

American Justice Foundation

A Declaration of Trust

FOR VALUE the undersigned trustors hereby declare a trust entitled American Justice Foundation (hereinafter the “Foundation”) for the purpose of organizing and empowering individuals to promote a unifying knowledge, understanding, and faith in the guiding doctrine and foundational principle of American Justice, i.e., that all persons are created beings endowed with inalienable rights derived from our Creator, by whatever Name various religions of history choose to identify the Unseen Hand that orders our universe.

Article I: Purpose

It is the fundamental purpose of this trust and the Foundation formed hereby to inculcate and restore in the minds of all people the Wisdom that recognizes that Rule of Law governments limited by the Due Process Power of the People are impossible where those who wield the power of government seek to limit or deny the proper place of Deity in government and, by so doing, deny the People’s Inherent Rights, the protection of which being the only legitimizing purpose for establishing and sustaining government powers.

To effect this purpose the Foundation formed by this trust is dedicated to educate all the peoples of our planet in the landmark principles of Justice and the practices of Due Process and application of juridical principles pursuant to The Rule of Law that make Justice and the goal of the Foundation’s purpose possible.

This trust shall remain irrevocable as to its purposes, terms, and conditions herein stated.

Article II: Religious Benefit

The Foundation is bound by this declaration of trust to provide the religious benefit of promoting “God in Government”, advocating for the continuance of America’s National Motto “In God We Trust”, advancing public knowledge of the religious, historical, philosophical, and political reality commonly known as “God”, and providing the People of America and the World with practical knowledge of The Rule of Law and Due Process power necessary to peacefully effect the purpose of the foregoing. In this regard, the Foundation exists to perform all activities generally recognized as religious functions with the exception that it will not seek to impose any particular schismatic or denominational limit on the public vision of God, but will zealously advocate against the misguided efforts of those who insist the concept of God has no place in government. It is the unflinching position of the Foundation that the legal premise of our Creator set out in our nation’s Declaration of Independence is essential to good government and indispensable as a jurisprudential impediment against the error of oligarchy that would otherwise assert that human rights are nothing more than privileges granted by those who wield the power of government. It is the Foundation’s uncompromising tenet that the persistent tendency of governments to devolve into despotism cannot be effectively deterred where the People have no legal predicate by which to claim inherent and, indeed, self-evident rights above and beyond the power of government to regulate or constrain. Therefore, the principal religious benefit provided by the Foundation is that religious knowledge by which all souls may be united in the premise that we are, indeed, “created beings” endowed with rights by Deity and not by whatever form of government may at the moment hold our beings under the force of law by physical power or legal constraint.

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Humankind is more than a mere political entity born to serve the collective. Governments have no inherent rights. Governments are mechanisms granted certain powers and authorities by the People for the sole purpose of protecting the inherent God-given rights of the People, each of whom being a soul created for the purpose of enjoying the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness ... along with many other inherent rights that are clearly self-evident to every reasonable-minded person.

In providing this religious benefit, the Foundation purposes to be a bulwark against that persistent tendency of governments to devolve into despotism and demands to be treated as the religious organization it is, free from any governmental restriction that would hamper its efforts to influence legislation or further the efforts of those similarly-minded who seek public office. A purpose without a method, no matter how laudable the purpose, is a futile endeavor. Our purpose also has method, providing the religious benefit aforementioned by equipping the People with a practical knowledge of The Rule of Law and the mechanisms of Due Process that provide Power to effect lasting change and perpetuate peace for future generations.

Article III: Tenets

The Foundation will do all within its power to unify mankind in the knowledge that the Creator from whom our Inalienable Rights derive is the Ineffable Spirit succinctly described by the Hebrew Tetragrammaton: יהוה, the Is that was and always shall be, the Creator of everything, the Grand Architect of the Universe. This is not to say in any way that the Foundation intends to further the unique views of any religious sect or denomination, for to Taoists the Creator is the nameless Tao, to Muslims the Creator is called Allah, and to Christians the Creator is most often referred to simply as God (though “God” is not a Name of God). The difficulties arising from our loss of God in government derive from our collective ignorance caused, primarily, by the widely varied views of Deity promoted by the multiplicity of historical religions, each acting out of self-interest to promote their unique view of God in contradistinction to the views of other religions, instead of agreeing that the God of all religions is One God, the Same God, though seen through many eyes and called by many names. This self-interest of professional religionists provides the Atheist Agenda unassailable grounds to object, seeing each religion demands that “their God” be the God in whom our nation trusts, rather than confessing that the God of all religions is beyond the purview of any particular sect or denomination. A substantial portion of the Foundation’s purpose is to pierce the confusion and heal the division caused by the varied public and private views of That Which Cannot be Divided, the Ineffable Force that holds the stars in space, binds atoms, and gives babies life within their mothers’ wombs. The Father to whom Christ Jesus urges followers to pray is the same God as the Great Spirit of the Plains Indians, the God in Whom All Wise Nations Should Trust and Revere, the Provider of Every Bounty, the Sustainer of Life, and the Logos that determines the destiny of both men and nations. Though every sect and denomination of historical religion has its private view of Deity, there is yet a single view that transcends every separate opinion. It is this paramount view of Deity we purpose to promote for the sake of future generations who would otherwise be divested of their inherent rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The Evil that seeks to destroy human life, liberty, and happiness in the name of national security or “the public good” is the Lie that our Creator is the private property or province of any particular religious sect or denomination. This Lie suggests that government power can be used to secure the People’s safety and prosperity without acknowledging that the People are endowed

with certain rights by our Creator God, rights that must never be subordinate to the will of those who wield the power of government.

Article IV: Corollary Purposes

In furtherance of the aforementioned fundamental purpose, the Foundation will promote more widespread public understanding of The Rule of Law, a direct corollary to the premise that human rights derive from God and not from the permissive consent of institutional governments. The Rule of Law is fundamental to preserving God in Government, because it stands against the imposition of impudent whim or self-interested motive by those wielding government power. It is impossible to protect human rights where The Rule of Law has been supplanted by the demand of leaders insisting that exigent circumstances, however daunting and severe, require that men be given ultimate and unfettered control over the will of the People. Promoting The Rule of Law, therefore, is essential to promoting the primary purpose of this Foundation. Indeed, preservation of The Rule of Law is impossible where leadership denies the place of God in Government, for either God is the Author of our human rights or men in power may further their self-interest at our expense without any hope of redress whatsoever. The very concept of The Rule of Law goes hand-in-hand with the doctrine that human rights are God-endowed. To work for one is to work for the other. We have no choice, therefore, but to labor resolutely to protect our way of life by urging humanity to take an enlightened stand for The Rule of Law.

To the same end, a second corollary to the view that human rights derive from God and not from the permissive consent of institutional governments is the concept of Due Process, by which each of us may demand to be heard, to call witnesses, to make a public record of our grievances, to present evidence, and to require those entrusted with the power of government to secure our God-given rights through the exercise of force. Promoting the primary purpose of this Foundation, therefore, requires that the Foundation's assets be used to publish and teach not only the philosophical and jurisprudential underpinnings of Due Process but that it also equip people to effectively exercise Due Process in the courts so that our fundamental purpose has a practical tool by which our primary goal may be secured for future generations. The Foundation will teach The Rules of Court and the fundamental principles of our American Jurisprudence so that the People at Large may understand and use the legal mechanisms by which Justice is secured and the doctrine of God in Government shall be preserved.

As its influence grows, the Foundation will use all legal means available to promote the candidacy of individuals and the enactment of legislation consonant with the Foundation's tenets and stated purposes without limitation as part of its religious benefit to the People.

Article V: Scope

The Foundation shall exist and operate solely as a religious, charitable, and educational organization, avoiding every enterprise and activity that might bring it within the classification of organizations taxable under any state or federal law or denying its supporters the tax advantages granted to those who make purely gratuitous (*non quid pro quo*) contributions to similar entities. The Foundation shall demand every benefit afforded to other religious organizations including, without limitation, benefits enjoyed by those entities organized as 501(c)(3) corporations that are forbidden to effect their purposes through legislation or promotion of any particular candidates for public office.

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All property held hereby, real or personal, tangible or intangible, wherever situate, shall during the life of the trust be used exclusively to promote the aforestated religious purposes of this trust and the Foundation formed hereby. No part of the assets of this trust or the Foundation shall inure to the exclusive benefit of any individual or legal entity other than this trust and for its restricted purposes set forth herein, except that those whose labors further the purposes of this trust may be compensated reasonably for their services, so long as no person in his or her individual capacity shall at any time have any ownership or title interest in the assets of this trust.

Article VI: Beneficiaries

The initial beneficiaries of this trust include all members of the United States Congress, all Justices of the United States Supreme Court, the President of the United States, every soul who seeks to restrain governments from the corruption unbridled power breeds and, without limitation, the American People and all who appeal to us for instruction and guidance in pursuing change for the better in their local, state, and federal governments. The trustors direct the trustees to ameliorate suffering wherever a wise administration of this trust and its assets permits, having a prescience toward the future of the trust and its continuance so not to unnecessarily or prematurely eviscerate the trust's efficacy by precipitous acts however well-intentioned.

Article VII: Duration

Continuance of the trust and furtherance of its purpose shall in all circumstances be given first priority in the administration of trust assets. The trust shall exist from the date of the execution hereof until that date one day prior to the expiration of 360 years from date of execution or the longest period such trusts may be permitted to exist pursuant to controlling law as of the date of execution or such later date as may hereafter be permitted by amendment or other revision of controlling law. The Foundation instituted by this trust, however, shall continue indefinitely by formation of subsequent trusts similarly constituted that the trustees shall deem to be entitled to receive the assets of this trust upon condition that such subsequent trusts declare by indissoluble terms to continue the purposes and mission of the Foundation, and upon receipt of such declarations the trustees shall be empowered to transfer all assets to the subsequent trust or trusts to carry on the Foundation and its religious purpose.

Article VIII: Trustee Powers

Each trustee shall have all powers granted by law to trustees generally within the terms and conditions of this declaration including, without other limitation, power to buy, sell, hold, and manage all forms of property in the name of the trust; to invest trust assets; to sue and defend lawsuits in the name of the trust; to lease, sell, give, and donate property consistent with the terms and conditions hereof; to transact business with third parties including, without limitation, government agencies or offices; to operate businesses for profit, provided no business operation jeopardizes the mission of the Foundation; to borrow money for any purpose consistent with this declaration; to employ and compensate trustees, attorneys, agents, employees, and others whose services are reasonably necessary to further the purposes and mission of the Foundation; to make distribution or division of trust property in cash or kind or both; to exercise any power or discretion hereunder for a reasonable period after termination of this trust, but only so long as no rule of law relating to perpetuities would be violated; to receive assets in any form from any source and commingle the same with the trust estate; to exercise sole discretion in making elections as to payment of tax and treatment of tax liabilities, without personal liability; to determine and appoint those who shall serve as trustees and successor trustees; and to determine the amount of bond, if

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any, that may be required of any trustee. In taking any such action, the trustees shall abide by all conditions and terms of this declaration and exercise every reasonable measure available to protect the trust and its assets.

Article IX: Successor Trustees

In the event that the initial trustees or either of them shall be unable or unwilling to serve and no others have been appointed to serve as trustees, then in that event the following persons shall be preferred for appointment as successor trustees: Michael Jerome Graves, Justin Joseph Braden, and Trever Rick Braden. From time to time this Article may be amended to identify those who may be preferred to serve and be appointed by the then serving trustee(s). If at any time the trust shall be without a trustee or successor trustee able and willing to serve, then in that event any beneficiary may petition the Circuit Court of Martin County, Florida for an Order appointing a trustee who shall thereafter appoint further trustees and successor trustees as he or she may deem necessary in the furtherance of Foundation purposes and mission.

Article X: Records

The trustees shall make and maintain an accurate historical record of all transactions in trust assets and provide reasonable public access to same, provided that persons demanding more than a cursory examination of the current balance sheet and income statement shall be required to pay the trust's anticipated costs in advance of such examination. The trustees shall endeavor to make a summary of the Foundation's current financial circumstance available to the public via the internet. Every reasonable effort will be made to keep the Foundation's finances public. Those electing to contribute to the Foundation without any *quid pro quo* expectation, shall have a right to obtain a receipt for such contributions upon reasonable request, however the obligation to determine whether and to what extent such contributions are tax deductible from the donor's point of view shall be and remain on the donor, and the trust shall have no obligation to defend the donor's position in regard thereto.

Article XI: Facilities

At the soonest reasonable opportunity consistent with the Foundation's purposes and mission, the trustees shall secure real property for use as its offices. As assets are available, the trustees shall seek to establish property for use as The Center for Public Legal Education, where the operation of the Foundation will be principally located. The initial situs of this trust and the initial business location of the Foundation shall be at 816 Southeast Dolphin Drive, Stuart, Martin County, Florida, where the undersigned reside.

Article XII: Administration

The Foundation shall be governed in a manner consonant with the purposes and mission set forth herein. In all deliberative assemblies, Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed so views of the minority are heard while the wishes of the majority are realized. The trustees shall promote open discussion of all matters, afford everyone a fair hearing with reasonable notice, and prevent the rise of individuals who would abuse this trust.

The various general ministries of this trust shall be performed and carried out by all who are willing to further the purposes of this trust in accordance with conditions and terms hereof, subject only to the consent of the trustees who themselves shall at all times be subject to every term and condition of this declaration of trust and constantly mindful of its purpose. There shall be no discrimination against individuals based on age, gender, or race.

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There shall at all times be not less than one trustee nor more than seven. When a trustee becomes unwilling or unable to serve, the remaining trustees shall forthwith elect a successor by majority vote committed to a dated writing signed by all then trustees. The trustees shall endeavor to number 1, 3, 5, or 7, rather than an even number, and in the event an even number of trustees shall be unable to resolve a matter, then in that event the eldest of them shall have a tie-breaking vote.

The trustees shall meet no less often than monthly on the first Saturday of each month or such other day as they shall all agree to be acceptable. A written record signed and dated by all trustees shall be made of the work transacted and decisions made at each meeting, if any. All power to administer the assets of this trust shall be reposed exclusively in the trustees who may from time-to-time delegate powers to others provided that no such delegated power shall be irrevocable nor infringe on duties of the trustees set forth herein. If all trustees cannot convene at a common place, they may hold meetings electronically, provided no such meeting shall be of any effect unless a majority of the trustees attend (electronically or otherwise) and the work and decisions are committed to a dated writing signed by them all and placed in the official records of the Foundation.

A majority of the trustees may by unanimous vote remove a trustee who habitually fails or refuses to abide by the terms of this declaration or for any other reason deemed by them reasonable, lawful, and just, provided such trustee shall have reasonable advance notice of a hearing and be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard, call witnesses, and present evidence in his defense (all which being made a part of the Foundation's records). No action shall be taken unless the entirety of such hearing is transcribed and signed by all voting trustees attesting to its truth and accuracy. The transcript shall become a fixed and permanent record of the trust, and a true copy thereof shall be tendered to the removed trustee.

The trustees shall see to making and safe-keeping accurate records of all transactions in trust property and all uses thereof, including without limitation a general ledger, income and balance sheets, cash journals, and such other records as may be reasonably necessary to protect the trust and carry out its purposes. All such records shall be available for inspection by any interested person upon reasonable prior notice and request, however cost of inspection or making copies of records shall be paid in advance by all who demand copies, and the trustees may charge a reasonable fee for retrieving such records and for providing for their reasonable inspection.

A majority of the trustees shall constitute a quorum, and all decisions shall be made by majority vote of a quorum (unless otherwise provided herein). No decision binding the trust may be concluded unless all trustees have reasonable prior notice, are given full disclosure of issues and relevant facts, and are afforded an opportunity to participate fully in the decision-making process. Trustees may participate in the decision-making process by conference call, fax, email, or such other reasonably secure media for communications they each shall agree upon, provided all information reasonably necessary to reach a decision consistent with the purposes, terms, and conditions hereof shall be fully shared with all trustees prior to their making any decision.

No person shall be or become a trustee unless he or she shall have declared in a signed and dated writing that he or she has read and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions hereof, that he or she believes and pledges to uphold and further the purposes hereof, and that he or she will submit a formal resignation by signed and dated writing at any time when he or she believes

himself or herself unable to continue in good faith as trustee pursuant to terms and conditions herein set forth.

Article XIII: Amendment

This declaration shall not be amended in any way contrary to its terms and conditions but may be amended to better effect its stated purposes and mission of the Foundation. The trustees shall have sole power to amend this declaration including, without limitation, the power to create subdivisions of this trust, not inconsistent herewith, for the purpose of effecting the purposes and mission of this trust in any place where such trusts are permitted and protected by local law. Any subdivision of this trust shall be governed by its own trustees who shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this declaration and remain fully answerable to the trustees of this trust. Any amendment contrary to the purposes hereof, shall be ineffective against this trust or its property.

Article XIV: Interpretation

This trust and the interpretation of this declaration shall be subject to the rules of trusts under the laws of the State of Florida as of the date of execution hereof. Any person representing or acting on representations contrary to the terms hereof does so at his own peril, this declaration putting all persons and legal entities on notice of same as of date of its recordation in the public records where this declaration was executed. All amendments permitted by this declaration shall promptly after execution be recorded in the public records of the then situs of the trust. The initial trustee is directed to file this document in the Public Records of Martin County, Florida forthwith upon execution hereof.

Article XV: Initial Assets

As of the date of execution hereof, the trustors declare that they tendered to the trustees, and the trustees declare that they accepted for the purposes and in accordance with terms and conditions hereof the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and will hold same, along with such other assets as they may hereafter receive and accept, for the beneficiaries hereof and for the purposes and mission defined by the terms and conditions of this declaration.

Article XVI: Indemnification

The trust shall hold harmless and indemnify all trustees for acts done by them in good faith pursuant to the terms, conditions, and expressed purposes of this trust and the Foundation formed hereby, however the trust shall not be held responsible for acts of any trustee contrary to the terms, conditions, and purposes of this trust, nor shall any such trustee be held harmless or indemnified in any way for such contrary acts. Any such trustee shall be subject to immediate removal pursuant to the terms and conditions hereinelsewhere more fully set forth.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned trustors and initial trustees, being *sui juris* and in good faith agreeing to promote and support the purposes set forth herein, and in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinabove stated, do affix their signatures hereinbelow this 21st day of November in the Year of Our Lord 2008, by which joint act we declare ourselves forever bound.

Kathryn Jo Graves, as Trustor

Frederick David Graves, as Trustor

Kathryn Jo Graves, as Trustee

Frederick David Graves, as Trustee

Notarial Attestation

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARTIN

BEFORE ME personally appeared the trustors and trustees whose signatures appear above, each was by me first duly sworn and identified in accordance with law or personally known to me, and each did execute the foregoing for the purposes set forth the date last hereinabove appearing.

Notary Public