program pursuant to Article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules.

As ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas, in chambers,

with the Seal thereof affixed at the City of Austin, this 171 day of Septem 2011.

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Petition for Certification of an Approved Legal Assistance Organization

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., Petitioner, pursuant to article XIII, Section 2(c) of the Texas State Bar Rules, petitions this Court to certify it as an approved legal assistance organization for the purpose of allowing eligible lawyers to practice under article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules and as grounds would show:

- 1. Petitioner is a Texas, not-for-profit organization. It was formed in July 1970 for the purpose of providing free legal services to indigent persons within ten Counties. It now provides such services within 68 counties, as attached. Petitioner accepts no fees or other payment from its clients for legal services rendered. Petitioner's structure includes a 25-member board of directors comprised of both attorneys and client-eligible persons from within its service area. The board employs the executive director to carry out its policies and to direct and oversee operations of the program.
- 2. Petitioner operates offices in 15 Texas cities (see attached), as well as in Nashville, Tennessee.
- 3. Petitioner's major sources of funding are the Legal Services Corporation, Texas Access to Justice Foundation, and many other government grants and private foundations.
- 4. The criteria used to determine potential client's eligibility for legal services performed by Petitioner are: (a) whether the applicant's income is below the maximum allowed; (b) whether the applicant's assets are below the maximum allowed; and (c) whether the person is a U.S. citizen or eligible alien.
- 5. Petitioner provides its clients with the following types of legal and nonlegal services: legal advice, brief services, representation in administrative agencies and court, referrals to other agencies.
 - 6. Presently, Petitioner employs 129 members of the Texas Bar, as attached.

- 7. Petitioner has acquired the following malpractice insurance which will cover any emeritus attorney working with Petitioner: CIMA Liability Protection Program for Legal Services and Defender Services Professionals and Specified Insured Organizations.
- 8. Petitioner's main office is located at 300 S. Texas Blvd., Weslaco, Texas 78596. Its area code and telephone number are 956-447-4800.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests this Court to Certify it as an approved legal assistance organization pursuant to article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules.

DATED this 12th day of September, 2011.

David G. Hall, Executive Director

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TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID, INC.

Attachment 1- questions 1 and 2

Aransas – Sinton

Atascosa – San Antonio

Bandera – San Antonio

Bastrop – Austin

Bee – Sinton

Bexar - San Antonio

Blanco – Austin

Brewster - Del Rio

Brooks - Corpus Christi

Burnet - Austin

Caldwell - Austin

Calhoun – Victoria

Cameron - Harlingen

Comal - San Antonio

Crockett – San Antonio

Culberson – El Paso

DeWitt - Victoria

Dimmit - Eagle Pass

Duval – Corpus Christi

Edwards - San Antonio

El Paso – El Paso

Frio – Eagle Pass

Gillespie - San Antonio

Goliad - Victoria

Gonzales - Victoria

Guadalupe – San Antonio

Hays – Austin

Hidalgo – Edinburg

Hudspeth – El Paso

Jackson - Victoria

Jeff Davis - Del Rio

Jim Hogg – Edinburg

Jim Wells – Corpus Christi

Karnes – San Antonio

Kendall - San Antonio

Kenedy – Corpus Christi

Kerr - San Antonio

Kimble - San Antonio

Kinney – Del Rio

Kleberg – Corpus Christi

La Salle – Eagle Pass

Lavaca - Victoria

Live Oak – Sinton

Llano – Austin

McMullen - Sinton

Mason – Austin

Counties Served, Office Locations

Maverick – Eagle Pass

Medina – San Antonio

Nueces – Corpus Christi

Pecos – Del Rio

Presidio – Del Rio

Real - San Antonio

Reeves - Del Rio

Refugio – Victoria

San Patricio - Sinton

Starr – Edinburg

Sutton - San Antonio

Terrell - Del Rio

Travis – Austin

Uvalde – Eagle Pass

Val Verde - Del Rio

Victoria - Victoria

Webb - Laredo

Willacy - Harlingen

Williamson – Austin

Wilson – San Antonio

Zapata – Laredo

Zavala – Eagle Pass

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