

Exhibit A

State of Indiana

County of Elkhart

AFFIDAVIT OF MARÍA SÁNCHEZ SCHIRCH

Before me, the undersigned authority personally appeared María Sánchez Schirch, upon her oath to tell the truth, deposed and said the following:

I am María Sánchez Schirch, and I was born and raised in Nicaragua. I am an adult person competent to make this affidavit. All the facts stated in this affidavit are true and within my personal knowledge. I live in Goshen, Indiana, where I teach Spanish at Goshen College. I am an Instructor of Spanish. My parents still live there. I have lived 34 years of my life in Nicaragua. My parents named my brother with same name that they named another of their children who earlier died of tetanus. This was not regarded as surprising or unusual by others in Nicaragua. I believe the naming of a child with the same name as an older, deceased sibling is fairly common in Nicaragua.

María Sánchez Schirch

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the 6TH day of May, 2011.

Notary Public, State of Indiana

Notary's printed name:
R. Leticia Islas

My commission expires:
Jun 12, 2018

