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<b>Petitioner:</b>  The People of the State of Colorado,  v.  <b>Respondent:</b>  The Lars Group.	Supreme Court Case No: 2009SA2
ORDER OF COURT	

Upon consideration of the Petition for Injunction and the Order and Rule to Show Cause filed in the above cause, and now being sufficiently advised in the premises,

IT IS THIS DAY ORDERED that Respondent, THE LARS GROUP, is ENJOINED from the unauthorized practice of law in the State of Colorado.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter is referred to the Presiding Disciplinary Judge for determination of facts and recommendations to the court concerning costs and expenses, refunds of fees and impositions of fines.

BY THE COURT, MARCH 11, 2009



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ORIGINAL PROCEEDING IN  
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07UPL026

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**PETITION FOR INJUNCTION**

Petitioner, through the undersigned Assistant Regulation Counsel, and upon authorization pursuant to C.R.C.P. 234(a),<sup>1</sup> respectfully requests that the Colorado Supreme Court issue an

<sup>1</sup> The Unauthorized Practice of Law ("UPL") Committee authorized the filing of this petition on December 5, 2008.

order pursuant to C.R.C.P. 234 directing the respondent to show cause why it should not be enjoined from the unauthorized practice of law. As grounds therefor, counsel states as follows:

1. The respondent, The LARS Group, is an entity that holds itself out over the Internet as providing legal rights advocacy to persons in various contexts.

2. In 2006, a person referred to herein as JK, a resident of the State of Colorado, was sued in Adams County District Court by an entity known as Citibank, Case No. 06CV0870. JK was referred to The LARS Group. Over the Internet, JK submitted general information to The LARS Group about the nature of her case through an online questionnaire. JK then purchased a “package” from The LARS Group for \$1,600.00 which she paid through PayPal.

3. After providing additional information, unknown individuals at The LARS Group reviewed the information and documents submitted by JK and emailed or faxed pleadings to her to be filed with the Court. JK understood that a paralegal was doing this work for The LARS Group.

4. Periodically during the litigation JK would fax The LARS Group orders and pleadings filed by opposing counsel, and The LARS Group would email or fax responses. Again, JK would sign the pleadings and physically file them with the Court.

5. At no time did JK believe that she was working with a lawyer. Based upon her communications with The LARS Group she understood the paralegals were preparing the pleadings for her. No one at The LARS Group ever represented himself or herself as being a lawyer.

6. In 2007, JK was sued in Adams County District Court by an entity known as LVNV Funding, LLC, Case No. 07CV1531. JK contacted The LARS Group again, paid \$1,000.00 and retained its services to present her in the matter. The LARS Group then provided services as it had done previously, described above, on JK's behalf.

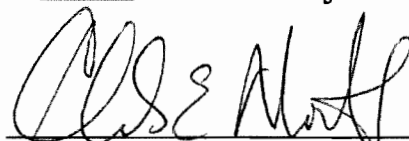
7. By holding itself out as an entity that could provide legal rights advocacy to third parties in pending litigation, and by preparing legal pleadings for another in pending Colorado District Court matters, the respondent and its agents engaged in the

unauthorized practice of law (the unauthorized practice of law includes acting as a representative in protecting, enforcing or defending the legal rights and duties of another and/or counseling advising and assisting that person in connection with legal rights and duties. *See, People v. Shell*, 149 P.3d 162 (Colo. 2006); and *Denver Bar Assn. v. P.U.C.*, 154 Colo. 273, 391 P.2d 467 (1964)). The respondent does not fall within any of the statutory or case law exceptions.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner prays that this court issue an order directing the respondent to show cause why the respondent should not be enjoined from engaging in any unauthorized practice of law; thereafter that the court enjoin this respondent from the practice of law, or in the alternative that this court refer this matter to a hearing master for determination of facts and recommendations to the court on whether this respondent should be enjoined from the unauthorized practice of law. Furthermore, petitioner requests that the court assess the costs and expenses of these proceedings, including reasonable attorney fees against this respondent; order the refund of any and all fees paid by clients to

the respondent; impose a fine for each incident of unauthorized practice of law, not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 per occurrence; and order any other relief deemed appropriate by this court.

Respectfully submitted this 6 of January, 2009.



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