

ARIZONA GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

1. CHECK MARK ONE (1) TYPE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY:

☐ **General Regular Power of Attorney** (has a beginning and end date), OR

☒ **General Durable Power of Attorney** (ends upon Principal's death or revocation)

2. IDENTIFY the Principal and Attorney-in-Fact:

Principal

Name: Merrill S Markham

Address of Residence: 1339 Ashcraft Court

City: Phoenix

State: Arizona

Zip Code: 92121

Date of Birth: 11/07/1989

Agent / Attorney-In-Fact

Name: Rachelle R Forand

Address of Residence: 1278 Willison Street

City: Phoenix

State: Arizona

Zip Code: 55427

Date of Birth: 05/18/1990

3. MARK the Sections that apply to you.

Principal, an individual, hereby appoints the above-named Agent/Attorney-in-Fact to act in name and place of Principal to perform the following general matters.

Scope and extent of powers granted by the General Power of Attorney: to exercise any or all of the following powers concerning:

☒ ____ a. Personal finances : to withdraw and deposit funds from bank accounts belonging to Principal and to enter and remove the contents of all safe deposit boxes rented by the principal; to ask, demand, sue for, recover, collect, and receive each and every sum of money, debt, account, legacy, bequest, interest, dividend, annuity and demand which now is or hereafter shall become due, owing or payable, belonging to or claimed by Principal and to use and take any lawful means for the recovery thereof by legal process or otherwise, and to execute and deliver a satisfaction or release therefor, together with the right and power to compromise or compound any claim or demand; to borrow money and to execute and deliver notes with or without security; and to loan money and receive notes with such security as Attorney-in-Fact shall deem proper;

☒ ____ b. Real property, or any interest therein or any improvements thereon: to contract for, purchase, receive and take possession thereof and of evidence and title thereto; to lease the

same for any term or purpose, including leases for business residence; to sell, exchange, subdivide, grant or convey the same with or without warranty, covenant or restrictions; to mortgage, transfer in trust, or otherwise encumber the same to secure payment of a note or performance of any obligation or agreement;

☒ c. Personal property: to contract for, buy, sell, exchange, transfer, endorse and in any legal manner deal in and with the same; and to mortgage, transfer in trust, or otherwise encumber the same to secure payment of a note of performance of any obligation or agreement;

☐ d. Business transactions of any kind, and as the act and deed of Principal to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver any deed, lease, assignment of lease, covenant, indemnity, agreement, mortgage, deed of trust, assignment of mortgage, or beneficial interest under deed of trust, subdivision or plat, extension or renewal of any obligation, subordination or waiver of priority, bill of lading, bill of sale, bond, note, receipt, check, evidence of debt, full or partial release of mortgage judgment or other debt, and such other instruments in writing of any kind or class as may be necessary or proper in the premises;

☐ e. To do and perform every and all acts required, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purposes as Principal might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying all that Attorney-in-Fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this General Power of Attorney.

4. CHECK the ONE type of Power of Attorney that applies to you. Complete the information asked for in the Section.

☐ **General Regular Power of Attorney** - Has beginning and ending dates.

Effective Date: the time from which this document is operational: 11/19/2018.

This General Power of Attorney begins on the above effective date and continues until the expiration date of _____, unless the Principal revokes this Power of Attorney before expiration using a written document of Revocation.

Manner of Revocation: The Principal may revoke this document in writing at any time before the expiration date for no reason or for cause. Also, if the Attorney-in-Fact exceeds or violates the scope and authority granted by this document, the Principal may revoke in writing the Power of Attorney at any time before the expiration date.

☒ **General Durable Power of Attorney** – Has a beginning effective date and lasts until the death of the Principal or until revocation.

Effective Date: the time from which this document is operational: 11/19/2018.

Manner of Revocation: The Principal may revoke this document in writing at any time before the expiration date for no reason or for cause, or if the Attorney-in-Fact exceeds or violates the scope and authority granted by this document. *If the Principal becomes disabled or incapacitated, the Attorney-in-Fact may continue acting as such despite the disability, incapacity or the expiration date.*

5. COMPENSATION of Attorney-in-Fact: None.

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6. SIGNATURES.

For Principal:

I, Merrill S Markham, the principal, sign my name to this power of attorney this ____ day of _____ and, being first duly sworn, do declare to the undersigned authority that I sign and execute this instrument as my power of attorney and that I sign it willingly, or willingly direct another to sign for me, that I execute it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes expressed in the power of attorney, and that as required by A.R.S. § 14-5501, I am eighteen years of age or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.

Principal

For Witness:

I, _____, the witness, sign my name to the foregoing power of attorney being first duly sworn, and do declare to the undersigned authority the principal signs and executes this instrument as the principal's power of attorney and that the principal signs it willingly, or willingly directs another to sign for the principal, and that I, in the presence and hearing of the principal sign this power of attorney as witness to the principal's signing, and to the best of my knowledge the principal is eighteen years of age or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.

Witness

7. NOTARIZATION.

For Notary:

The State of _____
County of _____

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by Merrill S Markham, the principal, and subscribed and sworn to before me by _____, witness, this _____ day of _____.

(seal)

(signed) _____

(Notary Public)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR AGENT

Agent's Duties

When you accept the authority granted under this power of attorney, a special legal relationship is created between you and the principal. This relationship imposes upon you legal duties that continue until you resign or the power of attorney is terminated or revoked. You must:

- (1) do what you know the principal reasonably expects you to do with the principal's property or, if you do not know the principal's expectations, act in the principal's best interest;
- (2) act in good faith;
- (3) do nothing beyond the authority granted in this power of attorney; and
- (4) disclose your identity as an agent whenever you act for the principal by writing or printing the name of the principal and signing your own name as "agent" in the following manner:

(Principal's Name) by (Your Signature) as Agent

Unless the Special Instructions in this power of attorney state otherwise, you must also:

- (1) act loyally for the principal's benefit;
- (2) avoid conflicts that would impair your ability to act in the principal's best interest;
- (3) act with care, competence, and diligence;
- (4) keep a record of all receipts, disbursements, and transactions made on behalf of the principal;
- (5) cooperate with any person that has authority to make health care decisions for the principal to do what you know the principal reasonably expects or, if you do not know the principal's expectations, to act in the principal's best interest; and attempt to preserve the principal's estate plan if you know the plan and preserving the plan is consistent with the principal's best interest.

Termination of Agent's Authority

You must stop acting on behalf of the principal if you learn of any event that terminates this power of attorney or your authority under this power of attorney. Events that terminate a power of attorney or your authority to act under a power of attorney include:

- (1) death of the principal;
- (2) the principal's revocation of the power of attorney or your authority;
- (3) the occurrence of a termination event stated in the power of attorney;
- (4) the purpose of the power of attorney is fully accomplished; or
- (5) if you are married to the principal, a legal action is filed with a court to end your marriage, or for your legal separation, unless the Special Instructions in this power of attorney state that such an action will not terminate your authority.

Liability of Agent

The meaning of the authority granted to you is defined in the Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 14, Chapter 5, Article 5. If you violate the Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 14, Chapter 5, Article 5, or act outside the authority granted, you may be liable for any damages caused by your violation.

If there is anything about this document or your duties that you do not understand, you should seek legal advice.

AGENT'S CERTIFICATION AS TO THE VALIDITY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND AGENT'S AUTHORITY

State of Arizona
County of Maricopa

I, Rachelle R Forand (Name of Agent), certify under penalty of perjury that Merrill S Markham (Name of Principal) granted me authority as an agent or successor agent in a power of attorney dated _____.

I, further certify that to my knowledge:

(1) The Principal is alive and has not revoked the power of attorney or my authority to act under the power of attorney and the power of attorney and my authority to act under the power of attorney have not terminated;

(2) If the power of attorney was drafted to become effective upon the happening of an event or contingency, the event or contingency has occurred;

(3) If I was named as a successor agent, the prior agent is no longer able or willing to serve; and

(4) _____
_____ (Insert other relevant statements)

SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AGENT

Agent's Signature _____ Date _____

Agent's Name Printed: Rachelle R Forand

Agent's Address: 1278 Willison Street, Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ 55427

Agent's Telephone Number: (763) 242-3184

This document was acknowledged before me on
_____ (Date), by Rachelle R Forand (Name of Agent).

Signature of Notary _____

(Seal, if any)

My commission expires: _____

This document prepared by: Merrill S Markham

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

WHAT IS A POWER OF ATTORNEY?

A Power of Attorney is a written document that officially recognizes a legally binding relationship between two parties-- a Principal and an Agent. The Agent is given power to manage the personal, business, or legal affairs of the Principal. Further, the Agent has a fiduciary duty to act in the Principal's best financial interest and in accordance with their wishes.

A simple Power of Attorney will identify the following basic elements:

- Agent(s): someone responsible and trusted to act on another person's behalf
- Principal: the person wanting assistance with personal, business, or legal matters
- Grant of Authority: the Agent has general or specific authority to take certain actions
- Effective Date: when the Power of Attorney begins, usually immediately
- Signatures: the Principal and a Notary must sign the Power of Attorney

WHEN IS IT NEEDED?

Power of Attorneys or POAs are commonly used when someone wants the peace of mind that their financial or health decisions will be made by someone they trust.

You may need a Power of Attorney if you are:

- Over the age of 18 years old
- Military personnel being deployed overseas
- Traveling abroad for an extended period of time
- Diagnosed with a chronic condition or life threatening illness
- Growing wiser and older but concerned about your current health
- Married and want your spouse to have legal authority over property you own
- Engaged in a high risk profession (i.e. emergency firefighter or member of police force)

WHAT KIND OF GENERAL POWERS CAN YOU GIVE YOUR AGENT?

Some of the general powers you can grant to your Agent include managing the following: real property, tangible personal property, stocks and bonds, commodities and options, banks and other financial institutions, insurance, estates and trusts, and operation of businesses.

WHEN SHOULD A POWER OF ATTORNEY BEGIN?

Depending on your circumstances, you may want your Agent to begin acting on your behalf immediately (i.e. Durable Power of Attorney) or later (i.e. Springing Power of Attorney).

WHEN DOES A POWER OF ATTORNEY END?

A conventional or ordinary Power of Attorney ends when you become incapacitated. In contrast, a Durable Power of Attorney allows the Agent to continue acting on behalf of the Principal even when they become incapacitated.

WHAT KIND OF MATTERS CAN A POWER OF ATTORNEY CONTROL?

A Power of Attorney can be used to handle non-medical matters (i.e. Financial Power of Attorney) or health care decisions (i.e. Health Care Power of Attorney). Most individuals have a separate Power of Attorney for general matters and health care issues.

Many states, however, combine the a Living Will and Power of Attorney into one "advance directive" form. A Power of Attorney for Health Care allows you to name your health agent, someone who will make health decisions for you if you cannot. Your health care agent will also ensure that your health care providers give you the care you wish to receive. You can also require that your health care agent communicate in any manner with you about any specific proposed health care. For example, you may still be able to communicate by blinking your eyes.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT HAVE A POWER OF ATTORNEY?

Without a Power of Attorney, even if you have a spouse, the court may need to step in and appoint a guardian or conservator for you if you ever become incapacitated. The process of appointing a guardian is costly and requires the guardian to formally report your situation to the court each year. CNN Money estimates that the process of obtaining a court appointed guardian exceeds \$1,000. Instead, a Power of Attorney allows you to take back control and proactively choose who YOU want to represent your best interests.
