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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Findlaw, Inc.

- Individual(s) Association General Partnership Limited Partnership Corporation-State of California Other

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: West Publishing Corporation

Internal Address:

Street Address: 610 Opperman Drive

City: Eagan State: MN Zip: 55123

- Individual(s) citizenship Association General Partnership Limited Partnership Corporation-State of Minnesota Other

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached: Yes No (Designations must be a separate document from assignment) Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name Other

Execution Date: March 12, 2001

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):

A. Trademark Application No.(s)

75/880913 75/880917

B. Trademark Registration No.(s)

2,282,233 2,405,987 2,087,788

Additional number(s) attached Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: Paula K. Upson

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The Thomson Corporation

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6. Total number of applications and registrations involved:

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State of Minnesota

SECRETARY OF STATE

Certificate of Merger

I, Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State of Minnesota, certify that: the documents required to effectuate a merger between the entities listed below and designating the surviving entity have been filed in this office on the date noted on this certificate; and the qualification of any non-surviving entity to do business in Minnesota is terminated on the effective date of this merger.

Merger Filed Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter: 302A

State of Formation and Names of Merging Entities:

CA: FINDLAW, INC.

MN: WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION

State of Formation and Name of Surviving Entity:

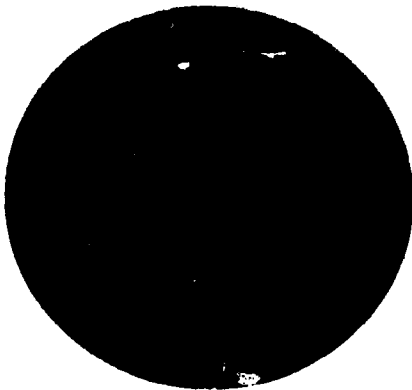
MN: WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION

Effective Date of Merger: 5/4/01

Name of Surviving Entity After Effective Date of Merger:

WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION

This certificate has been issued on: 5/4/01



Mary Kiffmeyer
Secretary of State.

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ARTICLES OF MERGER

OF

FINDLAW, INC.

AND

WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION

To the Secretary of State
State of Minnesota

Pursuant to the provisions of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act governing the merger of a foreign corporation for profit into a domestic corporation for profit, the corporations hereinafter named do hereby adopt the following Articles of Merger.

1. The names of the merging corporations are FINDLAW, INC. which is a corporation for profit organized under the laws of the State of California, and WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION which is a corporation for profit organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and which is subject to the provisions of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act.
2. Annexed hereto and made a part hereof is the Plan of Merger for merging FINDLAW, INC. with and into WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION as set forth in a resolution approved by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the Board of Directors of WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION.
3. The Plan of Merger has been approved by WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION pursuant to Chapter 302A., Minnesota Statutes.
4. The laws of the jurisdiction of organization of FINDLAW, INC. permit the merger of a corporation for profit of that jurisdiction with and into a corporation for profit of another jurisdiction; and the merger of FINDLAW, INC. with and into WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION is in compliance with the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of FINDLAW, INC.
5. WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION will continue its existence as the surviving corporation under its present name pursuant to the provisions of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act.
6. The merger of FINDLAW, INC. with and into WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION shall become effective in the State of Minnesota when the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota files these Articles of Merger.

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I certify that I am authorized to execute this document and I further certify that I understand that by signing this document, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Executed on March 12, 2001

FINDLAW, INC.

By: 

Michael S. Harris
Its Vice President

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Executed on March 12, 2001

WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION

By: 

Michael S. Harris
Its Vice President

PLAN OF MERGER approved on March 12, 2001 by FINDLAW, INC., which is a corporation for profit organized under the laws of the State of California, and by resolution adopted by its Board of Directors on said date, and approved on March 12, 2001 by WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION, which is a corporation for profit organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and which is subject to the provisions of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act, and by resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of its Board of Directors on said date.

1. FINDLAW, INC. and WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION shall, pursuant to the provisions of the California Corporation Code and of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act, be merged with and into a single corporation, to wit, WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION, which shall be the surviving corporation upon the effective date of the merger and which is sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "surviving corporation", and which shall continue to exist as said surviving corporation under its present name pursuant to the provisions of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act. The separate existence of FINDLAW, INC., which is sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "terminating corporation", shall cease upon the effective date of the merger in accordance with the provisions of the California Corporation Code.

2. The Articles of Incorporation of the surviving corporation upon the effective date of the merger in the State of Minnesota shall continue to be the Articles of Incorporation of said surviving corporation and shall continue in full force and effect until amended and changed in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act.

3. The bylaws of the surviving corporation as in force and effect upon the effective date of the merger shall continue to be the bylaws of said surviving corporation and shall continue in full force and effect until changed, altered, or amended as therein provided and in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act.

4. The directors and officers in office of the surviving corporation upon the effective date of the merger shall continue to be the members of the Board of Directors and the officers of the surviving corporation, all of whom shall hold their directorships and offices until the election and qualification of their respective successors or until their tenure is otherwise terminated in accordance with the bylaws of the surviving corporation.

5. The issued shares of the surviving corporation shall not be converted or exchanged in any manner, but each said share which is issued as of the effective date of the merger shall continue to represent one issued share of the surviving corporation.

6. In the event that the merger of the terminating corporation with and into the surviving corporation shall have been fully authorized in accordance with the provisions of the California Corporation Code and in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act, the terminating corporation and the surviving corporation hereby stipulate that they will cause to be executed and filed and/or recorded any document or documents prescribed by the laws of the State of California and of the State of Minnesota, and that they will cause to be performed all necessary acts therein and elsewhere to effectuate the merger.

7. The Board of Directors and the proper officers of the terminating corporation and of the surviving corporation, respectively, are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all acts and things, and to make, execute, deliver, file, and/or record any and all instruments, papers, and documents which shall be or become necessary, proper, or convenient to carry out or put into effect any of the provisions of this Plan of Merger or of the merger herein provided for.

8. The merger herein provided for shall become effective in the State of Minnesota on the date on which the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota files these Articles of Merger.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Mary H. Johnson
Secretary of State

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