

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT**

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION of THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER of NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**for RSA 292:1-a APPROVAL**

NOW COMES Lisa L. Wolford, Esq., on behalf of the Children's Law Center of New Hampshire, a duly formed nonprofit corporation, and respectfully requests that this Honorable Court permit the Children's Law Center of New Hampshire to commence business. In support, the following is stated:

1. The Children's Law Center of New Hampshire is a nonprofit corporation. Its purpose is to provide interdisciplinary, holistic legal representation and advocacy to and on behalf of court-involved and other at-risk low-income children in CHINS, delinquency, abuse and neglect, special education, and other legal systems, and to identify and address system barriers to successful outcomes for these children. A policy brief describing the need for, and structure of, this interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary legal services nonprofit is attached. *See* Addendum p. 3.

2. RSA 292:1-a, entitled "Legal Services," provides in relevant part as follows:

Five or more persons of lawful age may associate together by articles of agreement to form a corporation, without a capital stock, for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the poor; provided, however, that no such corporation shall commence business until its articles of agreement and by-laws, and such other information as may be required, have been submitted to the supreme court for approval and such court has authorized it to commence business upon finding that it is a responsible organization. ... The actual practice of law by such corporation shall be

conducted solely by members of the New Hampshire bar in good standing....

3. On July 27, 2022, the Children's Law Center of New Hampshire filed with the New Hampshire Secretary of State its Nonprofit Corporation Articles of Agreement. NHSOS accepted the business formation of the Children's Law Center of New Hampshire on August 11, 2022. *See* Addendum p. 16.

4. Bylaws of the Children's Law Center of New Hampshire were adopted by its Board of Directors on September 7, 2022. *See* Addendum p. 24.

5. Undersigned counsel is a member of the New Hampshire bar in good standing. Attorney Stephanie Hausman, who is also a member of the New Hampshire bar in good standing, will join the Children's Law Center of New Hampshire on November 1, 2022. The policy brief included in the Addendum describes the qualifications of both attorneys to provide the professional legal services necessary. *See* Addendum p. 12-13.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this Honorable Court find that the Children's Law Center of New Hampshire is a responsible organization and authorize it to commence business.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ L. Wolford

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