

*It is always best to consult an attorney when preparing a document such as this.*

## GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Ohio, appoint \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Ohio as my Attorney-in-Fact or if he cannot serve or continue to serve then I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ may appoint any individual or corporation as substitute Attorney-in-Fact under this power of attorney with any or all of the powers and authority granted my Attorney-in-Fact.

### ARTICLE I

#### **Durability**

This power of attorney shall not terminate on my disability, and my Attorney-in-Fact shall continue to be able to exercise any power or authority I have given my Attorney-in-Fact, regardless of my later disability, incompetence, or incapacity.

### ARTICLE II

#### **Authorities Granted**

I authorize my Attorney-in-Fact acting alone to do the following on my behalf.

- A. Financial Accounts. My Attorney-in-Fact may maintain any financial accounts, including checking, savings, or credit union accounts presently in my name, establish new financial accounts in my name, and deposit money into, withdraw money from, and draw checks on these accounts.
- B. Commercial Paper. My Attorney-in-Fact may receive, endorse, and collect any currency or commercial paper, including, but not limited to, any checks or drafts payable to me.
- C. Investments. My Attorney-in-Fact may invest and reinvest my funds in any type of investment, including corporate obligations of every kind, preferred or common stocks, securities of any regulated investment trust, partnership interests, and every other type of investment.
- D. Location of Assets. My Attorney-in-Fact may move any of my property to any place, whether or not within the United States.

- E. Sale of Assets. My Attorney-in-Fact may sell or otherwise transfer any of my property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible, on such terms and conditions as my Attorney-in-Fact may deem advisable, and to execute any instruments and give any warranties or indemnifications that my Attorney-in-Fact may deem useful in effecting such sale or transfer.
- F. Businesses. My Attorney-in-Fact may participate in the operation of any business or other enterprise (proprietorship, corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, etc.), including voting any stock or interests, and may incorporate, dissolve, or otherwise change the form of such business enterprise. My Attorney-in-Fact shall have full power to execute on my behalf any and all documents which such Attorney-in-Fact deems necessary or appropriate in connection with the operation, acquisition or disposition of any such business enterprise.
- G. Stock. My Attorney-in-Fact may vote in person or by proxy, sell or otherwise dispose of, cause to be registered in the name of a nominee selected by my Attorney-in-Fact; transfer, redeem, convert, or exchange any stock or other security that now belongs to me or may belong to me in the future or in which I may have an interest, and make, execute, and deliver any endorsement, assignment, certification, or other document in connection with any security.
- H. Loans. My Attorney-in-Fact may borrow and lend money on such terms, including, but not limited to, interest rates, security, and loan duration, as my Attorney-in-Fact may deem advisable.
- I. Insurance Policies. My Attorney-in-Fact may apply for and own any policies of insurance on my life, on any of my property, and against any liabilities or damages my Attorney-in-Fact may deem advisable; pay any premiums or other charges required to maintain such policies; and exercise any incident of ownership over such policies, including, but not limited to, any right to change beneficiaries, cancel any policy, borrow against any cash values, or make any elections with respect to the policies.
- J. Property Management. My Attorney-in-Fact may improve, develop, manage, lease, or abandon any of my property.
- K. Nominees. My Attorney-in-Fact may hold any of my property in the name of any trustee, custodian, or nominee, without disclosing this relationship.
- L. Motor Vehicles. My Attorney-in-Fact may apply for or transfer any certificate of title on any motor vehicle and may represent that such

vehicle is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances not otherwise noted in the transfer document.

- M. Legal Actions. My Attorney-in-Fact may prosecute or defend any action to protect me or my property, or to protect my Attorney-in-Fact in the performance of the duties under this instrument, and may pay, contest, or settle any claim by or against me or my Attorney-in-Fact in the performance of the duties under this instrument.
- N. Employees. My Attorney-in-Fact may employ persons, even if they are associated with my Attorney-in-Fact, to advise or assist in the performance of the duties under this instrument.
- O. Tax Returns. My Attorney-in-Fact may prepare, sign, and file any returns of tax, refund claims, requests for extension of time to file or pay, petition to any court with respect to any tax, offers, waivers, consents, powers of attorney, and other documents relating to any type of federal, state, local, or foreign tax and execute any elections I may have under any such tax laws. I waive any privileges I may have against disclosure of any confidential tax information to my Attorney-in-Fact.
- P. Revocable Trust. My Attorney-in-Fact may transfer any of my assets to any revocable trust I have created to be administered under the terms of such trust, and may withdraw assets from any such trust for any proper purpose, including for the purpose of making gifts, even if my Attorney-in-Fact is a trustee.
- Q. Disclaimer. My Attorney-in-Fact may disclaim all or part of any transfers to me if my Attorney-in-Fact deems it probable that no gift taxes will be imposed on me on account of such disclaimer.
- R. Safe Deposit Boxes. My Attorney-in-Fact may enter my existing safe deposit boxes, close them out, and open any new safe deposit boxes in my name.
- S. Retirement Benefits. My Attorney-in-Fact may select the method and time of payments from and the beneficiaries of any of my pension, profit sharing, stock ownership, or other retirement plans; elect to participate in and make investment selections and give investment directions under such plans; amend or terminate any of my individual retirement accounts or other retirement or deferred income arrangements; and make selections of optional benefits offered by my employer and exercise continuation rights as to any benefits.

- T. Other. My Attorney-in-Fact may do any other thing that my Attorney-in-Fact may deem advisable, necessary, or desirable for the management of my affairs or for my health, comfort, or welfare.

### ARTICLE III

#### Gifts

- A. To Charities. My Attorney-in-Fact may make gifts on my behalf to any charitable organization and pay my charitable pledges and dues.
- B. For Tuition and Medical Care. My Attorney-in-Fact may make gifts in any amounts determined appropriate by my Attorney-in-Fact as tuition to an educational organization (as defined in Section 170(b) (1) (A) (ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended) for the education or training of my descendants, or to any person who provides medical care (as defined in Section 213 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended) for my descendants, as payment for the medical care.
- C. Trusts and Custodial Accounts. All such gifts may be made outright, in trust, or to any legal guardian or custodian under any applicable Uniform Transfers (or Gifts) to Minors Act, as my Attorney-in-Fact may deem appropriate, even if my Attorney-in-Fact is the trustee, guardian, or custodian.
- D. Limitations. In no event may any gift be made from my assets to my Attorney-in-Fact except as is appropriate for the health, support, or maintenance of my Attorney-in-Fact. My Attorney-in-Fact may not use any of my assets in a manner that would discharge the legal obligation of my Attorney-in-Fact personally to support any of my descendants.
- E. Split-Gift Treatment. My Attorney-in-Fact may consent to split-gift treatment if I am married and my spouse chooses to make gifts to any one or more of my lineal descendants.

ARTICLE IV

**Miscellaneous**

- A. Real Property. This power of attorney specifically gives my Attorney-in-Fact the power to manage, deal with, lease, and/or sell any real property owned by me and any fixtures attached to my real property, any personal property used in connection with my real property, and any policies of casualty insurance on my real property.
- B. Guardian. I also hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to be the guardian of my person and estate if proceedings for the appointment of a guardian of my person, estate or both are commenced hereafter. If \_\_\_\_\_ cannot serve or continue to serve then I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to be the guardian of my person and estate. I direct that bond be waived for such person nominated as guardian.
- C. Revocation of Power . I may revoke this power of attorney by a written instrument. However, all persons shall recognize my Attorney-in- Fact's authority to manage my affairs and transact my business under this instrument until receipt of a written notice of revocation. No one shall be liable to me or my estate for losses resulting from the good faith recognition of the authority of my Attorney-in-Fact prior to receipt of a written notice of revocation.
- D. Counterparts. Anyone may rely fully, completely, and equally on the following: (1) the original of this power of attorney, (2) a duly executed counterpart; or (3) a copy certified by my Attorney-in-Fact to be a true copy of the original power of attorney.
- E. Purchasers. Anyone who purchases any of my property from my Attorney-in-Fact is not obligated to see to the application of the purchase money or other consideration paid for such property.
- F. State Law. This power of attorney shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of Ohio.
- G. Number. Whenever the context of this power of attorney requires, the singular number includes the plural and vice versa.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Date

**Acknowledgement**

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, Hamilton County, personally appeared the principal herein \_\_\_\_\_, a person known to me and executed this instrument knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.

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Notary Public

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