Durable Power of Attorney of Marci D Wheeler

I, Marci D Wheeler of 138 Patriot Park, Montevallo, AL 35115, am creating a durable power of attorney intended to comply with Alabama law. I hereby revoke all powers of attorney previously granted by me as Principal and terminate all Agency relationships created by me except—

Article One Appointment, Effectiveness, and Durability

Section 1.01 Initial Agent

I appoint Britney Y Dickson to serve as my Agent.

Section 1.02 Successor Agent

If Britney Y Dickson resigns, dies, becomes incapacitated, is not qualified to serve, or declines or otherwise fails to serve, I appoint the following to serve as my successor Agent, in the order named:

First:

Deborah Glasgow

Second:

Audrey A Thibodeaux

If any successor Agent resigns, dies, becomes incapacitated, is not qualified to serve, or declines or otherwise fails to serve as my Agent, I appoint the next successor Agent named above to serve as my Agent.

Section 1.03 Authority to Delegate

Any serving Agent may delegate, in writing, any of the Agent's authority granted under this Durable Power of Attorney. The serving Agent making a delegation under this provision may revoke the delegation at any time.

Section 1.04 Self-Dealing by Spouse or Descendant

This Section only applies if my spouse or a descendant of mine is serving as my Agent.

My Agent may engage in acts of self-dealing, even if state law restricts acts of self-dealing.

Section 1.05 No Person Under 21 Years of Age May Serve as Agent

No person named as my Agent or successor Agent may serve until that person has attained the age of 21 years.

Section 1.06 Effectiveness

The authority granted to my Agent under this Durable Power of Attorney shall be effective immediately upon signing.

Section 1.07 Durability

The authority granted to my Agent under this Durable Power of Attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent disability, incompetency, incapacity, or lapse of time.

Article Two General Powers

I grant my Agent the following powers and my Agent may do everything necessary to exercise any power:

Real Property as defined in § 26-1A-204

Tangible Personal Property as defined in § 26-1A-205

Stocks and Bonds as defined in § 26-1A-206

Commodities and Options as defined in § 26-1A-207

Banks and Other Financial Institutions as defined in § 26-1A-208

Operation of Entity or Business as defined in § 26-1A-209

Insurance and Annuities as defined in § 26-1A-210

Estates, Trusts, and Other Beneficial Interests as defined in § 26-1A-211

Claims and Litigation as defined in § 26-1A-212

Personal and Family Maintenance as defined in § 26-1A-213

Benefits from Government Programs or Military Service as defined in § 26-1A-214

Retirement Plans as defined in § 26-1A-215

Taxes as defined in § 26-1A-216

Make a gift, including to the agent, exceeding the monetary limitations of § 26-1A-217 and the federal gift tax exclusion amount (26 U.S.C. Section 2503(b), as amended).

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 delegate.

Create or change rights of survivorship, and/or change or create a beneficiary designation.

Create, amend, revoke, or terminate an inter vivos trust, (revocable or irrevocable) by trust or applicable law and to act as trustee.

My Agent has full authority to deal with Online Accounts, Digital Assets, and Digital Devices of all kinds, wherever located. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the power to acquire, create, establish, access, control, modify, cancel, delete, continue, transfer, and take possession of such accounts, assets, and devices. My Agent may request and change my access credentials to any Online Account, Digital Asset, and Digital Device (such as username, password, and secret question), and any third-party dealing with my Agent in good faith will be held harmless for releasing such access credentials.

My Agent may act for me with respect to bankruptcy or insolvency, whether voluntary or involuntary, concerning me or some other person, or with respect to a reorganization, receivership, or application for the appointment of a receiver or trustee that affects an interest I have in any property or other thing of value.

My Agent may make payments as my Agent deems necessary for the health, education, maintenance, or support of those my Agent determines to be dependent on me for support.

Article Three Additional Powers

Section 3.01 Nomination of Conservator and/or Guardian

I intend hereby to render unnecessary any future proceeding for a court-appointed Conservator or Guardian, in the event I become temporarily or permanently incapacitated or incompetent. Accordingly, request, in the strongest possible terms, that any court that may receive or act upon a petition for the appointment of a Conservator should deny such petition so long as my Agent is acting under this power of attorney.

If a Conservator or Guardian is ever appointed for me in spite of this request, I direct that the person serving, or named to serve, as my Agent under this power of attorney be named as my Conservator and/or Guardian.

Article Four Administrative Powers and Provisions

This Article contains certain administrative powers and provisions that facilitate the use of the Durable Power of Attorney and that protect my Agent and those who rely upon my Agent.

Section 4.01 Compensation and Reimbursement to Agent

If my Agent is a professional (such as an attorney; accountant; geriatric care manager; professional guardian, conservator, or other fiduciary; or other professional, including entities that provide similar services), my Agent is entitled to compensation for services rendered pursuant to this Durable Power of Attorney at such professional's then stated rates. If my Agent is not a professional, my Agent is entitled to such compensation at a reasonable rate under the circumstances.

Section 4.02 Revocation

I may revoke this Durable Power of Attorney at any time.

Section 4.03 Signature of Agent

My Agent shall use substantially the following form when signing documents on my behalf pursuant to this power:

[Agent's name], as Agent for Marci D Wheeler.

Section 4.04 Interpretation

This Durable Power of Attorney is a general power of attorney and should be interpreted as granting my Agent all general powers permitted under Alabama law. The description of specific powers is not intended to, nor does it, limit or restrict any of the general powers granted to my Agent.

Section 4.05 Third-Party Reliance

No person who relies in good faith on the authority of my Agent under this Durable Power of Attorney will incur any liability to me, my estate, or my heirs, successors, and assigns.

Section 4.06 Effect of Duplicate Originals or Copies

If this Durable Power of Attorney has been executed in multiple counterparts, each counterpart original will have equal force and effect. My Agent may make copies of this Durable Power of Attorney and each copy will have the same force and effect as the original. A copy means an electronic, digital, facsimile, photocopy, or other reproduction of this Durable Power of Attorney.

Article Five Duties and Liabilities of My Agent

Section 5.01 Duty to Account

My Agent shall render statements of account of receipts, disbursements, principal on hand, and transactions conducted on my behalf pursuant to Alabama law.

Dated: January 6, 2025

Marci D. Wholes Marci D Wheeler, Principal

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, JoAnn B. Higginbotham, a Notary Public, hereby certify that signatory, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument or conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument or conveyance, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date: Gjyen under my hand this January 6, 2025.

> JoAnn B. Higgin otham, Notary Public My-eommission expires January 23, 2027

This instrument was prepared by JoAnn B. Higginbotham, Vertical Estate Planning, LLC, 412 4th Avenue SW #270, Cullman, Alabama 35055.



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