

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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SHELBY COUNTY)

**GENERAL DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY
EFFECTIVE UPON DISABILITY, INCOMPETENCY
OR INCAPACITY OF PRINCIPAL**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, **SARAH H. HUGHES**, the
Undersigned, a resident of the county of Shelby, State of Alabama, have made, constituted and
appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute, and appoint my daughter, **SHERRY H.
GRISWOLD**, my true and lawful Attorney and Agent (hereinafter called "Agent"), for me in
my name, place, and stead, and on my behalf and benefit.

1. **GENERAL GRANT OF POWER:** 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 property, real or personal, tangible or
intangible, now owned, or hereafter acquired by me, including, without limitation,
the following specifically enumerated powers. I grant to my Agent full power and
authority to do 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, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my Agent shall
lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the powers
herein granted.

- (a) **Powers of Collection and Payment:** To forgive, request, demand, sue for,
recover, collect, receive, and 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, pension, profit sharing, retirement, social security,
insurance and other contractual benefits and proceeds, all documents of title,
all property, real or personal, intangible and tangible property and property
rights and demands whatsoever, liquidated or unliquidated, now or hereafter
owned by, or due, owing, payable or belonging to, me or in which I have or
may hereafter acquire an interest; to have, use and take all lawful means and
equitable and legal remedies and proceedings in my name for the collection
and recovery thereof, 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;

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(b) Power to Acquire and Sell: To acquire, purchase, exchange, and grant options to sell, mortgage, pledge, lease, sell and convey real or personal property, tangible or intangible and tangible property and property rights and demands whatsoever, liquidated or unliquidated, now or hereafter owned by, or due, owing, payable or belonging to, me or in which I have or may hereafter acquire an interest; to have, use and take all lawful means and equitable and legal remedies and proceedings in my name for the collection and recovery thereof, 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) Management Powers: To maintain, repair, improve, invest, manage, 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;

(d) Banking Powers: To make, receive and endorse checks and drafts, deposit and withdraw funds, acquire and redeem certificates of deposit, in banks, savings and loan associations and other institutions, 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 herein granted;

(e) Motor Vehicles: To apply for a Certificate of Title or Certificates of Origin upon, and endorse and transfer title thereto, for any automobile, truck, pickup, van, motorcycle or other motor vehicle and for any manufactured home, and to represent in such transfer assignment that the title to said motor vehicle or manufactured home is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances except those specifically set forth in such transfer assignment;

(f) Business Interests: To conduct or participate in any lawful business of whatever nature for me and in my name; to execute partnership agreements and amendments thereto; to incorporate, reorganize, merge, consolidate, recapitalize, sell, liquidate or dissolve any business; to elect or employ officers, directors and agents; to carry out the provisions of any agreement for the sale of any business interest or the stock therein; and to exercise voting rights with respect to stock, wither in person or by proxy, and to exercise stock options;

(g) Tax Powers: To prepare, sign and file joint or separate income tax returns or declarations of estimated tax for any year or years; to prepare, sign and file gift tax returns with respect to gifts made by me for any year or years; to consent to any gift and to utilize any gift-splitting provision or other tax election; and to prepare, sign and file any claims for refund of any tax;

- (h) Safe Deposit Boxes: To have access at any time or times to any safe deposit box rented by me, wheresoever 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;
- (i) Bonds: To purchase for and in my name United States Treasury Bonds issued before March 4, 1971, redeemable at par in payment of Federal estate taxes (including the power to borrow money and sign my name to any promissory note for such purpose, and to pledge any property of mine, including such Bonds as security for any such loan);
- (j) Power to Hold Property and Make Investments: The power to hold or acquire any property or securities, regardless whether such property or securities are a so-called "legal" investment, where such course is, in the said Agent's opinion, for my best interest;
- (k) Power of Access and Disclosure of Medical Records and Financial Information: To request, receive and review any information, verbal or written, regarding my financial affairs or my physical or mental health, including medical and hospital records, and to execute any releases or other documents required in order to obtain such information, and to disclose such information to such persons, organizations, firms or corporations as my Agent shall deem appropriate;
- (l) Power to Provide Health Care Services: To provide medical attention and service for me including choice of a physician; choice of a hospital or nursing home; and to provide such other care, comfort, maintenance and support as my Agent may deem necessary;
- (m) Power to Employ and Discharge Health Care Personnel: To employ and discharge medical personnel including such physicians, psychiatrists, dentists, nurses, and therapists as my Agent shall deem necessary for my physical, mental and emotional well-being, and to pay such individuals, or any of them reasonable compensation;
- (n) Power to Borrow: To borrow any sum or sums of money on such terms (including the power to borrow against the cash surrender value of any life insurance policy issued on my life, and with such security, whether real or personal property, as my Agent may think fit, and for the purpose to execute all promissory notes, bonds, mortgages, deeds of trust, security agreements, and other instruments which may be necessary or proper;
- (o) Disclaimer: To exercise or release powers of appointment in whole or in part and to disclaim or renounce in whole or in part any interest I might otherwise

have as a joint owner, beneficiary, heir or otherwise and in exercising such discretion, my Agent may take into account such matters as shall include but shall not be limited to any reduction in state or inheritance taxes on my estate, and the effect of such renunciation or disclaimer upon persons interested in my estate and persons who would receive the renounced or disclaimed property;

(p) Trusts: To transfer, assign and convey any property or interest in property, the legal or equitable title to which is in my name, to any trust of which I am the primary beneficiary during my lifetime and under the terms of which I expressly have the power to amend or revoke such trust, and to exercise any right of withdrawal of income and/or principal which I may have pursuant to the terms and conditions of such trust, whether such trust was created before or after the execution of this power of attorney;

(q) Power to Change Beneficiaries on Any Insurance Policies on My Life: To change the beneficiaries on any insurance policies on my life, provided, however, that neither such right and power, nor any other rights and powers, shall be exercisable with respect to any policies of life insurance on the life of my said Agent herein named, which may at any time be owned by me.

2. Miscellaneous: In the event I should become incapable of effectively transacting business because of illness or other incapacity, then I grant to the Agent named herein the following additional powers and authority:

(a) In the event any Agent named herein should be of the opinion at any time that he or she does not have the expertise to manage all or any part of my assets, I grant to said Agent the right and power to delegate the management powers hereinabove granted over all or any part of my assets to any bank or trust company having at such time total resources of not less than One Hundred Twenty-Five Million Dollars, and to enter into any management or agency agreements with the said bank or trust company pertaining thereto, with the right on the part of the Agent named herein to revoke and cancel any such agreement at any time upon not more than ninety (90) days' written notice to said bank or trust company;

(b) I grant full and absolute authority to the Agent named herein, on a noncumulative, yearly basis, to make gifts to my children, in trust or otherwise, as well as to their spouses and to their children, in trust or otherwise, with the amount of gifts to each such person each year not to exceed that amount which is excludable from the total amount of gifts made during such year under Section 2503(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time;

(c) I further authorize and empower the Agent named herein to use and apply so much of the income and principal of the assets comprising my estate as may

be necessary or desirable, in the sole discretion of said Agent, for my maintenance and support, and for the maintenance and support of any person dependent upon me, taking into consideration other income, resources, or financial assistance available to any of them from all other sources. Any provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Agent shall have no power or authority to use or apply the principal to discharge any legal obligation the Agent may have to support me or any person dependent upon me;

- (d) I further authorize and empower my Agent to engage, employ and dismiss any agents, clerks, servants, attorneys-at-law, accountants, investment advisors, custodians, or other persons in and about the performance of these presents as my Agent shall deem advisable.

Any decisions made by said Agent with respect to the matters set forth hereinabove in subsections (b), (c), and (d) shall be final, binding and conclusive upon all of the beneficiaries of my estate, and said Agent shall be released and discharged of and from all liability for any such decisions that he or she may make in good faith with respect thereto.

3. **INTERPRETATIONS AND GOVERNING LAW:** 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 Alabama, and the laws of the State of Alabama shall govern all questions as to the validity of this power and the construction of its provisions.
4. **INDEMNITY:** I hereby bind myself to indemnify my Agent, and any successor who shall so act, against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, actions and causes of action, including expenses, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees which my Agent at any time may sustain or incur in connection with carrying out the authority granted him or her in this power of attorney.
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 or the authority granted to my Agent shall incur any liability to me or my estate as a result of permitting my Agent to exercise any power.
6. **EFFECTIVENESS OF POWER OF ATTORNEY:** This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a general durable power of attorney effective only upon my disability, incompetency or incapacity, it being my intent that the authority conferred herein upon my said Agent shall be exercisable only upon my subsequent disability, incompetency or incapacity. For the purposes of the powers and authority herein granted to my said Agent, I shall be presumed to be physically or mentally disabled or incompetent upon the presentation of a certificate or other writing executed by a physician duly licensed to practice medicine in any state in the United States stating that at such time I have become physically

incapacitated, or feeble minded or so mentally or physically defective by reason of age, sickness, use of drugs, the excessive use of alcohol or for other causes that I am unable to take care of my property, and, in consequence thereof, I am liable to dissipate or lose the same, or to become the victim of designing persons. When the letter or other writing appointing such physician and the certificate or other writing of such physician relating to my physical or mental condition at such time, all as hereinabove set forth, shall be attached to this power of attorney, my Agent will then be authorized to represent to all third parties that the powers and authority granted to him or her as herein set forth have become fully effective, and that no person who may act in reliance upon such representation of my Agent or the authority granted to my Agent herein shall incur any liability to me or my estate as a result of permitting my Agent to exercise any such power.

7. **NOMINATION OF GUARDIAN OR CURATOR:** In the event court proceedings are hereafter commenced to appoint a guardian, curator or other fiduciary to take charge of, manage and conserve my property, I hereby nominate and appoint my Agent above-named as my guardian, curator, or other fiduciary.
8. **REVOCATION:** This general durable power of attorney may be voluntarily revoked by me by me by written instrument delivered to my Agent. My guardian may also revoke this instrument by written instrument delivered to my Agent. Any affidavit executed by my Agent stating that he or she does not have, at the time of doing any act pursuant to this power of attorney, actual knowledge of the revocation or termination of this power of attorney, is, in the absence of fraud, conclusive proof of the nonrevocation or nontermination of the power at that time.
9. **DEATH:** My death shall not revoke or terminate this agency as to my Agent or any other person who, without actual knowledge of my death, acts in good faith under this power of attorney. Any action so taken, unless otherwise invalid or unenforceable, shall be binding upon me and my heirs, devisees, and personal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this General Durable Power of Attorney, effective upon my disability, incapacity or incompetency, in three (3) counterparts, and I have directed that photographic copies of this power be made, which shall have the same force and effect as the original.

Dated at Birmingham, Alabama, on the 15 day of February 1999.

Sch Sarah H. Hughes
~~Sherry H. Griswold~~
Sarah H. Hughes

State of Alabama)
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Shelby County)

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Sherry H. Griswold, whose name is signed to the foregoing Power of Attorney, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the Power of Attorney, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 15 day of February, 1999.

Glen E. Milstead
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: October 9, 2001

BIRMINGHAM HEMATOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY ASSOCIATES, P.C.

JAMES E. CANTRELL, JR., M.D.

IRA GORE, JR., M.D.

November 1, 1999

To whom it may concern,

Sarah Hughes is a patient under my care in treatment of brain cancer. Unfortunately, her disease has progressed in such a way that she is physically incapacitated and mentally incompetent. This situation will not improve. It is entirely appropriate should she have executed durable power of attorney that provisions of this document might be executed at this time. Should there be questions the validity of Mrs. Hughes' medical situation, please contact my office.

Sincerely,



Ira Gore, Jr., M.D.

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