

NEW MEXICO POWER OF ATTORNEY FORM

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 the Uniform Power of Attorney Act, New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978, Sections 45-5B-101 through 45-5B-403.

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, 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 entitled to reasonable compensation unless you state otherwise in the Special Instructions.

This form provides for designation of one agent. If you wish to name more than one agent, you may name a co-agent in the Special Instructions. Co-agents are not 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 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.

I. DESIGNATION OF AGENT

I, the Principal, name the following person as my agent:

Name of Principal: _____

Address of Principal: _____

Name of Agent: _____

Address of Agent: _____

Agent's Telephone Number: _____

II. 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 Successor Agent: _____

Address of Successor Agent: _____

Successor Agent's Telephone Number: _____

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

Name of Second Successor Agent: _____

Address of Second Successor Agent: _____

Second Successor Agent's Telephone Number: _____

III. 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 the Uniform Power of Attorney Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 45-5B-101 through 45-5B-403.

(Check the boxes of the subjects you want to include in the agent's general authority. If you wish to grant general authority over all of the subjects you may check "All Preceding Subjects" instead of checking each subject.)

☐ Real Property

☐ Tangible Personal Property

☐ Stocks and Bonds

☐ Commodities and Options

☐ Banks and Other Financial Institutions

☐ Operation of Entity or Business

☐ Insurance and Annuities

- ☐ Estates, Trusts, and Other Beneficial Interests
- ☐ Claims and Litigation
- ☐ Personal and Family Maintenance
- ☐ Benefits from Governmental Programs or Civil or Military Service
- ☐ Retirement Plans
- ☐ Taxes
- ☐ All Preceding Subjects

IV. GRANT OF SPECIFIC AUTHORITY (OPTIONAL)

My agent MAY NOT do any of the following specific acts for me UNLESS I have CHECKED the specific authority listed below:

(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.)

- ☐ Create, amend, revoke, or terminate an inter vivos trust
- ☐ Make a gift, subject to the limitations of the Uniform Power of Attorney Act, NMSA 1978, Section 45-5B-217, and any special instructions in this power of attorney
- ☐ Create or change rights of survivorship
- ☐ Create or change a beneficiary designation
- ☐ Authorize another person to exercise the authority granted under this power of attorney
- ☐ Waive the principal's right to be a beneficiary of a joint and survivor annuity, including a survivor benefit under a retirement plan
- ☐ Exercise fiduciary powers that the principal has authority to exercise
- ☐ Disclaim or refuse an interest in property, including a power of appointment

V. LIMITATION ON AGENT'S AUTHORITY

An agent that is not my ancestor, spouse, or descendant MAY 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.

VI. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (OPTIONAL)

You may give special instructions on the following lines.

Special Instructions:

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This power of attorney is effective immediately unless I have stated otherwise in the Special Instructions.

VIII. NOMINATION OF CONSERVATOR OR GUARDIAN (OPTIONAL)

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

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

Nominee's Telephone Number: _____

IX. 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 knows it has terminated or is invalid.

X. SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below, I declare that I am the Principal, and I execute this Power of Attorney as my free and voluntary act for the purposes expressed herein.

PRINCIPAL

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____ day of _____, 20____

Address: _____

XI. NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of New Mexico

County of _____

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the _____ day of _____, 20____, by
_____ (Name of Principal).

Signature of Notarial Officer

(Seal, if any)

Title (and Rank): _____

My Commission Expires: _____

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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 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 Uniform Power of Attorney Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 45-5B-101 through 45-5B-403. If you violate the Uniform Power of Attorney Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 45-5B-101 through 45-5B-403, 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.

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

(Optional, but recommended for acceptance by financial institutions)

State of New Mexico

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 the ____ day of _____, 20____.

I further certify that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Principal is alive and has not revoked the Power of Attorney or my authority;
- (2) The Power of Attorney and my authority to act under the Power of Attorney have not terminated;
- (3) If the Power of Attorney was drafted to become effective upon the happening of an event or contingency, the event or contingency has occurred;
- (4) If I was named as a successor agent, the prior agent is no longer able or willing to serve; and
- (5) _____

(Insert other relevant statements)

AGENT

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: ____ day of _____, 20____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR AGENT CERTIFICATION

State of New Mexico

County of _____

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the _____ day of _____, 20____, by
_____ (Name of Agent).

Signature of Notarial Officer

(Seal, if any)

Title (and Rank): _____

My Commission Expires: _____