Durable Power of Attorney

From Leander S. Bennett To Alice Brown Williams

- I, Leander S. Bennett, whose address is 175 SW Lenox Glen, Ft White, Florida 32038, referred to herein as principal, appoint my Niece, Alice Brown Williams, whose address is P.O. Box 368, High Springs, Florida 32655, as my attorney-in-fact and agent, referred to herein as agent.
- 1. General Grant of Power. I hereby grant to my agent full power and authority to exercise or perform any act, power, duty, right or obligation whatsoever that I now have or may hereafter acquire, relating to any person, matter, transaction or any interest in property owned by me, including, without limitation, my interest in all real property, including homestead real property; all personal property, tangible or intangible; all property held in any type of joint tenancy, including a tenancy in common, joint tenancy with right of survivorship, or a tenancy by the entirety; all property over which I hold a general, limited or special power of appointment; choses in action; and all other contractual or statutory rights or elections, including, but not limited to, any rights or elections in any probate or similar proceeding to which I am or may become entitled; all as to such property now owned or hereafter acquired by me.

Except as otherwise limited by applicable law, or by this durable power of attorney, my agent has full power and authority to perform, without prior court approval, everything necessary in exercising any of the powers herein granted as fully as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, and even though my attorney-in-fact may also be acting individually or on behalf of any other person or entity interested in the same matters. I hereby ratify and confirm that my agent shall lawfully have, by virtue of this durable power of attorney, the powers herein granted, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. To forgive, request, demand, sue for, recover, collect, receive, hold all such sums of money, debts, dues, commercial paper, checks, drafts, accounts, deposits, legacies, bequests, devises, notes, interests, stock certificates, bonds, dividends, certificates of deposit, annuities, pensions, profit sharing, retirement, social security, insurance and other contractual benefits and proceeds, all intangible and tangible property and property rights, and demands whatsoever, liquidated or unliquidated, now or hereafter owned by me, or due, owing, payable or belonging to me or in which I have or may hereafter acquire an interest.
- b. To have, use, and take all lawful means and equitable and legal remedies and proceedings in my name for the collection and recovery of any property now or hereafter owned by me, and to adjust, sell, compromise, and agree for the same, and to execute and deliver for me, on my behalf, and in my name, all endorsements, releases, receipts, or other sufficient discharges for the same.
- c. To acquire, purchase, invest, reinvest, exchange, grant options to sell, and sell and convey personal property, tangible or intangible, or interests therein, for such price and on such terms and conditions as my agent shall deem proper including, without limitation, stocks, bonds, warrants, debentures, commodities, precious metals, futures, currencies, and in domestic and foreign markets or investment funds, including common trust funds.

- d. To execute stock powers or similar documents and to delegate to a transfer agent or similar person the authority to register any stocks, bonds, or other securities either into or out of my name or nominee's name.
- e. To redeem bonds issued by the United States Government or any of its agencies or any other bonds; and to purchase bonds issued by the United States Government that can be redeemed at par in payment of federal estate taxes.
- f. To acquire, purchase, exchange, grant options to sell, and sell and convey any and all of my real estate, lands, tenements, leases, leaseholds or other property partaking of the nature of real estate or any part or parcel thereof, which I now own or may hereafter acquire, or interests therein, including my homestead real property, at public or private sale, for such price and on such terms and conditions as my agent shall deem proper; to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same including, but not limited to, contracts, deeds, affidavits, bills of sale, assignments and closing statements; provided, however, that if I am married, my agent may not convey or dispose of my homestead property without joinder of my spouse or my spouse's legal guardian. Joinder by my spouse may be accomplished by the exercise of authority in a durable power of attorney executed by my joining spouse, and either my spouse or I may appoint the other as attorney-in-fact and agent.
- g. To maintain; repair, improve, invest, manage, partition, insure, rent, lease, encumber, and in any manner deal with any real or personal property, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, that I now own or may hereafter acquire, in my name and for my benefit, upon such terms and conditions as my agent shall deem proper; and to execute, acknowledge and deliver all instruments necessary to effectuate the foregoing.
- h. To conduct banking transactions as provided in section 709.2208(1), Florida Statutes; to make additions to or withdrawals from an account of the principal; to execute or release such deeds of trust or other security agreements as may be necessary or proper in the exercise of the rights and powers granted herein or as may be incorporated by reference to F.S. § 709.2208(1).
- i. To conduct investment transactions as provided in section 709.2208(2), Florida Statutes; to buy, sell and exchange commodity futures contracts and call and put options on stocks and stock indexes.
- j. To borrow from time to time such sums of money upon such terms as my agent shall deem appropriate for, or in relation to, any of the purposes or objects described herein, upon the security of any of my property whether real or personal, or otherwise, and for such purposes to give, execute, deliver and acknowledge mortgages with such powers and provisions as my agent may think proper, and also such notes, bonds, or other instruments as may be necessary or proper in connection therewith; provided, however, that if I am married, my agent may not mortgage my homestead property without joinder of my spouse or my spouse's guardian. Joinder by my spouse may be accomplished by the exercise of authority in a durable power of attorney executed by my joining spouse, and either my spouse or I may appoint the other as attorney-in-fact and agent.

- k. To apply for a Certificate of Title upon, and endorse and transfer title thereto for, any automobile, truck, pickup, van, motorcycle, mobile home or other motor vehicle, and to represent in such transfer assignment that the title to said motor vehicle is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances except those specifically set forth in such transfer assignment.
- 1. To conduct or participate in any lawful business of whatever nature for me and in my name; execute partnership agreements and amendments thereto; incorporate, reorganize, merge, consolidate, recapitalize, sell, liquidate or dissolve any business; enter into voting trusts and other agreements or subscriptions; elect or employ officers, directors and agents; carry out the provisions of any agreement for the sale of any business interest or stock therein; and exercise voting rights with respect to stock, either in person or by proxy, and exercise stock options.
- m. To transfer any or all assets of mine to any revocable trust created by me as to which trust I am, during my lifetime, a primary income or principal beneficiary.
- n. To withdraw from any trust, whether revocable or irrevocable, in which I have a current beneficial interest, such amounts of the principal or accrued or collected but undistributed income of such trusts as I would be permitted to receive or withdraw, pursuant to any right of receipt or withdrawal contained in such trusts.
- o. To make, execute and file any and all declarations, joint or separate returns, waivers, consents, claims and other instruments or forms (including, without limitation, IRS Form 2848 Power of Attorney and Petition of Appeal to the United States Tax Court) relating to federal, state, municipal and other taxes or assessments, including income, transfer, property, excise and other taxes of whatever nature and whether imposed or required by any domestic or by any foreign authority, and in connection with any such taxes or assessments due or claimed or believed to be due from me or in respect of any property or rights which I may own or in which I may have any interest.
- p. To represent me before any office of the Internal Revenue Service, state agency, or any other governmental or municipal body or authority of whatever nature, domestic or foreign, and to conduct and transact any case, claim or matter whatsoever in connection therewith; to receive confidential information regarding tax matters for all periods, whether before or after the execution of this instrument; and to make tax elections.
- q. To have access at any time or times to any safe deposit box rented by me, wherever located, and to remove all or any part of the contents thereof, and to surrender or relinquish said safe deposit box, and any institution in which any such safe deposit box may be located shall not incur any liability to me or my estate as a result of permitting my agent to exercise this power.
- r. To employ as investment counsel, custodians, brokers, accountants, appraisers, attorneys at law or other agents, such persons, firms or organizations, including my said agent and any firm of which my said agent may be a member or employee, as deemed necessary or desirable; to pay such persons, firms or organizations such compensation as is deemed reasonable; and to determine whether or not to act upon the advice of any such agent without liability for acting or failing to act thereon.

- s. Pursuant to the Florida Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act, Chapter 740 Florida Statutes, to access any digital assets (as defined therein) that I own or use or in which I am an account holder, either in my own name or jointly with anyone, including but not limited to online social accounts, email accounts, banks and brokerage firm accounts, mutual funds, retirement accounts, Internet service providers, retail vendors, utilities, credit agencies and the like; to open new accounts and close accounts as my agent determines is necessary or advisable and in my best interests; and to transfer funds among my online accounts as my agent deems necessary or advisable. Pursuant to the authority granted above, I further authorize my agent:
- (1) To access, use, and take possession and control of my digital devices including desktops, laptops, tablets, smart phones, mobile phones, external storage devices, and any similar digital device; and
- (2) To take such actions as necessary to assist my Agent in requesting, recovering, or decrypting any encrypted electronically stored information of mine or to recover or reset any password or other kind of account "sign in," login, username, or authorization in order to access any digital device or digital asset of mine.

Any person or entity that possesses, has custody of, or controls any digital assets of mine shall divulge to my Agent any electronically stored information, communication, record, or other electronic data pertaining to me maintained by that person or entity. Any agent acting under this authorization is to be construed as having my lawful consent under any applicable federal or state electronic data law, privacy law, or criminal law, including the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (including the Stored Communications Act thereunder) and the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act

2. Special Grant of Authority: In accordance with F.S. § 709.2202B, my attorney-in-fact shall have the following powers:

[Initial] To create an inter vivos trust on my behalf, whether revocable or irrevocable, under which I am a beneficiary;

[Initial] To modify, amend, revoke or terminate a trust under which I am a beneficiary, and to create, amend or revoke trusts for the benefit of others on my behalf;

[Initial] To participate in any judicial or nonjudicial modification of trust as permitted under Florida law;

[Initial] To make gifts of any of my real or personal property to any person or entity as my agent shall see fit (other than gifts to my agent), consistent with my overall estate plan or if it is in my best interests to make such gifts. Any gift made under this section shall not exceed the maximum amount allowable to me 1. As an annual exclusion for federal gift tax purposes, or if I

am married at the time of the gifts and my spouse has agreed to gift-splitting, twice that amount; or 2. As a qualified transfer for medical or educational expenses for federal gift tax purposes;

[Initial] To make gifts to himself or herself in any amount that my agent shall see fit and consistent with my overall estate plan, if my agent is my spouse or a descendant of mine;
[Initial] To create or change the rights of survivorship on any or all of my property, real or personal, including but not limited to bank accounts, investment accounts, life insurance, retirement plans, annuities, by any means necessary, including by changing ownership rights in such property;
[Initial] To create or change beneficiary designations for any and all of my property and/or any accounts, including financial instruments, life insurance policies, annuities, or retirement accounts;
£. 3.3. [Initial] To waive my right to be a beneficiary of a joint and survivor annuity, including a survivor benefit under a retirement plan.
[Initial] To execute on my behalf written waivers of any property or interest in property that I would otherwise receive, including property interests that would pass to me by intervivos or testamentary gift, devise or intestate succession, powers of appointment which I may possess or which may vest in me, or my homestead and/or elective share rights under Florida law.
3. Exoneration of Agent. The agent is not liable for any acts or decisions made by the agent in good faith and under this instrument.
4. <u>Interpretation and Governing Law.</u> This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a general durable power of attorney. The enumeration of specific powers herein is not intended to, nor does it, limit or restrict the general powers herein granted to my agent. This instrument is executed and delivered in the State of Florida, and the laws of the State of Florida shall govern all questions as to the validity of this power and the construction of its provisions. However, it is my intention that this power of attorney shall be exercisable in any other state or jurisdiction where I may have any property or interests in property.
5. Third-Party Reliance. Third parties may rely upon the representations of my agent as to all matters relating to any power granted to my agent, and no person who may act in reliance upon the representations of my agent shall incur any liability to me or to my estate, beneficiaries, or joint owners as a result of permitting my agent to exercise any power prior to receipt of written notice of revocation, suspension, notice of a petition to determine incapacity, partial or complete termination, or my death. Any third party may rely on a photocopy or electronically transmitted

copy of an original power of attorney as fully and completely as if such third party had received

6. <u>Disability of Principal</u>. THIS DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY IS NOT TERMINATED BY SUBSEQUENT INCAPACITY OF THE PRINCIPAL EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 709, FLORIDA STATUTES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR

the original of this instrument.

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Dated February 8, 2021.

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