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Original Proceeding in Unauthorized Practice of Law 24UPL104 & 26UPL10	
<b>Petitioner:</b>  The People of the state of Colorado,  <b>v.</b>  <b>Respondent:</b>  Aracely Alba.	Supreme Court Case No: 2026SA196
ORDER OF INJUNCTION	

The Court, having reviewed the Stipulation, Agreement, and Affidavit Consenting to an Order of Injunction, accepts the parties' stipulation and enjoins Respondent from further engagement in the unauthorized practice of law. Respondent is further ordered to pay the costs of the proceedings within 14 days of the date of this Order.

BY THE COURT, JUNE 1, 2026.

SUPREME COURT, STATE OF COLORADO  
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Denver, Colorado 80203

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**STIPULATION, AGREEMENT AND AFFIDAVIT CONSENTING TO AN  
ORDER OF INJUNCTION**

On this day of May, 2026, Jonathan Blasewitz, Assistant Regulation Counsel and attorney for Petitioner, and Respondent Aracely Alba (hereinafter “Respondent”), through counsel Jane Cox and Nathan Bruggeman, hereby file this Stipulation, Agreement and Affidavit Consenting to an Order of Injunction (“Stipulation”), and submit the same to the Colorado Supreme Court for a finding and order of injunction under C.R.C.P. 232.17, *et seq.*, and in support, state as follows:

1. Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court in these proceedings per C.R.C.P. 232.2, as she is a nonlawyer who has been alleged to have engaged in or attempted to engage in the practice of law in Colorado, as described in more detail herein.

2. Respondent resides in Colorado and does business in Colorado.

3. Respondent understands that the Colorado Supreme Court has exclusive jurisdiction to determine what constitutes the practice of law in Colorado.

4. Respondent is familiar with the rules of the Colorado Supreme Court regarding the unauthorized practice of law. Respondent acknowledges the right to a full and complete evidentiary hearing on the charges in a petition for injunction. At any such hearing, Respondent would have the right to be represented by counsel, present evidence, call witnesses, and cross-examine witnesses presented by Petitioner. At any such formal hearing, Petitioner would have the burden of proof

and would be required to prove the charges contained in a petition for injunction by a preponderance of the evidence. Nonetheless, having full knowledge of the right to such a formal hearing, Respondent waives that right.

5. Respondent enters this stipulation freely and voluntarily. It is Respondent's decision to enter into this stipulation, and Respondent affirms that this agreement is not the product of coercion, duress, or other intimidating acts by any person or agency. Respondent is fully aware of the implications of the admissions made herein.

6. Respondent understands that prohibited activities by a nonlawyer include the lay exercise of legal discretion, such as advice to clients regarding legal matters. *People v. Adams*, 243 P.3d 256, 266 (Colo. 2010). In addition, Respondent understands that preparation of legal documents for others by an unlicensed person, other than solely as a typist or scrivener, which includes acting as a form preparer as permitted by federal law, *see* 8 C.F.R. § 2, is the unauthorized practice of law, unless the Colorado Supreme Court has authorized such action in a specific circumstance. *Title Guaranty Co. v. Denver Bar Ass'n*, 312 P.2d 1011, 1012 (Colo. 1957). Further, “[A]n unlicensed person engages in the unauthorized practice of law by offering legal advice about a specific case, drafting or selecting legal pleadings for another’s use in a judicial proceeding without the supervision of an attorney, or holding oneself out as the representative of another in a legal action.” *People v. Shell*, 148 P.3d 162,

171 (Colo. 2006); *see also Comm. v. Grimes*, 654 P.2d 822, 823 (Colo. 1982) (offering case-specific legal advice and selecting case-specific legal documents constitutes the practice of law).

7. Respondent understands that under C.R.C.P. 232.2(b), the “practice of law” includes the following:

(1) Protecting, defending, or enforcing the legal rights or duties of another person;

(2) Representing another person before any tribunal or, on behalf of another person, drafting pleadings or other papers for any proceeding before any tribunal;

(3) Counseling, advising, or assisting another person in connection with that person’s legal rights or duties;

(4) Exercising legal judgment in preparing legal documents for another person; and

(5) Any other activity the supreme court determines to constitute the practice of law.

8. Respondent understands that under C.R.C.P. 232.2(c), prohibited activities by a nonlawyer include:

(1) Exercising legal judgment to advise another person about the legal effect of a proposed action or decision;

(2) Exercising legal judgment to advise another person about legal remedies or possible courses of legal action available to that person;

(3) Exercising legal judgment to select a legal document for another person or to prepare a legal document for another person, other than solely as a typist or scrivener;

(4) Exercising legal judgment to represent or advocate for another person in a negotiation, settlement conference, mediation, or alternative dispute resolution proceeding;

(5) Exercising legal judgment to represent or advocate for another person in a hearing, trial, or other legal proceeding before a tribunal;

(6) Advertising or holding oneself out, either directly or impliedly, as an attorney, a lawyer, "Esquire," a legal consultant, or a legal advocate, or in any other manner that conveys capability or authorization to provide unsupervised services involving the exercise of legal judgment;

(7) Owning or controlling a for-profit entity that is not authorized under C.R.C.P. 265 and that provides services involving the exercise of legal judgment;

(8) Soliciting any fees for services involving the exercise of legal judgment;

(9) Owning or controlling a website, application, software, bot, or other technology that interactively offers or provides services involving the exercise of legal judgment; and

(10) Performing any other activity that constitutes the practice of law as set forth in subsection (b) above.

9. Respondent understands these prohibitions exist in Colorado and that she has engaged in activities by holding herself in ways that state or imply that she is authorized to perform legal services that constitute the unauthorized practice of law. The parties stipulate to the following conclusions:

### **Background**

10. Respondent is not licensed to practice law in the state of Colorado, or any federal or state jurisdiction in the United States.

11. Respondent owns and operates Alba Consulting Group (ACG). She founded the company about five years ago. She primarily offers Spanish interpretation and tax services. Respondent also assists her clients with completing and filing immigration paperwork.

### **Immigration Services & Advertisements**

12. Respondent was hired by a client, A.B., to assist him with the renewal of his permanent resident status. A.B. paid Respondent \$500.00. A.B. believed Respondent was an attorney and indicated as such in the memo line of the electronic payment he sent to her.

13. Respondent also assisted in submitting immigration forms to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for hundreds of different clients. In some of those instances, Respondent filled out G-28 Notice of Entry of Appearance forms indicating that she was an “accredited representative<sup>1</sup>.” Respondent was not and is not an accredited representative. She has explained that, at the time, she misunderstood the legal requirements for an accredited representative.

14. Respondent understands that as a non-lawyer and a non-accredited representative, she is only permitted to assist clients with general form preparation,

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<sup>1</sup> Accredited representatives are non-attorneys permitted to represent aliens before the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR). Accredited representatives must work for non-profits and must complete training to receive accreditation by the EOIR.

translation, administrative support, and any other activity that does not constitute the unauthorized practice of law.

15. Respondent advertised her company, ACG, on various social media platforms and in a church newsletter. Respondent allowed or permitted her Facebook page to describe her as an immigration attorney. She allowed or permitted her Instagram page to be named, “acg.law.” Respondent allowed or permitted her Instagram account to post advertisements that stated:

- i. #immigrationlawyer.
- ii. Immigration Consultants.
- iii. At Alba Consulting Group, we offer expert advice on immigration, VISA, ITIN, and work permits.

16. Respondent has explained that she hired a third party to assist her with maintaining and updating her social media accounts. She further explained that this third party generated the content described in paragraph 15, and that she was not independently reviewing the posts being made on her behalf. Although she did not draft the content described in paragraph 15, she recognizes her responsibility for the content developed and promulgated on her behalf.

17. Respondent created an advertisement that was distributed in a local church newsletter. The advertisement stated, “Immigration Services - Servicios Migratorios – Adjustment of Status – Adjuste De Status – DACA/Advance Parole

Waivers – Work Permits – Permisos De Trabajo – Citizenships – Ciudadania – Financial Solutions/Taxes.”

18. Through the aforementioned conduct in holding herself in ways that state or imply that she is authorized to perform legal services, Respondent engaged in the unauthorized practice of law.

#### **AGREEMENT TO INJUNCTION AND OTHER RELIEF**

19. As part of this agreement, the People and Respondent agree to the following: 1) Respondent is enjoined from any future unauthorized practice of law and/or engaging in activities that constitute the practice of law in Colorado, including those identified within C.R.C.P. 232.2 and in this agreement; 2) Respondent will pay A.B. \$500.00 in restitution; and 3) Respondent will pay the administrative costs of these proceedings in the amount of \$224.00, made payable to the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel. *See* Ex. 1, Statement of Costs.

20. This Stipulation is premised and conditioned upon acceptance of the same by the Court. If for any reason the Stipulation is not accepted without changes or modification, then the admissions, confessions, and stipulations made by Respondent will be of no effect. Either party will have the opportunity to accept or reject any modification. If either party rejects the modification, then the parties shall

be entitled to a full evidentiary hearing; and no confession, stipulation, or statement made by Respondents in conjunction with this offer may be subsequently used.

21. By stipulating to this injunction, Respondent is exempt from a fine pursuant to C.R.C.P. 232.17(c).

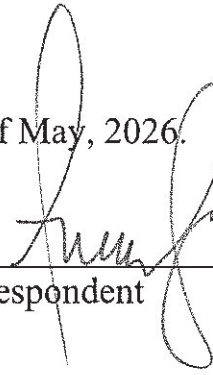
**RECOMMENDATION FOR AND CONSENT TO INJUNCTION AND  
ORDER FOR COSTS**

Based on the foregoing, the parties hereto ask this Court to enjoin Respondent from further engagement in the unauthorized practice of law, and to order Respondent to pay the costs of the proceedings within 14 days of the issuance of the injunction.

Respondent, represented by Jane B. Cox and Nathan Bruggeman in this matter, and Jonathan Blasewitz, attorney for Petitioner, acknowledge that by signing this document, they have read and reviewed the above and request the Colorado Supreme Court accept the terms of the Stipulation as set forth above.

*Signature Page Follows*

Respectfully submitted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
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Respondent

STATE OF COLORADO     )  
  )ss:  
COUNTY OF Larimer     )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2026, by  
BRADLEY TUBA.


Witness my hand and official seal.

ELIZABETH MATTICK  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF COLORADO  
NOTARY ID 20184023639  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

My commission expires:

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

  
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