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#### STATE OF NEVADA

#### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Case No. <u>DE20180426-004</u>

In the Matter of: CEASE AND DESIST ORDER Gertrudes M. Guintu.

Respondent.

TO: Gertrudes M. Guintu, dba C & G Paralegal Services 8860 S. Maryland Parkway, Suite #102 Las Vegas, NV 89123

dba C & G Paralegal Services,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the State of Nevada, Office of the Secretary of State finds that you are in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 240A.100 and 240A.240(3) as set out with specificity in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

You are hereby directed and ordered to immediately CEASE AND DESIST all document preparation service activity as defined in NRS 240A.030.

Be advised, if you fail to comply with this Cease and Desist Order, this office may seek to have a civil action filed against you as set forth in NRS 240A.280 which may include, without limitation, the imposition of a civil penalty in an amount up to \$5,000 for each violation, restitution to any victims of your activity, and attorneys' fees.

DATED: July 27, 2018.

Barbara K. Cegavske, Secretary of State, State of Nevada, Office of the Secretary of State

Inderson Gail J. Anderson, Deputy Secretary 555 E. Washington Ave, Suite 5200

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#### EXHIBIT A

### FACTS AND RATIONALE FOR CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

### TO: Mrs. Gertrudes M. Guintu

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NRS 240A.100 requires any person engaging in the business of a document preparation service to be registered with the Secretary of State.

NRS 240A.030(2) (as amended by Assembly Bill 324 (2017)) includes, within the definition of a document preparation service, a paralegal unless the work performed is under the direction and supervision of an attorney.

NRS 240A.240(3) (as amended by Assembly Bill 324 (2017)) prohibits the use of the term "paralegal" in any advertising or written description of the services a registrant provides.

The State of Nevada, Office of the Secretary of State finds that you violated NRS 240A.100 and NRS 240A.240(3) as follows:

- 1. Your document preparation service registration (NVDP2014123442) expired on January 16, 2016, and has not been renewed.
- 2. You are not currently registered with the Secretary of State as a document preparation service.
- 3. You are operating as a document preparation service as a sole proprietor using the fictitious firm name of "C&G Paralegal Services."
- 4. You do not work under the direction and supervision of an attorney.
- 5. For compensation and at the direction of a client, you assist clients in legal matters and hold yourself out as a person who provides such services, as follows:
  - a) Your website: < http://cgparalegaloffice.com/home1> advertises a number of legal services you provide, including, without limitation, "Quick Divorce & Family Law," "Immigration," and "Last Will and Testaments."
  - b) Your website states the following:

We've been helping a lot of Filipino people all over the world to change their status as immigrant and to become a U.S Citizen. Helping people to file divorce in the most fastest way. To get their fiancé from other countries specially in the Philippines. Helping Filipino family from the Philippines to be reunited to their family here in the United States. And all other services. C and G Paralegal Services assisting clients in divorce, family law, car accident, physical injuries, special power of attorney, income tax return, eviction, immigration, petition for alien relative, fiancé visa, K-3 Visa, adjustment of status, U.S. citizenship, green card renewal, working permit renewal, affidavit of appearance-GSIS-SSS, notary public accredited by the Philippine consulate general.

- c) On May 1, 2018, a formal complaint regarding your business, C&G Paralegal Services, was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State alleging you are operating as a document preparation service.
- d) The complaint also alleges that on or about Oct 20, 2017, your office performed a notarial act on divorce documents that named "Mrs. Gemma Ampongan-Marfa" and her husband "Antonio Joven Marfa".
- e) Mrs. Gemma Ampongan-Marfa alleges she was not present to sign such documents.
- f) The outcome of said transaction was a divorce filed at Clark County District Court on December 18, 2017. Thus causing Mrs. Ampongan-Marfa, to hire legal counsel to assist her in filing a "Motion to Set Aside Judgement" and a new "Complaint for Divorce".

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, <u>Elizabeth Villafana</u>, hereby certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Office of the Secretary of State and that on the 27th day of July 2018, I served a fully executed copy of the foregoing **CEASE AND DESIST ORDER** by delivering a copy of the same to department of general services for mailing addressed as follows:

Certified Mail Receipt No. 7014 2870 0001 8498 0546

Gertrudes M. Guintu dba C & G Paralegal Services 8860 S. Maryland Pkwy., Ste#102 Las Vegas, NV 89123

An employee of the Office of the Secretary of State