

**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF**

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BE IT KNOWN THIS DAY THAT,

I, \_\_\_\_\_ NAME, of \_\_\_\_\_  
County, \_\_\_\_\_, being of legal age and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and not acting under duress, menace, fraud, or undue influence of any person, do make, declare and publish this to be my Will and hereby revoke any Will or Codicil I may have made.

**ARTICLE ONE  
Marriage and Children**

As of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this Will, I am married to \_\_\_\_\_

and together we have the following children:  
or

**ARTICLE TWO  
Debts and Expenses**

I direct my Personal Representative to pay all costs and expenses of my last illness and funeral expenses. I further direct my Personal Representative to pay all of my just debts that may be probated, registered and allowed against my estate. However, this provision shall not extend the statute of limitations for the payment of debts or enlarge upon my legal obligation or any statutory duty of my Personal Representative to pay debts.

**ARTICLE THREE  
Specific Bequests of Real and/or Personal Property**

I will, give and bequeath unto the persons named below, if he or she survives me, the property described below:

Name/ Address / Relationship	Property Description
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In the event I name a person in this Article and said person predeceases me, the bequest to such person shall lapse and the property shall pass under the other provisions of this Will. In the event that I do not possess or own any property listed above on the date of my death, the bequest of that property shall lapse.

**ARTICLE FOUR  
Homestead or Primary Residence**

Signed by Testator/Testatrix: \_\_\_\_\_

I will, devise and bequeath all my interest in my homestead or primary residence, if I own a homestead or primary residence on the date of my death that passes through this Will, to

, if he or she survives me. If he or she does not survive me, then my homestead or primary residence shall pass under the residuary clause of this Will.

**ARTICLE FIVE**  
All Remaining Property – Residuary Clause

I will, devise, bequeath and give all the rest and remainder of my property and estate of every kind and character, including, but not limited to, real and personal property in which I may have an interest at the date of my death and which is not otherwise effectively disposed of, to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_, equally, per stripes.

[Name person or persons to receive residuary estate. Per stirpes means the descendants of the persons you name will receive the property left to that person if they predecease you] Signed if Selected: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

\_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_, equally, or  
the survivor. [Name person or persons to receive estate. Survivor means if one of the persons dies before you die, the other person will receive your entire residuary estate] Signed if Selected: \_\_\_\_\_

**ARTICLE SIX**  
Appointment of Personal Representative, Executor or Executrix

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_, as  
Personal Representative of my estate and this Will. In the event my Personal Representative shall  
predecease me, or, for any reason, shall fail to qualify or cease to act as my Personal Representative,  
then I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to  
serve as successor Personal Representative of my estate and Will.

The term "Personal Representative", as used in this Will, shall be deemed to mean and include  
"Personal Representative", "Executor" or "Executrix".

**ARTICLE SEVEN**  
Waiver of Bond, Inventory, Accounting, Reporting and Approval

My Personal Representative and successor Personal Representative shall serve without any bond, and I  
hereby waive the necessity of preparing or filing any inventory, accounting, appraisal, reporting,  
approvals or final appraisement of my estate.

**ARTICLE EIGHT**  
Powers of Personal Representative, Executor and Executrix

I direct that my Personal Representative shall have broad discretion in the administration of my Estate,  
without the necessity of Court approval. I grant unto my Personal Representative, all powers that are  
allowed to be exercised by Personal Representatives by the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
and to the extent not prohibited by the laws of \_\_\_\_\_, the following additional powers:

Signed by Testator/Testatrix: \_\_\_\_\_

1. To exercise all of the powers, rights and discretions granted by virtue of the Estate Powers and Trust Law of [REDACTED].
2. To compromise claims and to abandon property which, in my Executor's opinion is of little or no value.
3. To purchase or otherwise acquire and to retain any and all stocks, bonds, notes or other securities, or shares or interests in investment trusts and common trust funds, or in any other property, real, personal or mixed, as my Personal Representative may deem advisable, whether or not such investments or property be of the character permissible by fiduciaries, without being liable to any person for such retention or investment.
4. To settle, adjust, dissolve, windup or continue any partnership or other entity in which I may own a partnership or equity interest at the time of my death, subject, however, to the terms of any partnership or other agreement to which I am a party at the time of my death. I authorize my Personal Representative to continue in any partnership or other entity for such periods and upon such terms as they shall determine. My Personal Representative shall not be disqualified by reason of being a partner, equity owner or title holder in such firm from participating on behalf of my estate in any dealings herein authorized to be carried on between my Personal Representative and the partners or equity owners of any such partnership or other entity.
5. To lease, sale, or offer on a lease purchase, any real or personal property for such time and upon such terms and conditions in such manner as may be deemed advisable by my Personal Representative, all without court approval.
6. To sell, exchange, assign, transfer and convey any security or property, real or personal, held in my estate, or in any trust, at public or private sale, at such time and price and upon such terms and conditions (including credit) as my Personal Representative may deem advisable and for the best interest of my estate, or any trust. I hereby waive any requirement of issuing summons, giving notice of any hearing, conducting or holding any such hearing, filing bond or other security, or in any way obtaining court authority or approval for any such sale, exchange, assignment, transfer or conveyance of any real or personal property.
7. To pay all necessary expenses of administering the estate and any trust including taxes, trustees' fees, fees for the services of accountants, agents and attorneys, and to reimburse said parties for expenses incurred on behalf of the estate or any trust hereunder.
8. Unless otherwise specifically provided, to make distributions (including the satisfaction of any pecuniary bequest) in cash or in specific property, real or personal, or in an undivided interest therein, or partly in cash and partly in other property, and to do so with or without regard to the income tax basis of specific property allocated to any beneficiary and without making pro rata distributions of specific assets.
9. To determine what is principal and what is income with respect to all receipts and disbursements; to establish and maintain reserves for depreciation, depletion, obsolescence, taxes, insurance premiums, and any other purpose deemed necessary and proper by them and to partite and to distribute property of the estate or trust in kind or in undivided interests, and to determine the value of such property.
10. To participate in any plan of reorganization, consolidation, dissolution, redemption, or

Signed by Testator/Testatrix: \_\_\_\_\_

similar proceedings involving assets comprising my estate or any trust created hereunder, and to deposit or withdraw securities under any such proceedings.

11. To perform such acts, to participate in such proceedings and to exercise such other rights and privileges in respect to any property, as if she or he were the absolute owner thereof, and in connection therewith to enter into and execute any and all agreements binding my estate and any trust created hereunder.

12. To compromise, settle or adjust any claim or demand by or against my estate, or any trust, to litigate any such claims, including, without limitation, any claims relating to estate or income taxes, or agree to rescind or modify any contract or agreement.

13. To borrow money from such source or sources and upon such terms and conditions as my Personal Representative shall determine, and to give such security therefor as my Personal Representative may determine.

All authorities and powers hereinabove granted unto my Personal Representative shall be exercised from time to time in her or his sole and absolute discretion and without prior authority or approval of any Court, and I intend that such powers be construed in the broadest possible extent.

#### ARTICLE NINE Construction Intentions

It is my intent that this Will be interpreted according to the following provisions:

1. The masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine as well as the neuter, and vice versa, as to each of them; the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, and vice versa.

2. The term "testator" as used herein is deemed to include me as Testator or Testatrix.

3. This Will is not a result of a contract between myself and any beneficiary, fiduciary or third party and I may revoke this Will at any time.

4. If any part of this Will shall be declared invalid, illegal, or inoperative for any reason, it is my expressed intent that the remaining parts shall be effective and fully operative and it is my intent that any Court so interpreting same construct this Will and any provision in favor of survival.

#### ARTICLE TEN Misc. Provisions

I direct that this Will and the construction thereof shall be governed by the Laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_.

(I have placed my initials next to the provisions below that I desire to adopt. Unmarked provisions are not adopted by me and are not a part of this Will)

If any person named herein \_\_\_\_\_ is indebted to me at the time of my death and such indebtedness be evidenced by a valid Promissory Note payable to me, then such person's portion of my estate shall be diminished by the amount of such debt.

Signed by Testator/Testatrix: \_\_\_\_\_

Any and all debts of my estate shall first be paid from my residuary estate. Any debts on any real property left herein shall be assumed by the person to receive such real property and not paid by my Personal Representative.

If any beneficiary under this Will contests this Will in any manner, directly or indirectly, or attacks this Will or any of its provisions, any share or interest in my estate given to the contesting beneficiary shall lapse and said beneficiary shall instead receive the sum of \$100.00 under this Will. Any share or interest so lapsing shall be disposed of as if the contesting beneficiary had predeceased me without issue.

I \_\_\_\_\_ desire to be buried in the cemetery in County,

I \_\_\_\_\_ direct that my remains be cremated and that the ashes be disposed of according to the wishes of my Executor.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having signed this Will in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who attested it at my request on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

(address), declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_ Testator/Testatrix

The above and foregoing Will of  
(name of testator/testatrix) was declared by  
(name of testator/testatrix) in our view and presence to be his/her Will and was signed and subscribed  
by the said  
(name of testator/testatrix) in our view and presence and at his/her request and in the view and  
presence of  
(name of testator/testatrix) and in the view and presence of each other, we, the undersigned, witnessed  
and attested the due execution of the Will of  
(name of testator/testatrix) on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ .

Witness Signature

Witness Signature

Print Name:

Print Name:

Address:

Address:

Telephone No.

Telephone No.

Signed by Testator/Testatrix: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTESTING WITNESSES SHOULD READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THIS  
AFFIDAVIT -- NOTARY SHOULD NOT BE A PARTY OR WITNESS

STATE OF             
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Each of the undersigned, individually and severally being duly sworn, deposes and says:

The within Will was subscribed in our presence and sight at the end thereof  
by \_\_\_\_\_, the within-named Testator/Testatrix, on  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at

[address].

Said Testator/Testatrix at the time of making such subscription declared the instrument so  
subscribed to be his/her Last Will and Testament.

Each of the undersigned thereupon signed his or her name as a witness at the end of said Will  
at the request of said Testator/Testatrix and in his/her presence and sight and in the presence and sight  
of each other.

Said Testator/Testatrix was, at the time of so executing said Will, over the age of 18 years and,  
in the respective opinions of the undersigned, of sound mind, memory and understanding and not  
under any restraint or in any respect incompetent to make a will.

The Testator/Testatrix, in the respective opinions of the undersigned, could read, write and  
converse in the English language and was suffering from no defect of sight, hearing or speech or from  
any other physical or mental impairment which would affect his/her capacity to make a valid will. The  
Will was executed as a single, original instrument and was not executed in counterparts. Each of the  
undersigned was acquainted with said Testator/Testatrix at said time and makes this affidavit at his/her  
request. The within Will was shown to the undersigned at the time affidavit was made, and was  
examined by each of them as to the signature of said Testator/ Testatrix and of the undersigned.

Witness

Witness

Severally sworn to before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Testator/Testatrix: \_\_\_\_\_