

GENERAL DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, **MARILYN RUTH COOKSEY**, of the County of Shelby, State of Alabama, have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint my daughter, Ann Cooksey Chambers, my true and lawful Attorney and Agent (hereinafter called "Agent"), for me in my name, place and stead, and for my behalf and benefit:

GENERAL GRANT OF POWER

To generally act as my attorney or agent in relation to all matters in which I may be interested or concerned, and on my behalf to execute all instruments and to do all acts and things of every kind and character as fully and effectually in all respects as I myself could do if personally present. I hereby ratify and confirm whatsoever my said attorney shall do or cause to be done. This power of attorney shall not be affected by disability, incompetency, or incapacity of the principal.

This Durable Power of Attorney is executed pursuant to *Alabama Uniform Power of Attorney Act*, Chapter 1A, Title 26, *Code of Alabama* 1975. This power of attorney shall not be affected by the disability, incompetency, or incapacity of the principal.

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;

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;

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, or interests therein, on such terms and conditions as my Agent shall deem proper, with full authority to sign, endorse, execute and deliver any sales agreement, deed, bill of sale and all other instruments or documents pertaining to the sale of any of my real or personal property; and to enter into bonds, contracts, mortgages and deeds connected therewith;

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;

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;

MOTOR VEHICLES

To apply for a Certificate of Title upon, and endorse and transfer title thereto, for any automobile, truck, pickup, van, motorcycle 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;

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, either in person or by proxy, and to exercise stock options;

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 elections; and to prepare, sign and file any claims for refund of any tax;

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;

POWER TO HOLD PROPERTY AND MAKE INVESTMENTS

The power to hold or acquire any property or securities, regardless of 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;

**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 that may be 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;

POWER TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES

To give or withhold consent to any medical procedure, test, or treatment for me including choice of a physician, hospital, or nursing home; to revoke, withdraw, modify or change consents to such procedures, tests or treatment; and to provide such other care, comfort, maintenance, and support as my Agent may deem necessary;

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;

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 that purpose to execute all

promissory notes, bonds, mortgages, deeds of trust, security agreements, and other instruments which may be necessary or proper;

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 that 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 estate 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;

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;

MISCELLANEOUS

I grant to the Agent named herein the following additional powers and authority:

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;

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 that the Agent or any other person may have to support me or any dependent or beneficiary of mine, except to the extent that there are no assets reasonably available to the person having the obligation of support to pay the same.

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 think fit.

Any decisions made by the said Agent with respect to the matters set forth hereinabove 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.

INTERPRETATION AND GOVERNING LAW

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 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.

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 presentations 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.

NOMINATION OF GUARDIAN OR CONSERVATOR

In the event court proceedings are hereafter commenced to appoint a guardian, conservator, or other fiduciary to take charge of my person, or to manage and conserve my property, I hereby nominate and appoint my Agent above-named as my guardian, conservator, or other fiduciary, to serve without bond unless otherwise required by a court of competent jurisdiction, to the extent allowed by law. This provision is an exercise of my rights under *Ala. Code 26-1A-108*.

REVOCATION

This general durable power of attorney may be voluntarily revoked 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 non-revocation or non-termination of the power at that time.

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, and I have directed that photographic copies of this power be made, which shall have the same force and effect as an original.

Dated the 13th day of April, 2021.

Marilyn Ruth Cooksey
MARILYN RUTH COOKSEY

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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COUNTY OF SHELBY)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that **MARILYN RUTH COOKSEY**, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this 13th day of April, 2021.

Mark S Boardman

Notary Public
My commission expires: October 26, 2022

SEAL

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