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Probate 3901	x		x	x		x		x	x		x							Trusts for Minors
Probate 3700	x		x	x	x													Personal Property of Absentees
Civ. Pro. 229	x																x	Grounds for Challenging Prospective Jurors for Bias
Civ. Pro. 340.1	x			x		x							x			x		Statute of Limitations for Incest Liability
Civ. Pro. 487.020	x																x	Property Exempt from Attachment
Civ. Pro. 542	x		x	x	x								x			x		Domestic Violence Prevention Act
Civ. Pro. 641	x																x	Grounds for Objecting to a Referee
Civ. Pro. 700.080	x																x	Service of Process on a Defendant
Civ. Pro. 703.115	x																x	Exemption from Judgment Based on Need
Civ. Pro. 704.020	x																x	Exemption from Judgment
Civ. Pro. 704.710	x		x	x	x			x	x	x			x					
Civ. Pro. 706.051	x																x	Exemption from Judgment

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Bus & Pro 654.2		x															x	Conflict of Interest for Health Care Providers
Bus & Pro 2727	x																x	Nursing License Not Required
Bus & Pro 3765	x																x	Respiratory Care License Not Required
Bus & Pro 3927.5	x																x	Nursing Home Probation
Bus & Pro 6060.3		x															x	Refund of Bar Exam Fee if Family Death/Injury
Bus & Pro 7065.1		x															x	No Contractor Exam if Family Continues Business
Bus & Pro 7505.3		x															x	No Repossession License If Family Continues Business
Bus & Pro 7539	x																x	Restriction on Soliciting by Private Investigators
Bus & Pro 7594.3		x															x	Continuation of Business of Alarm Company
Bus & Pro 7700	x																x	Profane Language by a Funeral Service
Bus & Pro 23356.2	x															x		No License for Making of Beer for Personal Use
Bus & Pro 10241.1	x																x	Credit Life Disability Ins.

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Gov. 3308	x																x	Financial Privacy Rights for Police Officers
Gov. 7281.2		x															x	Hiring of Veterans; Restricting Reimbursements
Gov. 13960	x																x	Restitution for Crime Victims
Gov. 20009.1		x	x										x					State Credit Union for Retired State Workers
Gov. 22754	x		x		x		x											Annuities for Public Employees
Gov. 27471	x																x	Duty of Coroner to Locate Family
Gov. 29636	x																x	Limit on Restitution if Hardship to Deft's Family
Gov. 51230.1		x	x	x	x			x										Transfer of Property in Agricultural Preserve
Gov. 53944	x																x	Exemption from Pleasure Riding Tax on Animals
Gov. 82033		x															x	Conflict of Interest; Political Reform Act
Gov. 82045		x															x	Conflict of Interest; Political Reform Act
Gov. 84219		x															x	Contribution Limits; Slate Mailer Organizations
Gov. 84302.5		x															x	Limit on Intermediaries; Political Contributions

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Gov. 85310	x																x	Limits on Gifts to Legislators
Gov. 87103		x	x		x													Conflict of Interest; Public Officials
Finance 7450.2		x															x	Restriction on Loans; Savings Associations
Finance 15100	x		x													x		Restrictions on Credit Union Loans to One Family
Rev / Tax 7094	x																x	Release of Tax Levy
Mil/Vet 985		x	x	x	x													Benefits for Veterans
Mil/Vet 270.10		x	x	x	x													Purchase of Farm Home; Nat. Guard Members
Pub. Util. 528	x																x	Reciprocal Reduced Rates by Common Carriers
Insurance 12374	x																x	Restriction on Loans by Title Insurance Company
Insurance 12156	x																x	Insurance Services by Motor Clubs
Insurance 10233.4	x																x	Long Term Care Benefits
Insurance 10119		x															x	Disability Insurance
Insurance 1101.1		x															x	Conflict of Interest; Board of Directors

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Labor 5408	x																x	Worker's Compensation Trustee for Injured Worker
Labor 4454	x																	Worker's Compensation Benefit Adjustment
Labor 3503	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	*			x		Worker's Comp. Dependent Benefits / * = in-laws
Labor 3352	x																x	Definition of Employee at Camp or Lodge
Labor 2650	x																x	Definition of Industrial Homework
Labor 1133		x															x	Definition of Professional Strikebreaker
Labor 300	x																x	Employee Deductions from Wages
Health 199.74	x																x	AIDS Pilot Project for Home or Hospice Care
Health 413	x																x	Alzheimer's Diagnostic & Treatment Centers
Health 429.50	x																x	Data Collection on Family Formation
Health 1250.3	x																x	Family Therapy in Substance Abuse Programs
Health 1267.8	x															x		Disabled Group Home is Defined as a "Family"
Health 1289		x															x	Conflict of Interest; Long-Term Health Provider

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Health 1310.5	x																x	Objectives for Alzheimer's Disease Institutes
Health 1310.7	x																x	Definitions for Hospice & Home Care Services
Health 1418.2	x																x	Resident Councils in Long-Term Health Facilities
Health 1418.3	x	x															x	Right of Family Members to Meet With Patient
Health 1312	x																x	Services at Alzheimer's Disease Institutes
Health 1502	x													x				Definition of Foster Family Home
Health 1505	x																x	Exception for Licensing of Foster Family Home
Health 1512	x																x	Right to Visits at Residential Community Care Facility
Health 1520.2	x																x	Resident Councils at Community Care Facility
Health 1522.4		x															x	Limits on Fees to Adoption Agencies
Health 1527	x													x				Definition of Foster Parent and Foster Child
Health 1566.2	x															x		Residential Facilities for Six or Fewer People
Health 7054.7	x																x	Restriction on Commingling of Cremated Remains

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Health 7191	x																x	Decisions on Life-Sustaining Procedures	
Health 8961	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x									Limitations on Plots in Cemetery Districts
Health 11164	x																x	Use of Prescriptions by Members of Same Family	
Health 11372.7	x																x	Family-Oriented Drug Rehab Programs	
Health 11760	x																x	Policy of State on Abuse of Alcohol	
Health 11765	x																x	Definition of Alcohol Recovery Service	
Health 11811.7	x																x	Community Self-Help Alcohol Recovery Groups	
Health 11834.25	x															x		Substance Abuse Recovery House is a "Family"	
Health 11837	x																x	Drunk Driver Programs May Include Family Members	
Health 11837.4	x																x	Required Content for Drunk Driver programs	
Health 11965	x																x	State Policy on Drug Prevention Programs	
Health 11977	x																x	Confidentiality of Patient Records	
Health 17005.5	x																x	Regulation of Employee Housing	

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Health 17010	x																x	Regulation of Temporary Labor Camps
Health 17031.5	x																x	Regulation of Farm Labor Camps
Health 17958.11	x															x	x	Building Regulations of Living/Working Quarters
Health 34322	x																x	Tenant Selection Criteria in Public Housing
Health 50067	x																x	Definition of "Elderly" for Low Cost Housing
Health 50072	x																x	Definition of "Handicapped" for Low Cost Housing
Welfare 676	x																x	Support Person for Prosecution Witness
Welfare 729.6		x															x	Restitution to Family of Crime Victims
Welfare 731.1		x															x	Restitution to Family of Crime Victims
Welfare 975	x																x	Residence for Superintendent of Adjustment School
Welfare 1851	x																x	State Policy on Youth Correctional Centers
Welfare 4310	x																x	Adjustment of Salary of Resident Employees
Welfare 4331	x												x		x			Respite Care for Family of Brain-Impaired Adults

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Welfare 4514	x																x	Confidentiality of Patient Records
Welfare 4727	x																x	Confidentiality of Patient Records
Welfare 5116	x															x		Group Home for up to Six Disabled is a Single Family
Welfare 5259.2	x																x	Family Preference for Treatment Facility
Welfare 5350.2	x																x	Notice to Family by County Mental Health
Welfare 5352.6	x																x	Family Participation in Conservatorship Plan
Welfare 5353	x																x	Temporary Conservatorship & Return to Family
Welfare 5354	x																x	Conservatorship Investigation of Family and Friends
Welfare 5458	x																x	Reunification of Family & Mentally Ill Patients
Welfare 102	x																x	Role of Juvenile Dependency Special Advocates
Welfare 18291	x		x													x		Funding of Domestic Violence Programs

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Civil 4359	x															x	x	Protective Orders Against Domestic Violence
Civil 3345	x																x	Unfair Practices Against Seniors and Disabled
Civil 2470	x																x	Power of Attorney for Personal Affairs
Civil 1950	x																x	Double Letting of Rented Rooms
Civil 1861.6	x																x	Restriction on Issuance of Ex-Parte Writ of Possession
Civil 1788.12	x																x	Prohibited Debt Collection Practices
Civil 798.37		x	x	x	x								*					Occupancy Fees for Mobilehome Parks / * = Parent In-Laws
Civil 50	x																x	Right to Use Force to Protect Self and Family
Civil 38	x																x	Duty of Mentally Incompetent to Pay for Family Necessities
Civil 36	x																x	Duty of Minor to Pay for Family Necessities

**APPENDIX B**

**Application to Register  
Family Association with the  
California Secretary of State**

(File Stamp)

FRATERNAL NAME NO. \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION TO REGISTER ASSOCIATION NAME  
AND/OR INSIGNIA IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

TO: MARCH FONG EU  
SECRETARY OF STATE

(For Office Use Only)

Applicant submits herewith the \$10.00 fee, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4, Part 1, Title 3 of the California Corporations Code, relating to UNINCORPORATED NONPROFIT ASSOCIATIONS.

Name of Association Family of

an unincorporated nonprofit association\*

Address, City and State \_\_\_\_\_

hereby makes application to the Secretary of State of the State of California for registration of the above name. Said Association further makes application for registration of its insignia.\*\* Description of its insignia is as follows:

not applicable

Attach facsimile below:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

Family Co-Manager

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type name and title of Officer)

Family Co-Manager

\*Association includes any lodge, order, beneficial association, fraternal or beneficial society or association, historical, military, or veterans organization, labor union, foundation, or federation, or any other society, organization, or association, or degree, branch, subordinate lodge, or auxiliary thereof.

\*\*Insignia includes badge, motto, button, decoration, charm, emblem, or rosette.

(Section 21300, Corporations Code)

**POSSIBLE DISCLAIMER TO WRITE ON  
REVERSE SIDE OF APPLICANT'S COPY  
OF FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM**

**Disclaimers**

**"Financial Obligations.** By registering as a family association, the parties do not intend to create financial obligations to each other that did not already exist prior to the signing of this application. Also, this application shall not be considered as evidence of a preexisting financial obligation, if any, between the parties.

**"Business Transactions.** This association (as an entity) will not engage in business activities or services, borrow money, hold property in its name, or seek tax exempt status."

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Co-Manager

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Co-Manager

**APPENDIX C**

**Certificate of Registration  
of Family Association**



# State of California

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE



Association  
Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF UNINCORPORATED NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION

I, MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State of the State of California, do hereby certify that in accordance with the application filed in this office the ASSOCIATION named below has been registered.

Name of Association \_\_\_\_\_ Family of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Registration \_\_\_\_\_



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute  
this certificate and affix the Great  
Seal of the State of California this

24th day of May, 1990

*March Fong Eu*  
Secretary of State

**APPENDIX D**

**Applications to Register  
Unincorporated Nonprofit Associations  
in Other Jurisdictions**

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE — CORPORATION AND SECURITIES BUREAU							
<b>(FOR BUREAU USE ONLY)</b>						Date Received	
<b>IDENTIFICATION NUMBER</b>						M	—

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF INSIGNIA**  
 (Please read information and instructions on reverse side)

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 281, Public Acts of 1927, the undersigned executes the following Application:

1. The name of the association, lodge, order, society, union or other entity applying for the registration is:

2. The business address of the applicant named in item 1 is:

3. Application is made to register a:

(enter one of the following words: badge, button, decoration, charm, name, emblem, rosette, or identify other insignia)

4. Describe, in words, any design including lettering styles, colors, words, etc. which are an inherent part of the badge, button, decoration, charm, name, emblem, rosette, or other insignia:

5. The registration shall be for the use, benefit and on behalf of all associations, degrees, branches, subordinate lodges and auxiliaries of said association, lodge, order, fraternal society, beneficial association, or fraternal and beneficial society or association, historical, military or veterans' organization, labor union, foundation, federation, or any other society, organization or association, degree, branch, subordinate lodge or auxiliary thereof and the individual members and those who thereafter become members thereof, throughout the State of Michigan.

This application is executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ by the chief officer or officers of the applicant acting in an official capacity for the applicant.

_____	_____	_____
(Signature)	(Signature)	(Signature)
_____	_____	_____
(Type or print name and title)	(Type or print name and title)	(Type or print name and title)

Name of person or organization remitting fees: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's name and business telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

### INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. Submit one original copy of this document. Upon registration a Certificate of Registration will be forwarded to the address appearing in item 2. Since this application will be retained on microfilm, it is important that the filing be legible. Documents with poor black and white contrast, or otherwise illegible, will be rejected.
2. This application is to be used pursuant to the Act by an association, lodge, order, fraternal society, beneficial association, fraternal and beneficial society or association, historical, military or veterans' organization, labor union, foundation, federation or any other society, organization, or association, degree, branch, subordinate lodge or auxiliary thereof for the purpose of registering its name, badge, button, decoration, charm, emblem, rosette, or other insignia.
3. A facsimile, duplicate or copy of the item being registered must accompany this form.
4. Item 4 - Describe the insignia as fully as possible including any design or pictorial features. If extra space is needed, continue on an attachment.
5. This application must be signed in ink by the chief officer or officers of the applicant:
6. FEES: Filing fee (Make remittance payable to State of Michigan) ..... \$5.00
7. Mail form and fee to:

Michigan Department of Commerce  
Corporation and Securities Bureau  
Corporation Division  
P.O. Box 30054  
6546 Mercantile Way  
Lansing, MI 48909  
Telephone: (517) 334-6302

ORIGINAL APPLICATION TO REGISTER AN INSIGNIA

OR NAME

1. Your petitioner is \_\_\_\_\_  
with its place of business located \_\_\_\_\_  
in the City of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_  
and State of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Your petitioner desires to register a name or insignia used by it in the conduct of some of its affairs.
3. Your petitioner desires to register the same in accordance with the provisions of Title 56, Chapter 2, of the Revised Statutes.
4. The name or insignia to be registered is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Said designation has no particular form or preconceived design, but consists solely of the said words arranged as above stated; to wit: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

it being the intention that such designation shall be for the use, benefit, and on behalf of all associations, degrees, branches, subordinate lodges, etc., and auxiliaries of such organization throughout the State of New Jersey, in accordance with the provisions of Title 56, Chapter 2-2, of the Revised Statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, \_\_\_\_\_  
has caused these presents to be signed by its  
President and attested by its Secretary, this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President's signature

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary's signature

Mail this form, in duplicate, with three facsimilies of the insignia/name together with a check for \$50.00 and a self-address envelope to:

Trademark Section  
Department of State  
Division of Commercial Recording  
CN 453  
Trenton, NJ 08625



**OFFICE LOCATION:**

30 W. MIFFLIN ST.  
10th FLOOR  
MADISON, WI 53703  
TELEPHONE: (608) 266-5653



**SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF WISCONSIN**

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

SECRETARY OF STATE  
TRADEMARK RECORDS  
P.O. BOX 7848  
MADISON, WI 53707

**FILING FEE \$15.00**

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF MARKS**  
(For original or renewal registration)

Per Chapter 132, Wisconsin Statutes

Make check payable to Secretary of State; registration is effective for 10 years.

**1. REGISTRANT: (Check ONE only)**

**A CORPORATION (print EXACT corporate name)** \_\_\_\_\_  
(A foreign business corporation must be licensed to do business in Wisconsin per sec. 180.801, Wis. Stats. before this registration can be granted.)

**A SOLE PROPRIETOR (one individual--print name of person)** \_\_\_\_\_

**A PARTNERSHIP (show name of partnership AND list names of all general partners)** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER (such as labor unions, associations, etc.--print name)** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Describe the type of business and goods for which this registration will be used:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**3. REGISTRANT'S mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
c/o Street

\_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

The certificate of registration will be mailed to the above address, unless another is specified here:

\_\_\_\_\_ c/o Street City State Zip

**4. A "mark" is defined in s. 132.001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes to mean "a label, trademark, trade name, term, design, pattern, model, device, shopmark, drawing, specification, designation or form of advertisement that is adopted or used by any person to designate, make known or distinguish any goods or service as having been made, prepared or provided by that person and that is registered by that person under s. 132.01."**

A trade name may be word(s) in any form, size, color or style of lettering, identifying the name of a business and its goodwill; a trademark, label, etc., may be words, symbols or combinations of both with a distinctive appearance, identifying goods or services.

**A. If the mark you wish to register is a trade name, print the word(s) here:**

**B. If the mark you wish to register is NOT a trade name, enclose two samples and describe the registration clearly with a written description (what does the registration look like?)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. The date on which you first began or will begin to use the mark is extremely important.

Date of first use: \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

6. This is an \_\_\_ original application OR a \_\_\_ renewal application.

7. If an attorney or agent is completing this application, please provide the following:

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Business address: \_\_\_\_\_

c/o

Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

8. REGISTRANT OR AGENT MUST SIGN BELOW IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC.

a. State of \_\_\_\_\_ )

b. County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

SS.

c. Subscribed and sworn to before me on:

\_\_\_\_\_

d. NOTARY'S SIGNATURE:

\_\_\_\_\_

e. My commission expires on:

\_\_\_\_\_

f. AFFIX NOTARY SEAL

I, being duly sworn, state that: the facts set forth in this application are true; the registrant has the right to the use of the subject of the registration applied for, and that no other person or persons, firm, copartnership, corporation, association, or union of workers has such right either in the identical form or in any such near resemblance thereto as may be calculated to deceive; that any accompanying originals, copies, photographs, cuts, counterparts, facsimiles, or drawings filed herewith are correct; and that I am the registrant or a duly authorized representative of the registrant.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY MUST COMPLETE ITEMS 8a. through 8f. OR THIS APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED

Dr. Nora J. Baladerian  
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DECEMBER 13, 1990  
STATEMENT AT PRESS CONFERENCE  
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**SOME PSYCHOLOGICAL BENEFITS OF  
REGISTERING AS A FAMILY**

by

Nora J. Baladerian, Ph.D.  
Licensed Psychologist

**ABSTRACT:** The structure of one's family may vary from one's concept of "ideal" - although within it one feels loved and secure. Validation of the diversity of family forms that exist in the community provides important psychological benefits, including a sense of belonging, community acceptance, personal pride and self-confidence. Family Registration serves as a symbol of this validation. With the Certificate of Registration, families of all structural variations can finally feel that they are fully participating members of their society, free from "second-class" status.

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Members of families that do not conform to the stereotypical nuclear family, have for years been subjugated to a "second class" status by societal attitudes. These negative attitudes, are, in turn, internalized by the members of these family structures.

Negative attitudes are reinforced by the development and usage of pejorative adjectives attached to family, such as:

"broken" home, "unmarried" couple,  
"illegitimate" child, "adopted" children, etc.

These, in turn, become epithets on the playground. The members of these families are made to feel "less than", and a sense of personal pride and belonging are compromised or lost. With an emphasis on the important family status, i.e. home, couple, child, children, a great deal can be gained psychologically for each family member, as well as the family as a whole.

Variety in family constellations is now the norm, and no family constellation constitutes the majority family form. According to the world-renowned pediatrician Dr. Benjamin Spock, "the important factors that make a person grow up happy and outgoing are having parents who thoroughly enjoy and approve of him...", NOT the blood, marriage, adoptive or consensual framework of that family. Further, as we continue the life cycle

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as adults, our sense of fulfillment and happiness are sourced in belonging to a family that meets our own personal needs and values.

The process of Family Registration can help contribute to the family members' self-esteem, both by today's public recognition and demonstration of respect by the community, and the receipt of the Certificate from the State. Thus, members of diverse types of family structures can experience a sense that their community views their family structure as VALID, POSITIVE, FUNCTIONAL AND IMPORTANT.

As we have seen recently, the importance of self-esteem pervades all areas of one's life, from values, to educational and vocational, social and personal achievement. Since the basic fiber of our culture is the family - the validation of one's family can not be over emphasized.

Language regarding various family types that pit one family form against another serves no positive function. Today's celebration of, and demonstration of positive regard for the family diversity we have in our community, is an important evolutionary step in our progress as a culture. Hopefully, negative attitudes strengthened by negative language will be reduced, and attacks on one family type can be easily refuted by a child with strong personal value, and the back-up of a Certificate of Registration.

Psychologically, the devaluing that we have experienced to date has contributed to depression, feelings of isolation, not belonging, and reduced self worth, bringing increased suicide, homicide, drug use and gang membership...living on the "fringes" of the "approved" society. Replacing de-valuing with valuing will have tremendous psychological benefit for the members of the family as a smaller unit, and the society as the greater whole.

According to psychologist Dr. Sol Gordon, "The primary needs for love, belongingness, safety, security, self-esteem and respect come before all others. The basic characteristic of these needs is that they can be fulfilled only from an outside source." This illustrates the vital importance of respect and valuing coming from one's community.

Internationally respected family therapist Dr. Salvador Minuchin, has written:

"In all cultures, the family imprints its members with selfhood. Human experience of identity has two elements" a sense of belonging and a sense of being separate. ...Man has survived in all societies by belonging to social aggregates. In different cultures these aggregates vary in their level of organization and differentiation. As societies grow more complex and new skills are required, societal structures are differentiated.

"In the face of...changes, modern man still adheres to a set of values that belong to a different society, one in which the boundaries between the family and the extrafamilial were clearly delineated. The adherence to an outmoded model leads to the labeling of many situations that are clearly transitional as pathological and pathogenic. The touchstone for family life is still the legendary 'and so they were married and lived happily ever after.' It is no wonder that any family falls short of this ideal.

"The occidental world is in a state of transition, and the family, which must always accommodate to society, is changing with it. But because of transitional difficulties, the family's major psychosocial task- to support its members- has become more important than ever. Only the family, society's smallest unit, can change and yet maintain enough continuity to rear children who will not be 'strangers in a strange land', who will be rooted firmly enough to grow and adapt."

The recognition of family diversity that we are celebrating today, is another step in the constant evolution of the human being - and the society in which we live. This is best reflected in the words of historian Dr. Jacob Bronowski who wrote:

"Evolution is founded in variety and creates diversity; and of all animals, man is most creative because he carries and expresses the largest store of variety. Every attempt to make us uniform, biologically, emotionally, or intellectually, is a betrayal of the evolutionary thrust that has made man its apex."

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In recent years, the structure of the American family has changed and with it the needs of those families. For most working people, family-related benefits -such as dependent health insurance, family sick leave, and bereavement leave- are provided by the employer. For this reason, our Union and many others have sought to negotiate an expanded definition of family as a means to extend job-related family benefits to today's families, as they actually exist.

In this context, the family registration procedure is a major step toward meeting the needs of diverse families. This procedure offers a statewide mechanism for individuals to gain official recognition of their family composition, whatever that may be. While not conferring any benefits automatically, this registration procedure will be the foundation for the future extension of job-related benefits to today's diverse families. Employers have consistently raised the issue of registration in collective bargaining discussions regarding the extension of employee benefits to family members other than an employee's legal spouse or biological children. This procedure will eliminate administrative obstacles and thereby facilitate future progress in this area.

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APPENDIX F:

## Not Kin but Kindred, Pair Will Put Official Seal on Their Status

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▀ **Relationships:** Using an old state law in a new way, widowed lifelong friends will have themselves declared a family.

By LYNN SMITH  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

LA PALMA—Anne Burke and Toby Weiner say they were friends from the cradle. Both daughters of Brooklyn cabdrivers, they played together before Toby became a paraplegic. And after.

Then Anne's family moved and they lost touch for about 35 years, while each married and had children. The women reunited 15 years ago in Orange County, picking up their friendship right where they left off.

This year, Anne and Toby—now both widowed—moved in together in Anne's La Palma home.

Their relationship has been like family, they say, but better.

"My mother used to tell me you can choose your friends but not your family," Toby said. "I look at it as if I have chosen my family. I could not have made a better choice."

To tell the world how they feel, the women plan to file papers with the State of California declaring themselves an association called "family." They will be among Californians who have begun to use an old law in a new way to express their feelings about the unrelated people they live with.

The 1933 law allowed people to register the names of their unincorporated nonprofit associations. But as of last month, non-traditional families, led by Tom Coleman, a Los Angeles attorney who heads the Family Diversity Project, have been registering themselves as "The Family of . . ."

"There are a lot of people sharing space together these days that indeed consider themselves as family members and their situation to be a family," said Tony Miller, chief deputy secretary of state. "Being able to tell each other, their friends and neighbors and the entire world that they consider themselves a family is important to a lot of people."

Miller said he is unaware of any legal benefits that accrue from the gold-sealed certificate. But since news of Coleman's movement broke in mid-December, hundreds of Californians have called to obtain registration forms.



ROBERT LACHMAN / Los Angeles Times

Anne Burke, left, and Toby Weiner plan to show the world that they are family.

So far, he said, he has received only one complaint, from a "constituent alleging this is recognizing homosexual couples, and giving them the status of family."

Though no one investigates the nature of the relationships, Miller said requests have come from a mixture of gay couples, extended families, stepfamilies and others. In addition, Coleman said he has received inquiries from an alcohol recovery house and unmarried heterosexual couples of all ages.

Burke and Weiner hope the certificate will enable them to visit one another under family rules in case of emergency hospital stays.

But most of all, it will help verify what they already know: that "family" is not limited to parents and children.

Says Toby, 52: "Family to me is knowing someone is always there for you when you need them and being there for them. It's anticipating, not waiting to be asked. Not, 'If you need something, let me know.'"

Says Anne, 53: "When you're a child, you're thrown into a family situation. When you're married, the family again is thrust on you. But here are two adults, each one of us we know we have to make changes. And yet we want to and we do it."

"This is better than a blood family, because we are close. We enjoy doing the same things, yet we give each other our space."

It began 15 years ago with a phone call.

Toby had moved from New York to Anaheim with her husband, Hal. A childhood spinal injury had left her paralyzed from the waist down. Her husband had had polio. They sought to escape the harsh winters that made transportation dangerous for people in wheelchairs.

But Toby was miserable, so far from her friends and parents, and decided to call her long-ago neighbor, Anne, on the suggestion of her parents who knew Anne's location.

"I get a phone call after 10 at night," Anne recalled. "I get a little upset at night. I don't like my kids' friends calling after 10."

"I said, 'Hello?' She said, 'Anne you don't remember me, but my name's Toby.'"

"I said, 'My God! The little girl in the wheelchair!'"

"We picked up our friendship as though it never ended." Anne, an office supervisor for H & R Block, and her husband, Sanford, a manager for Unocal, lived in a five-bedroom La Palma home with their six children, including triplets. Toby a secretary, and Hal, an auditor,

# FAMILY

lived with their son Eric in an apartment.

The families visited one another and socialized at Temple Beth Emet, though the Weiners were more religious than the Burkes. They watched each other's children grow into young adults.

Then five years ago, Toby's husband died of cancer. "Anne was there for me every step of the way," she said. "I never had to ask for anything. She was always two steps ahead of me, knowing what I needed."

Then Toby and her son moved to Florida. But when her son decided to move back to New York, Toby came back to Orange County. Anne was there to meet her plane.

Cherishing her independence, Toby found an apartment in Santa Ana and a secretarial job with the IRS.

Then last November, Anne's husband died. Still coming to terms with her own grief, she said, she began to think of Toby. "I needed her emotional support. In a way, she needed emotional support, too."

She worried whether Toby was safe, living in a low-rent neighborhood.

In January, she called her friend. "I said, 'Hey, look. Eventually all my kids will be gone. Your son is 3,000 miles away, why don't you come on in here and we'll live together.'"

"My entire family said, 'Mom, why didn't you think of this earlier?' It's as though we were the last to know," she laughed.

Anne began the necessary renovations to accommodate a wheelchair: ramps, handrails, larger doorways, new kitchen cabinets and roll-out shelves.

Curiously, despite the myriad arrangements, Anne said she never thinks of her friend as disabled. "It's a strange phenomenon," she said.

In July, Toby moved into a downstairs bedroom of the two-story, five-bedroom home.

Since then, there have been adjustments, mostly to ease concerns that Toby's independence would be threatened.

They learned to share the kitchen. Each has her own telephone—which they often use to call each other just to talk.

They go to movies, take spur-of-the-moment weekend trips to Las Vegas and have gone on an Alaskan cruise. They have other friends, too. One, a divorced man, is Anne's weekly bowling partner. Toby goes along as "the mascot," she says.

When they go out, the pair become feisty activists for disabled rights, challenging ship captains and hotel managers to provide more and better access for wheelchairs.

So far, they cite only one conflict—over how to cook potato *latkes*, a traditional Jewish dish for Hanukkah. "She started mixing the egg with the onion," Anne said. "I like to mix my eggs first."

"I went upstairs and the boys asked me what was wrong. Someone said, 'You know Mom, you're acting like sisters.' Five minutes later, I came down and we talked. That was it."

Anne's children never have resented her, Toby said. In fact, twice, when they have bought homes, they made sure the houses were wheelchair accessible, so Toby could visit along with Anne.

"It's taken time to adjust and we are still adjusting," Anne says. "You have to adjust. You cannot just stay put. Everyone has to grow, no matter how old you are."

They have their differences. Toby is compulsively neat, Anne is more relaxed. Toby likes Danielle Steele, Anne like histories. Anne is the intellectual, Toby outgoing. "But when she's out, she's a bundle of fun," Toby said. "We laugh a lot. We cry a lot."

"We can sense when something

is bothering each other."

Even after five years, Toby said she still misses Hal. "There are times I can't deal with the loneliness, the loss of somebody that knew every part of you and how your brain worked. Somebody who would look at you and say, 'It's OK, babe, everything will be fine, don't worry about it.'"

People often say to Anne that Toby is lucky to have a friend like her.

"You know what my answer is to that," she states flatly. "I'm lucky to have a friend like her."

Toby says, "We're lucky to have each other."

# Nontraditional Families Register In California in Bid to Get Benefits

By TAMAR LEWIN

In what they hope will be the first step toward gaining benefits like health insurance and pensions, people who think of themselves as families but may not meet the traditional definition are registering with the State of California.

There have been seven such registrations, under a law originally intended for fraternal associations. They include two homosexual couples, an unmarried heterosexual couple, a stepfamily, a married couple with different last names and a family made up of a man and three refugee boys for whom he is the legal guardian.

"It was a great thing to get, especially for the kids, who see it as an important document," said John Brown, a Los Angeles man who is the guardian for three Guatemalan boys who had been living on their own and struggling to support themselves. "We're framing it and putting it on the wall, and it seems to recognize us as people whose lives are intertwined far more than guardianship, which feels like a technical thing."

At this point, registration is a purely symbolic act, conferring no legal benefit or right. But those who are seeking recognition of nontraditional families say that having an official registry is

an important step in winning benefits, which also include bereavement leave and family membership rates.

"Whenever we talk to employers about providing benefits to nontraditional families, they say that they wouldn't know who to consider a family, since there is no state recognition for anything other than married couples and their biological children," said Thomas F. Coleman, executive director of the Los Angeles-based Family Diversity Project, an advocacy group that held a news conference on Thursday to announce the registration process. "Now that we will have that recognition, we can move on to the next question, of actually getting the benefits."

He said providing nontraditional families with a way to get a state registration certificate will encourage employers to grant them the same benefits as other families.

Some people who have received their certificates say they are thinking of ways to use them. Herb King, a 72-year-old San Diego man who recently got a certificate with Stan Mahan, 66, his partner of 31 years, said he planned to write to the American Association of Retired Persons to ask whether the certificate would entitle him to join the group as Mr. Mahan's spouse.

"There are all kinds of situations in which this might be useful, because even though we've had a close personal relationship for 31 years, we're looked at in the eyes of the law as strangers" Mr. King said. "This may be helpful in getting hospital visiting privileges when only kin are allowed, or when one of us dies. It's not going to revolutionize the world, but it is a good psychological boost."

Mr. Coleman said that laws similar to the California statute are on the books in Oregon, Michigan, New Jersey, Oregon, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin, and that families in Michigan and Wisconsin are in the process of applying.

The California statute regarding the registration of unincorporated nonprofit associations is written broadly.

"Under the law as written, we have no choice but to accept these filings from any group of people that call themselves a family association," said Anthony Miller, chief deputy secretary of state. "We have not the slightest idea how many people are going to use this to make a statement to themselves or society at large that they consider themselves a family. Frankly, we hope it's a lot, because there's a \$10 filing fee, and this state can use the money."

The registration procedure is simple. Applicants just fill out a form giving the name of their association, like "Family of John Doe and Mary Roe."

Small-scale efforts to gain recognition to nontraditional families have been undertaken in several municipalities.

The issue of what constitutes a family is also being argued in an increasing number of lawsuits.

Nontraditional families in California are registering with the state, under a law intended to register lodges and fraternal societies, in what many hope is a first step in winning such benefits as health insurance and pensions. A10

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## INFORMATION ABOUT FAMILY REGISTRATION

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Family Registration Procedure. Here is a description of some available information.

**SECRETARY OF STATE.** If you contact the California Secretary of State, you can obtain the following basic information about family registration: (1) a blank application to register the name of an unincorporated nonprofit association (Corporation Code Section 21300); and (2) a one-page general information sheet. This information may be obtained free of charge by contacting the Special Filing Unit of the Secretary of State at 923 12th St., 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 / (916) 324-6778.

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(1) **Blank application and General Information Sheet** published by the California Secretary of State;

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(4) **Press Package about Family Registration** that includes: several newspaper articles; press release issued by the Family Diversity Project; demographics about family living arrangements in America; some flexible legal definitions of "family;" description of some families who have registered; article about "Psychological Benefits of Family Registration;" statement about potential employee benefits of registration; etc.

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**Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Filings  
General Information**

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An association is defined by statute to include, among other things, "any...society, organization, or association." Corporations Code section 21300. A nonprofit association is further defined as "an unincorporated association of natural persons for religious, scientific, social, literary, educational, recreational, benevolent, or other purpose not that of pecuniary profit." Corporations Code section 21000. The generally accepted definition of "association" is "a collection of persons who have joined together for a certain object." Black's Law Dictionary.

Any collection of persons who wish to form an unincorporated nonprofit association and register the association's name with the Secretary of State may do so by completing the proper form and paying the fee. The Secretary of State has no authority or reason to investigate the relationships between or determine the motivations of the members of an association that wishes to register its name. Nor does the Secretary of State have the authority to alter the name sought to be registered although the Secretary of State cannot register a name which is deceptively similar to a name already registered. For these reasons, the Secretary of State has accepted for filing associations registering with names such as The "Family of Debra Deem and James Riley."

It should be noted that the Secretary of State does not register "families", as such. The Secretary of State does, however, as required by law, register the names of associations which may include, as part of their names, the word "family."

It should also be noted that registering names of unincorporated nonprofit associations is a revenue producer for the General Fund of the State of California. The cost of processing the application for registration and issuing a certificate is less than \$5 meaning that the filing fee of \$10 represents a 100% "processing profit" for the taxpayers of California.

To obtain or file name registration forms with respect to unincorporated nonprofit associations, registrants should write: Secretary of State, Special Filings, 923 12th Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, California 95814 (916-324-6778).

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