

POWER OF ATTORNEY - NAME

State of Georgia

County of **County**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ✓ This power of attorney authorizes another person (your agent) to make decisions concerning your property for you (the principal). Your agent will be able to make decisions and act with respect to your property (including your money) whether or not you are able to act for yourself. The meaning of authority over subjects listed on this form is explained in O.C.G.A. Chapter 6B of Title 10.
- ✓ This power of attorney does not authorize the agent to make health care decisions for you.
- ✓ You should select someone you trust to serve as your agent. Unless you specify otherwise in the Special Instructions, generally the agent's authority will continue until you die or revoke the power of attorney or the agent resigns or is unable to act for you.
- ✓ Your agent is not entitled to any compensation unless you state otherwise in the Special Instructions. Your agent shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in performing the acts required by you in your power of attorney.
- ✓ This form provides for designation of one agent. If you wish to name more than one agent, you may name a successor agent or name a coagent in the Special Instructions. Coagents will not be required to act together unless you include that requirement in the Special Instructions.
- ✓ If your agent is unable or unwilling to act for you, your power of attorney will end unless you have named a successor agent. You may also name a second successor agent.
- ✓ This power of attorney shall be durable unless you state otherwise in the Special Instructions.
- ✓ This power of attorney becomes effective immediately unless you state otherwise in the Special Instructions.

If you have questions about the power of attorney or the authority you are granting to your agent, you should seek legal advice before signing this form.

DESIGNATION OF AGENT

I, **NAME**, name the following person as my agent:

Name of Agent:	Designation of Agent - First Choice
Agent's Address:	Designation of Agent - First Choice Address

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Agent's Phone:	Designation of Agent - First Phone
Agent's Email:	Designation of Agent - First Email

DESIGNATION OF SUCCESSOR AGENT(S) (OPTIONAL)

If my agent is unable or unwilling to act for me, I name as my successor agent:

Name of Second Agent:	Designation of Agent - Second Choice
Second Agent's Address:	Designation of Agent - Second Choice Address
Second Agent's Phone:	Designation of Agent - Second Phone
Second Agent's Email:	Designation of Agent - Second Email

If my successor agent is unable or unwilling to act for me, I name as my subsequent successor agents:

Designation of Agent - if first and second choices are unable or unwilling to serve as an agent

GRANT OF GENERAL AUTHORITY

I grant my agent and any successor agent general authority to act for me with respect to the following subjects as defined in O.C.G.A. Chapter 6B of Title 10:

INITIAL each subject you want to include in the agent's general authority. If you wish to grant general authority over all of the subjects, you may initial 'all preceding subjects' instead of initialing each subject.

What do you want your Agent to make decisions about? – checked and unchecked options

GRANT OF SPECIFIC AUTHORITY (OPTIONAL)

My agent **SHALL NOT** do any of the following specific acts for me UNLESS I have **INITIALED** the specific authority listed below:

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CAUTION: Granting any of the following will give your agent the authority to take actions that could significantly reduce your property or change how your property is distributed at your death. INITIAL ONLY the specific authority you WANT to give your agent. You should give your agent specific instructions in the Special Instructions when you authorize your agent to make gifts.

Choose which options you do NOT want your Agent to make decisions about? – checked and unchecked options

LIMITATION ON AGENT'S AUTHORITY

An agent that is not my ancestor, spouse, or descendant **SHALL NOT** use my property to benefit the agent or a person to whom the agent owes an obligation of support unless I have included that authority in the Special Instructions.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (OPTIONAL)

You may give special instructions on the following lines (you may add lines or place your special instructions in a separate document and attach it to the power of attorney):

Special Instructions

EFFECTIVE DATE

This power of attorney is effective **When do you want the Power of Attorney to become effective?**, unless I have stated otherwise in the Special Instructions.

NOMINATION OF CONSERVATOR (OPTIONAL)

If it becomes necessary for a court to appoint a conservator of my estate, I nominate the following person(s) for appointment:

Name of nominee for conservator of my estate:	
Nominee's Address:	
Nominee's Phone:	

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Nominee's Email:	
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RELIANCE ON THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY

Any person, including my agent, may rely upon the validity of this power of attorney or a copy of it unless that person has actual knowledge it has terminated or is invalid.

SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below, I state that I am emotionally and mentally capable of making this Power of Attorney and that I understand its purpose and effect.

Name of Declarant:	Name
Declarant's Address:	Address
Declarant's Phone:	Phone
Declarant's Email:	Email

The declarant signed this form in my presence or acknowledged signing this form to me. Based upon my personal observation, the declarant appeared to be emotionally and mentally capable of making this Power of Attorney and signed this form willingly and voluntarily.

First Witness

Name of Witness:	
Witness Address:	
Witness's Phone:	

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Witness Email:	
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Second Witness

Name of Witness:	
Witness Address:	
Witness's Phone:	
Witness Email:	

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This document was signed or acknowledged in my presence on the _____ day of
_____, _____ by _____.

Signature of notary

My commission expires:

(Seal)

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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
- (6) 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 your authority or the power of attorney;
- (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

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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 O.C.G.A. Chapter 6B of Title 10. If you violate O.C.G.A. Chapter 6B of Title 10 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.