

# **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

NOTICE: THE POWERS GRANTED BY THIS DOCUMENT ARE BROAD AND SWEEPING. THEY ARE EXPLAINED IN THE UNIFORM STATUTORY FORM POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT OF 1998. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE POWERS, OBTAIN COMPETENT LEGAL ADVICE. THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE ANYONE TO MAKE MEDICAL AND OTHER HEALTH-CARE DECISIONS FOR YOU. YOU MAY REVOKE THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IF YOU LATER WISH TO DO SO.

(Check if applicable. Strike out if not.)

I hereby give notice that I have revoked, and do hereby revoke, any previous power of attorney given or empowering another agent to act as my true and lawful attorney in fact. I declare that all power and authority granted under said power of attorney is hereby revoked and withdrawn.

I \_\_\_\_\_ [Principal name], \_\_\_\_\_  
[Address] appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [Agent name],  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Address] as my agent (attorney-in-fact) to act for me  
in any lawful way with respect to the following initialed subjects:

TO GRANT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING POWERS, INITIAL THE LINE IN FRONT OF (N) AND IGNORE THE LINES IN FRONT OF THE OTHER POWERS.

TO GRANT ONE OR MORE, BUT FEWER THAN ALL, OF THE FOLLOWING POWERS, INITIAL THE LINE IN FRONT OF EACH POWER YOU ARE GRANTING.

TO WITHHOLD A POWER, DO NOT INITIAL THE LINE IN FRONT OF IT. YOU MAY, BUT NEED NOT, CROSS OUT EACH POWER WITHHELD.

## **INITIAL**

\_\_\_\_\_ (A) Real property transactions, except transactions subject to D.C. Official Code Section 42-101

\_\_\_\_\_ (B) Tangible personal property transactions.

\_\_\_\_\_ (C) Stock and bond transactions.

\_\_\_\_\_ (D) Commodity and option transactions.

\_\_\_\_\_ (E) Banking and other financial institution transactions.

\_\_\_\_\_ (F) Business operating transactions.

\_\_\_\_\_ (G) Insurance and annuity transactions.



\_\_\_\_\_ (H) Estate, trust, and other beneficiary transactions.

\_\_\_\_\_ (I) Claims and litigation.

\_\_\_\_\_ (J) Personal and family maintenance.

\_\_\_\_\_ (K) Benefits from social security, medicare, medicaid, or other governmental programs, or military service.

\_\_\_\_\_ (L) Retirement plan transactions.

\_\_\_\_\_ (M) Tax matters.

\_\_\_\_\_ (N) ALL OF THE POWERS LISTED ABOVE.

YOU NEED NOT INITIAL ANY OTHER LINES IF YOU INITIAL LINE (N).

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: ON THE FOLLOWING LINES YOU MAY GIVE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS LIMITING OR EXTENDING THE POWERS GRANTED TO YOUR AGENT:

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\_\_\_\_\_

UNLESS YOU DIRECT OTHERWISE ABOVE, THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL IT IS REVOKED.

This power of attorney will continue to be effective even though I become disabled, incapacitated, or incompetent.

STRIKE THE PRECEDING SENTENCE IF YOU DO NOT WANT THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY TO CONTINUE IF YOU BECOME DISABLED, INCAPACITATED, OR INCOMPETENT.

I agree that any third party who receives a copy of this document may act under it. Revocation of the power of attorney is not effective as to a third party until the third party learns of the revocation. I agree to indemnify the third party for any claims that arise against the third party because of reliance on this power of attorney.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Your Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Your Social Security Number)



District of Columbia

This document was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of principal)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of notary public)

(Seal) \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL**

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This document was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date), by \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Principal).

Signature of Notary \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal, if any)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

This document prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

BY ACCEPTING OR ACTING UNDER THE APPOINTMENT, THE AGENT ASSUMES FIDUCIARY AND OTHER LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN AGENT.



## 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; and
- (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 Code of the District of Columbia, Chapter 21. If you violate the Code of the District of Columbia, Chapter 21, 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Agent), certify under penalty of perjury that  
\_\_\_\_\_ (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: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This document was acknowledged before me on  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Date), by \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Agent).

Signature of Notary \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal, if any)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

This document prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

