From:	Carl Brunsting
To:	Candy
Subject:	earthquake
Date:	Thursday, January 07, 2010 1:44:36 PM

Been thinking of sending you a line, and seeing the news of the earthquake today gave me an excuse. So, did you feel the quake (or temblor as they call them - I hate that word)? Mother is huffing and puffing at the slightest exersion, as she has been for the past year or so. Otherwise, she seems to be doing well.

Marta has 2 1/2 months to go - the doctor said the baby's weight is in the 60 percentile and it's turned into the right position - in the previous sonogram it was backwards or head up or something not ideal. She says it has Ryan's nose, and I believe it. The first sonogram picture from a few months ago, fuzzy as it was, looked to me like the kid has Ryan's head shape. The won't tell us what they're naming her, it's a secret.

Drina and I went to New Orleans for a few days between Christmas and New Years. We stayed in a nice small hotel in the non-commercial half of the French Quarter - really great, like you're in Europe. The Quarter, downtown and the Garden Distric look as good as I've seen them. We saw some of Katrina's mess on the edge of the Quarter, but didn't see the areas hardest hit. Saw some Brad Pitt for Mayor stickers - he's done a lot to help re-build. Great people there. Drina lived there in the early 70's and would give anything to move back.

Getting very cold here tonight and for the next four days and nights.

Hope you and Kevan and Andy are well and that you're enjoying your environs.

Love Carl

1

From:	Carl Brunsting
То:	Candy
Subject:	Van the Man
Date:	Thursday, February 25, 2010 7:42:48 AM

Van Morrison is coming to Houston and we've got good seats! Neither one of us has seen him before. Apparently he cancelled some January Texas concerts due to exhaustion, but is doing Houston May 1st before he's in New Orleans for the Jazz Festival (where I wish we were really going to see him).

It's a pretty day here today, crystal clear, but it's still Houston. Say hey to Kevan & Andrew

Carl

From:	Carl Brunsting
To:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re: hello great aunties
Date:	Monday, March 01, 2010 6:59:16 AM

Thanks

----- Original Message -----From: <u>Candace Curtis</u> To: <u>Carl Brunsting</u> Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2010 10:34 AM Subject: Re: hello great aunties

Congratulations grandpa!

--- On Fri, 2/26/10, Carl Brunsting <<u>cbarch@sbcglobal.net</u>> wrote:

From: Carl Brunsting <<u>cbarch@sbcglobal.net</u>> Subject: hello great aunties To: "Candy" <<u>occurtis@sbcglobal.net</u>>, "Carole" <<u>cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net</u>>, "Amy" <<u>at.home3@yahoo.com</u>>, "Anita" <<u>akbrunsting@suddenlink.net</u>> Date: Friday, February 26, 2010, 8:16 AM

Marta gave birth to Haley Marie Huntsman at about 4:30 this morning. Ryan and Drina were with her the whole time helping, I was home sleeping. She's was jittle early, 6 lbs 2 oz, and looked great when I saw her at about 6:00. No word regarding the shower yet - they may kick them both out tomorrow, but we don't know yet.

Carl

From:Carl BrunstingTo:Candy; Carole; Amy; AnitaSubject:Fw: interesting Chronicle articleDate:Monday, March 01, 2010 7:02:31 AMAttachments:Haley Huntsman.JPG

• •

----- Original Message -----From: <u>Carl Brunsting</u> To: <u>marta</u> ; <u>Ryan Huntsman</u> ; <u>Drina</u> Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 11:01 AM Subject: interesting Chronicle article

please see attached article about HMH

Friday, February 26, 2010

# Haley Hunstman Hits Town

Houston Of

Haley Marie Huntsman thrilled the crowds at The Womens Hospital of Texas morning with this 811 apparance in the Labor and Delivery Ward, Earlier than officially scheduled to debut, the dainty beauty breezed through the rigors check-in, proudly of displaying her blackened feet and matchin' with Dad by sporting a knit cap of her own. At 6 lbs 2 oz,

Haley still brought plenty Ren game the tó folle occasion making Mom Marta work ingo for the payoff. Haley is take up The expected to residence in Houston's that Robindell area with parents rela Ryan & Marta and not far the from Nonnie Drina. Haley beh of a may pursue sports B career, then again she may expo go into fashion, the world it rti waits and watches. its

heh

From:	Anita Brunsting
To:	"Candace Curtis"; "Amy Tschirhart"
Subject:	trust waiver docs
Date:	Monday, March 01, 2010 8:18:24 PM
Attachments:	NOTIFICATION OF DEMAND RIGHT - BRUNSTING FAMILY TRUST - Amy.doc
	NOTIFICATION OF DEMAND RIGHT - BRUNSTING FAMILY TRUST - Candy, doc

,

v. ,

#### Hi,

I need some more copies of your signed "Notification of Demand Right". Could you print out about 5 copies, sign the bottom (leave date blank) and mail them back to me? I would have you scan them and send me an electronic version, but I'm not sure what the trust requires, so I'd rather err on the safe side. If you could get them to me in the next couple of weeks, I'd appreciate it.

#### Thanks, Anita

203 Bloomingdale Circle Victoria, TX 77904

K B



L dave se



# **NOTIFICATION OF DEMAND RIGHT**

This notice is to inform you that on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_a gift was made to the BRUNSTING FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST, dated February 12, 1997, under which you are a beneficiary. As a beneficiary, you have the right to withdraw your share of this gift within thirty (30) days after the date of this Notification of Demand Right. In no event can the total amount withdrawable by you in this calendar year exceed the annual limit on withdrawals as provided in the trust.

Your withdrawal right is noncumulative and, to the extent you do not exercise it, will lapse thirty (30) days after the date of this Notification of Demand Right.

If you need any additional information to assist you in making a decision regarding the exercise of your withdrawal rights, or if you wish to exercise your withdrawal rights, you must contact the Trustee in writing.

Dated:

ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, Trustee

n d

# WAIVER OF WITHDRAWAL

I acknowledge receipt of this Notification of Demand Right. I waive my right to demand my share of this gift from the trust. I do not waive my right to subsequent gifts made to the trust.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

•

AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

é A

# **NOTIFICATION OF DEMAND RIGHT**

This notice is to inform you that on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_a gift was made to the BRUNSTING FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST, dated February 12, 1997, under which you are a beneficiary. As a beneficiary, you have the right to withdraw your share of this gift within thirty (30) days after the date of this Notification of Demand Right. In no event can the total amount withdrawable by you in this calendar year exceed the annual limit on withdrawals as provided in the trust.

Your withdrawal right is noncumulative and, to the extent you do not exercise it, will lapse thirty (30) days after the date of this Notification of Demand Right.

If you need any additional information to assist you in making a decision regarding the exercise of your withdrawal rights, or if you wish to exercise your withdrawal rights, you must contact the Trustee in writing.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

· · · · ·

ية. 14-يفي

ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, Trustee

# WAIVER OF WITHDRAWAL

I acknowledge receipt of this Notification of Demand Right. I waive my right to demand my share of this gift from the trust. I do not waive my right to subsequent gifts made to the trust.

Dated:

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

4

From:	Amy Tschirhart
To:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re: Stuff
Date:	Tuesday, March 02, 2010 6:12:57 PM

#### Hi Candy,

I'm so glad you emailed. I've been wondering how you are doing. I know what you mean about not knowing the status of the trust. I would like to know more about it too.

The kids are doing fine. They are keeping busy with karate, baseball (Jack), basketball (Ann), and choir. I'm doing OK. It feels like I'm in constant motion.

We went to Houston last Friday and got to see Marta's baby. She was only about 6 pounds, so it felt like I was holding a large kitten. She's adorable (of course!). Marta was doing fine, just tired. Mom seems like she's doing fine. She's walking pretty slowly because she has trouble breathing still. I haven't seen anyone else for a while. It's weird how things have changed.

I'll call you when I have some time to talk. I miss you a lot.

Love, Amy

# --- On Tue, 3/2/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Stuff To: "Amy" <at.home3@yahoo.com> Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 12:52 PM

Hi Amy,

Haven't talked to you for awhile. It seems like everyone was crabby last time we all got together at Daddy's funeral. Living this far away has its benefits, but I miss seeing you and the long talks we used to have.

Daily living could be worse, but it could also be a lot better if there was more money to spend. I've been living the lifestyle of a college student at best. Working hard with nothing to show for it.

I just received ANOTHER request from Anita to sign those blank forms. The last time she sent them I threw them away after I asked her for information and it wasn't forthcoming. In the last two years I've asked for copies of the trust documents at least 3 times. Yes, it's because I need money. I'm struggling to keep the house because I have nowhere to go if I lose it. What little credit I have in my name is BAD. It sucks to be old school. I never thought Owen would abandon me, so everything is in his name. Anita knows next to nothing about what she is trustee of, unless she knows more than she is admitting to. I can't consider my options when I don't know what they are. Her last response was, "if you take money out, what will it do to the

rest of us?". I would never do anything to compromise our inheritance, but I think I'm entitled to know the details. Besides, it would be better to take the money out rather than lose it in the stock market. Even ExxonMobil could have the bottom drop out at some point. I'm sure Daddy gave us all copies when he set it up, but they are buried in my basement in the box with things I never wanted to look at.

I know I'm preaching to the choir, so I'll stop. How are you and the kids? Call me sometime 925-759-9020.

Love you,

Candy

51 · .

a Norman Norman

2.1

P14217

docs
02, 2010 7:50:28 PM

For now could you please send me a signed waiver dated 3/19/09, for last years files? With dad's death I didn't get all the paperwork done. I think you sent mom some signed copies last year, but they have gotten lost w/ all of the paperwork she had to complete last year.

From: Candace Curtis [mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net] Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2010 11:15 AM To: Anita Brunsting Subject: Re: trust waiver docs

#### Hi Anita,

Please send me a copy of the trust document and a current statement of the account. I'm sorry to be such a pain, but I'd like to know what I'm waiving before I sign a blank form.

Thanks.

## --- On Mon, 3/1/10, Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> wrote:

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> Subject: trust waiver docs To: "'Candace Curtis'" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "'Amy Tschirhart'" <at.home3@yahoo.com> Date: Monday, March 1, 2010, 8:18 PM

÷ .

Hi,

I need some more copies of your signed "Notification of Demand Right". Could you print out about 5 copies, sign the bottom (leave date blank) and mail them back to me? I would have you scan them and send me an electronic version, but I'm not sure what the trust requires, so I'd rather err on the safe side. If you could get them to me in the next couple of weeks, I'd appreciate it.

Thanks, Anita

203 Bloomingdale Circle Victoria, TX 77904

41

From:Anita BrunstingTo:"Candace Curtis"Subject:Happy Birthday!Date:Friday, March 12, 2010 9:16:23 PM

v.

• ,

-.

# Happy Birthday!

Love, Anita

,

From:	Carole Brunsting
To:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re:
Date:	Monday, March 15, 2010 8:51:57 AM

Happy Belated Birthday! The job market in Houston is not real good so I am not very optimistic. Unfortunately unemployment will only cover about 1/4 of my living expenses. Will call you soon.

## --- On Sun, 3/7/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: To: cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net Date: Sunday, March 7, 2010, 9:41 AM

Hi Carole,

Mother just told me you're getting laid off. I guess it's better than the pay cut I'm going to get, at least you can collect unemployment. Owen is after me to file for divorce. That will be a double pay cut for me this year. What is it with men?

Anita keeps asking me to sign blank waivers for that life insurance. I've asked her for copies of the document for a couple of years now. I was hoping to at least borrow against it. I don't want to lose my house. She simply gives me an excuse and puts the pressure on for me to sign. I don't think I'm going to do it until I get some answers.

Call me sometime soon so we can talk about this. 925-759-9020.

Love you,

Candy

From:Carl BrunstingTo:mom; Candy; Carole; Amy; AnitaSubject:Haley"s blogDate:Monday, March 22, 2010 6:51:59 AM

Check out the pictures under 'People in my Life', for pictures of Great-Grandma, and Aunt Amy with Ann & Jack

----- Original Message -----From: Haley To: cbarch@sbcglobal.net Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2010 5:59 PM Subject: updated



Regards.

baby blogstone LOVE, GROW, SHAPE

If you no longer wish to receive updates to this baby blog, please  $\underline{slick}$   $\underline{hg}_{lsc}$  to be removed from haleybaby's friend's list.

 From:
 Carole Brunsting

 To:
 occurtis@sbcqlobal.net

 Subject:
 My Resume

 Date:
 Sunday, March 28, 2010 2:54:05 PM

 Attachments:
 Carole Brunsting.docx

· ,

# **CAROLE BRUNSTING**

5822 Jason Street, Houston, Texas 77074 - (713) 560-6381 - cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net

# **QUALIFICATIONS**

Analytical, dedicated professional with extensive hands on accounting, treasury, and management experience in diverse industries spanning technology, staffing, cash machines, and retail. Resultsoriented, effective communicator with excellent interpersonal relationship building skills. Recognized as an innovative problem solver by ChaseSource, LLP, The MattressFirm, CardTronics, and Hewlett Packard, demonstrating expertise in streamlining operations, cutting expenses, and improving revenue growth. Additional expertise in:

Project Management

Human Resources / Benefits

- Strategic Planning
- Cost Accounting
- AP & AR Management
- Profit & Loss Management
- General Ledger Management
- Team Building
- Purchasing / Contract Negotiations

# **CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

## ChaseSource, LLP

- Evaluated and selected a new employee benefit provider, preventing a 44% price increase without sacrificing service offerings
- Aggressive receivables management resulted in write offs of less than .003% on annual balance of \$11 million in receivables in 2009
- Tight management of cash flow resulted in borrowing only two times in 2009 and the funds were paid back to the line of credit within 24 hours

## The Mattress Firm

- Evaluated current contracts and renegotiated with strategic suppliers, reducing costs by over \$850K.
- Analyzed current advertising terms, reducing rates by over \$100K per year

## Hewlett Packard

- Collaborated with a consultant to create Compag Payables Online, the first online real time Internet application, allowing vendors access to payables information; received a software patent
- Performed as the Project Team Lead for the JDEdwards integration for warehousing and a SAP 4.6 integration with ManMan for the Remarketing Consumer & Commercial Product Department
- Participated in systems conversions, including ManMan to SAP (worldwide A/P switchover); configured, tested, and documented sites in Mexico, Canada, Argentina, Columbia, Chile, Venezuela and U.S. manufacturing sites
- Reengineered accounts payable processes and reduced headcount, reducing the budget \$1MM annually
- Implemented ACH payment process and created an Accurate Cash Flow application used by Compaq's treasury, securing over \$6MM in interest back to Compaq annually

# **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### CHASESOURCE, LLP, Houston, Texas Controller

- Directs 5 staff and manages the General Ledger, ensuring department workflow matches proper internal controls; prepared and reported monthly financial statements
- Conducts daily cash reporting on A/P & A/R; manages short-term and long-term borrowing
- Coordinates payroll for over 50 internal staff and 300 contractors; performs all tax filings

2008-Present

# **CAROLE BRUNSTING**

- Manages, reviews, and completes documentation for workers' compensation and liability insurance, facilitating external audits with zero findings
- Performs compensation analysis on 30 corporate office staff, ensuring internal and external equity
- Performs facilities and property management, coordinating contractors, vendor contracts and renewals, and invoice approval

# CARDTRONICS, Houston, Texas

# Accounting Manager/Treasurer

- Directed a supervisor, 5 accounts receivable and 4 accounts payable staff, ensuring the departments workflows provided for proper internal controls
- Prepared and reviewed consolidated monthly financial statements; supplied reports for internal auditors.
- Advised and supported the assistant controller on budget control, forecasting, management analysis, and SOX documentation
- Collaborated with a team to assist the department in preparation of IPO; wrote internal controls for accounts payables and treasury workflows
- Managed short/long term borrowing and daily cash reporting as treasurer

# THE MATTRESS FIRM, Houston, Texas

# Accounting Manager

- Managed an inventory supervisor and 8 accounts payable clerks; ensured department workflow provided for proper internal controls and coordinated financial reporting and budgeting activities for 404 retail locations
- Prepared and reviewed consolidated monthly financial statements; supplied reports for internal auditors.
- Advised and assisted the controller with complex issues for budget control, forecasting, management analysis, and SOX compliance/documentation
- Performed short and long term management of internal controls in preparation of IPO

# HEWLETT PACKARD, Houston, Texas

## Accounting Manager, Remarketing Consumer & Commercial Product (2001-2005)

- Managed accountants, ensuring accurate and timely of accounting entries and G/L closings and performing regular performance reviews
- Advised operations staff on issues ranging from routine to complex, concerning budget controls, management analysis, and internal controls; coordinated financial reporting and budgeting initiatives for Compaq Works and Remarketing Manufacturing Division
- Reviewed and prepared financial reports, supplying various analyses on spending patterns and innovative approaches/solutions for improvements to financial management processes

## Financial Manager, Product Cost (1999-2001)

- Managed most aspects of monthly close process and.
- Performed cost accounting and reconciled Product Price Variance for consumer desktops and portables, driving process improvements to ensure product costs were accurate; examined, analyzed, and interpreted data to ensure component costs were recorded and loaded into standard cost tables
- Conducted supplier financial strength analysis; discovered many vendor quote errors, saving millions of dollars in overpayments

# Financial Manager (1996-1999)

- Prepared and reviewed consolidated monthly financial statements for reporting to external auditors
- Coordinated with procurement, supply chain, treasury, and other staff to clarify information on processes, ensuring timely, reliable, and accurate management of funds and associated data
- Participated in systems conversions, including ManMan to SAP (worldwide A/P switchover)
- Managed the Go-Live of manufacturing sites MM/FI/CO and configured accounts payable processes in FI/MM using standard costing/multiple currencies

2006-2007

1989-2005

# **CAROLE BRUNSTING**

- Created all accounts payable test materials for both system and unit test in MM/FI
- Developed documentation for all accounts payable process within the SAP environment
- Configured WANDA banking interface

# HEWLETT PACKARD, Continued

# Accounts Payable Manager (1992-1996)

- Directed 2 file room clerks, 2 cash application clerks, and 19 accounts payable clerks in the Accounts Payable Department for Compaq, managing all accounts payable reconciliations/monthly closing, reducing transaction processing costs, and ensuring policies and procedures were followed
- Managed 1099 and escheatment of unclaimed payables
- Coordinated disbursement of over \$1B dollars per month in multiple currencies
- Managed intercompany accounts, posting recurring and non-recurring entries
- Collaborated closely with Tax Department, ensuring proper sales tax treatment of all payables
- Tracked open payables balance trends and days payable outstanding (DPO)

# Accounts Payable Supervisor (1989-1992)

- Supervised accounts payable clerks; managed all invoicing procedures and reconciled vendor issues
- Matched purchase orders with receiving documents and invoices; coded invoices for proper general accounts and reviewed/approved checks and documentation prior to mailing
- Performed monthly closings, meeting financial closing deadlines

• Processed drafts and electronic fund transfers; performed cash forecasting/bank reporting

### Additional experience as a Staff Accountant for Coastal Oil & Gas Corporation.

# SOFTWARE

JDEdwards, SAP, GERS, Great Plains, QuickBooks, Excel, Word, and Hyperion

# **EDUCATION**

# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, Houston, Texas *Bachelor of Science in Business/Accounting*

4

de.

the state of the

đ

From:	Carole Brunsting
To:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re: My Resume
Date:	Sunday, March 28, 2010 4:08:20 PM

At least it sounds like you are taking care of yourself which is a plus. It was really good to talk to you today. Probably the best talk ever. I found Amy's website and you are right she must be doing okay. Maybe I will write to her tonight and apologize to her for being an insensitive jerk when she and Wayne separated.

Thanks for helping me start my own business. Love you too Carole

# --- On Sun, 3/28/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: My Resume To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Sunday, March 28, 2010, 5:47 PM

Hi Carole,

I'll have to open this at the office on Tuesday. I'm taking a vacation day tomorrow to get some mental health time. I hope the sun is out again.

The bottom line for both of us is contentment and the ability to maintain it. If we're happy at the same time, that's a plus.

Love you,

С

--- On **Sun, 3/28/10, Carole Brunsting** *<cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: My Resume To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net Date: Sunday, March 28, 2010, 2:54 PM

From:	Carole Brunsting
To:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re: My Resume
Date:	Tuesday, March 30, 2010 7:54:53 PM

I will accept any help and advice you have to fix it up for bookkeeping. I wrote to Amy about her website and she wrote back!! Talk to you soon, Love Carole

# --- On Tue, 3/30/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: My Resume To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2010, 6:29 PM

Hey Carole,

Your resume is GREAT! If you go for a Fortune 500 company, leave it as is. If you want to send it to potential bookkeeping clients you should shorten it to one page. The first paragraph should be your objective and it can be tailored to the very small, mom-and-pop companies. I can help you on that if you need me to. The HP listing in your employment history should be condensed to only have your titles and years in the position. You should remove the section with the accomplishments by company to the end and don't put the company names, just a list of your best accomplishments along with other skills.

I'll try to look at it more in depth tomorrow, I need to get back to work I'm swamped.

Love you,

С

--- On **Sun, 3/28/10, Carole Brunsting** *<cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: My Resume To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net Date: Sunday, March 28, 2010, 2:54 PM

States & Barris

From:	Carole Brunsting
To:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re: My Resume
Date:	Thursday, April 15, 2010 2:44:39 PM

Wow!! I thought everything was going pretty good for you. What is going on?

# --- On Thu, 4/15/10, Candace Curtis *<occurtis@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: My Resume To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thursday, April 15, 2010, 4:35 PM

Hi Carole,

I'm sorry I haven't gotten back to you about the resume. I saw I also missed a call from you the other day. My world is falling apart and I'm trying to hold it together without going off the edge. Too much to do, not enough time, plus all the other crisis that seem to be cropping up - all expensive resolutions. I'm glad I'm not the suicidal type.

I'll make a concentrated effort to get this done. In the meantime, try answering some ads without sending a resume. You can put enough info in your email to convince them to at least contact you.

Love you,

С

--- On **Wed, 4/7/10, Carole Brunsting** *<cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: My Resume To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 11:55 AM

Candy,

I know you are really busy but is there any chance that you could magically make my resume into one that would satisfy people looking for a bookkeeper? There are a lot of good jobs on Craigslist and I wanted to send a short resume and cover letter. What do you think? Thanks!

Carole

--- On Tue, 3/30/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: Re: My Resume To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2010, 6:29 PM

Hey Carole,

Your resume is GREAT! If you go for a Fortune 500 company, leave it as is. If you want to send it to potential bookkeeping clients you should shorten it to one page. The first paragraph should be your objective and it can be tailored to the very small, mom-and-pop companies. I can help you on that if you need me to. The HP listing in your employment history should be condensed to only have your titles and years in the position. You should remove the section with the accomplishments by company to the end and don't put the company names, just a list of your best accomplishments along with other skills.

I'll try to look at it more in depth tomorrow, I need to get back to work I'm swamped.

Love you, 👘 🛶

ж 83

C

--- On Sun, 3/28/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: My Resume To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net Date: Sunday, March 28, 2010, 2:54 PM

From:	Carl Brunsting
То:	<u>Candy</u>
Subject:	Van
Date:	Monday, May 03, 2010 12:32:26 PM

Hey - We saw Van Morrison Saturday. He was great. Venue lousy but Van was tremendous. We'd love to see him somewhere smaller where the sound is better, I guess like the Masonic Temple. It was at the Woodlands - we had good seats up under the covered part, first time we didn't just sit on the grass. I didn't care for the whitebread highrollers around us though. I think they think they're just watching something on TV, I don't think they get it. But, a lot of people did, and Van seemed to warm (a bit) to the dumbass Texans crowd by the end. Looked like he spontaneously decides which band member to point to for a solo - is that right, is that what he's doing? Looks like he'd be hell to play for, like being in James Brown's band, but the music was beautiful. I was a little checked out during the first two songs letting some of the audience members bother me too much, but when he started the third song - don't have any idea what it was, it got me crying, it was so beautiful.

Drina quit her job and is home taking care of Haley during the day so Marta can work. Mother isn't doing too well, I don't know if you've heard she's got to go in for a biopsy of her ... liver or kidney, I should remember. She's also got a low-grade lung infection that won't go away. The biopsy is soon, and she sees her pulmanary doctor mid- month I think. Gettin hot down here already - Hope you all are well -Carl

 From:
 Carl Brunsting

 To:
 Candace Curtis

 Subject:
 Re: Mom

 Date:
 Thursday, May 06, 2010 11:38:17 AM

Hope you feel better soon. Carl

----- Original Message -----From: <u>Candace Curtis</u> To: <u>Carl Brunsting</u> Sent: Thursday, May 06, 2010 12:47 PM Subject: Re: Mom

Hey Carl,

Glad you enjoyed Van. Thanks for letting me know about Mother. I am sick as a dog. I have been really stressed lately and not taking care of myself, so something hit me like a freight train. I can't remember the last time I even had a cold. I'll try to write more later, just didn't want you to think I was ignoring you.

Love,

С

--- On Wed, 5/5/10, Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Mom To: "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Candy" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "Carole" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Anita" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 7:14 AM

I offered, but she said she'd ask Robert to take her.

----- Original Message -----From: <u>Amy Tschirhart</u> To: <u>Candy</u> ; <u>Carole</u> ; <u>Anita</u> ; <u>Carl Brunsting</u> Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 7:02 PM Subject: Re: Mom

Hi Carl,

Has Mom found out when she is have the biopsy yet? When I talked to her this morning, she hadn't. She's talking like she can go there by herself. I don't know what is involved in a liver biopsy. Does she need someone to go with her? Just checking.

Amy

х

--- On Tue, 5/4/10, Carl Brunsting <<u>cbarch@sbcglobal.net</u>>

# wrote:

From: Carl Brunsting <<u>cbarch@sbcglobal.net</u>> Subject: Mom To: "Candy" <<u>occurtis@sbcglobal.net</u>>, "Carole" <<u>cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net</u>>, "Amy" <<u>at.home3@yahoo.com</u>>, "Anita" <<u>akbrunsting@suddenlink.net</u>> Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2010, 10:57 AM

Just in case anyone hasn't heard, Mother's CAT scan last week showed a bump on her liver, and she's waiting to hear from Dr. Mauk's office about scheduling a biopsy. She also has an on-going lung infection and she's going back to Dr. Pohill mid-month to see about that.

Carl

. °•

From:	Carl Brunsting
To:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re: Mother
Date:	Tuesday, May 18, 2010 8:39:58 AM

#### Candy

She hasn't mentioned pain to me, but told the doctor she's having stomach upsets, which she has for a long time now. I don't believe she's in any pain directly from the cancer. Her breathing is terrible; as I mentioned, she should have kept up her breathing therapy that she used to go to a couple or three times a week, even if she didn't want to take the 2-year medicine routine for her TB. Her mental state seems generally fine or normal to me, more forgetful for sure, but she is worn out, getting groceries is big deal for her. The 'oh piffle', was just Mother not getting emotional or wanting to cuss. No idea on the timeframe - this doctor is just saying what he found, and now passing her on to an oncologist who will tell her what her treatment options are and what the timeframe is. He might also do his own looking for other cancer, which apparently is very likely with liver cancer.

Hope you get to feeling better -Carl

----- Original Message -----From: <u>Candace Curtis</u> To: <u>Carl Brunsting</u> Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 9:53 AM Subject: Re: Mother

Thank younCarl. My only wish is that she not suffer needlessly. Is she having pain from her liver? Personally, if I had to pick one or the other, I would choose lung treatment over cancer treatment. You did not mention any time frame... If I was dying of cancer, in pain or not, I'd want to be able to breathe comfortably on my own. How is her mental state? "Oh piffle" could mean several different things.

I've been feeling puny for the last 2 1/2 weeks. I just don't seem to have any energy and stress has been taking its toll. I haven't been able to swim in the mornings and that's probably not helping either. Please keep me posted.

Love you,

Candy

---- On Mon, 5/17/10, Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Mother To: "Candy" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "Carole" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Amy" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Anita" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> Date: Monday, May 17, 2010, 3:22 PM

I went to Dr. Mauk's office with Mother this afternoon. She has a tumor on her liver. He characterized it as a bump and a lesion, and said the didn't see any other cancer in the liver, pancreas or anywhere else. He said though, that when something shows up in the liver, their best guess is that there is something somewhere else. While he talked about the

possibility of surgery to get rid of it, or a procedure where they go in with a needle and vaporize it, he said he didn't know if Mother was up for surgery, given the poor state of her lungs. He told her to drink Ensure or something like it every day, 1 to 3 cans, to keep her weight up. She should probably get back into the pulmanary therapy too. He recommended Dr Jorge Quesada (I'm pretty sure), and gave her the name another oncologist, called Dr. 10thite to get his concurrence, and said she could see someone else if she wanted to. Apparently they are both in or have offices in Memorial City, but I see on-line that Quesada's main office is at the Medical Center. Mother is going to call for an appointment and try to see Quesada ASAP, and then go back to Dr Pohill about her lungs, to see what he recommends that isn't in conflict with whatever her cancer treatment is going to be (she saw Pohill last week but he wouldn't prescribe anything because he was worried it might interfer with possible cancer treatment).

Mother just said 'oh piffle', when she learned that it was cancer.

and the second second

Sec. Sec. Sec.

4

Carl

5.72

From:	Anita Brunsting
То:	"Carole Brunsting"; "Carl Brunsting"; "Amy Tschirhart"; "Candace Curtis"
Subject:	mom"s oncologist"s appt
Date:	Thursday, May 20, 2010 6:50:46 PM

The tumor on mom's liver is an adenoma - that means it has come from a glandular organ and not liver cancer (which would be called a hepatoma). The doctor said it was small and is not the primary tumor, so he took some more blood today and she will have a PET scan early next week in the hopes that he can find it. If these tests don't show where it is, then he mentioned a new test that can, but it used the cells from the biopsy and he's not sure if they have enough left - so that means if he has to resort to this test, then mom may need to have another biopsy. He said that he needs to know where the primary tumor is in order to determine the type of treatment options.

He is Peruvian (very distinguished, probably late 50's/early 60's) and still has a rather pronounced accent, and he speaks on a very technical level, but he was very nice and easy to talk to. He'll be talking w/ Dr.'s Mauk, Pohill and White to discuss her treatment. Her next appointment is next Friday, and I'm going to try to go w/ her to that one too, since he does talk on a pretty technical level.

Let me know if you have any questions - I'm not sure if I covered enough in this e-mail.

Thanks, Anita

É!

From:	Anita Brunsting
То;	"Carole Brunsting"; "Candace Curtis"; "Carl Brunsting"; "Amy Tschirhart"
Subject:	oncologist contact info
Date:	Friday, May 21, 2010 7:42:33 AM

#### Hi,

I realized that I forgot to send you her dr'.s contact info. His full name is Dr. Miguel Miro-Quesada (but it seemed like everyone around there just called him Dr. Quesada). He has 4 offices around Houston, but his Memorial City info is:

925 Gessner, Suite 600 77024 (wow! I remember when that was our zip code)

ph: 713-827-9525 fax: 713-468-3561

£

7.

Thanks, Anita

Page 1 of 1

From: <u>Carl Brunsting</u> To: <u>Amy Tschirhart</u> Cc: <u>Drina</u> Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 8:34 AM Subject: Re: Gary Gattis

Thanks very much Amy. No, the funeral is in Groves tomorrow. Carl

----- Original Message -----From: <u>Amy Tschirhart</u> To: <u>Carl Brunsting</u> Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:09 PM Subject: Re: Gary Gattis

I'm so sorry. If they are going to have the funeral in Houston, please let me know what day it is. I would like to try to be there.

Amy

--- On Thu, 5/20/10, Carl Brunsting <<u>cbarch@sbcglobal.net</u>> wrote:

From: Carl Brunsting <<u>cbarch@sbcglobal.net</u>> Subject: Gary Gattis To: "mom" <<u>elmernelva@sbcglobal.net</u>>, "Candy" <<u>occurtis@sbcglobal.net</u>>, "Carole" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Amy" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Anita" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010, 7:38 AM

Just to let you all know, Drina's brother Gary died yesterday at St. Lukes Hospital, he was 61. He came here to see a cardiologist two weeks ago, got immediately checked in for a triple bi-pass, and had a massive stroke sometime after surgery, and that left him in a coma. His family camped out at the hospital the whole time looking for signs of recovery, but had to make the decision Tuesday to take him off life support.

Carl

 From:
 Carl Brunsting

 To:
 Anita Brunsting; "Carole Brunsting"; "Candace Curtis"; "Amy Tschirhart"

 Subject:
 Re: mom and her lung condition

 Date:
 Monday, May 24, 2010 3:04:30 PM

ال. . .

That sounds good, worth a shot, maybe she will go if the doctor tells her to and writes a prescription.

Thanks Carl

> ----- Original Message ----- **From:** <u>Anita Brunsting</u> **To:** <u>'Carole Brunsting'</u>; <u>'Carl Brunsting'</u>; <u>'Candace Curtis'</u>; <u>'Amy Tschirhart'</u> **Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2010 4:49 PM **Subject:** mom and her lung condition

I talked to Dr. Pohill (mom's lung dr.) today, to find out just what he's recommending, because mom tends to gloss over her chronic lung condition every time we bring it up, yet she's constantly complaining of fatigue which is directly related to her lung condition.

So here's what I found out: he is not recommending antibiotic treatment because 1) her infection isn't growing, she's not having fever, 2) the antibiotics have to be taken for a period of 1-2 years and can cause a lot of GI problems, and there's no guarantee that they'll work (he gave me patient histories of those who took the antibiotics and then got a recurrent infection after stopping them), and 3) he thinks what she really needs is more activity - like the physical therapy place she was going to early last year, where she got cardio and strength exercises and breathing exercises.

I explained that we've all encouraged her to return to doing #3 above, but that she just won't; and he offered to "represcribe" the treatment if we thought that would make her go (because the dr. says you should do it). He also said that the PT place could come pick her up, which would make it less likely for her to skip and appt.

What do you think? I know I need to talk to mom, but I thought I'd run it by you 1st - Dr. Pohill said that if mom agreed to go back to PT if he prescribed it, then I just need to call him back and he'll do it.

Thanks, Anita

국 12

÷

1997 - A. A. A.

From:	Carole Brunsting	
То:	Amy Tschirhart; cba@peoplepc.com; occurtis; Anita Brunsting	
Subject:	Re: more on mom	
Date:	Monday, May 24, 2010 3:53:48 PM	

Mother has been a walker or bike rider or any type of exercise person. Now she won't have a reason not to go especially if they pick her up. Plus it will get her out of the house more. I know she may not remember but she was much happier and looked better when she was doing the breathing treatments. Yea Anita for being so efficient!

### --- On Mon, 5/24/10, Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> wrote:

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> Subject: more on mom To: "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, cba@peoplepc.com, "occurtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Monday, May 24, 2010, 5:06 PM

I'm so efficient when I'm off. I talked to mom, and she's ok (hesistantly) about going back to pt if the dr. prescribes it. But I still think that *she* thinks she'll rest herself back to health, even tho' Dr. Pohill told her that's not the case.

So I'l call Dr. Pohill back tomorrow and get him to prescribe it - maybe she can be ready to start next week.

Anita

P14239

From:	Carole Brunsting
То:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re: more un mom
Date:	Monday, May 24, 2010 8:46:57 PM

#### Candy,

If it makes you feel any better, Mother is that way to all of us including Carl. I think she is finally starting to find out how much harder life is when you live alone. I think she places value on the things of her generation such as being married for life, having kids, and being successful at a job. None of us planned on getting divorced. She has a very narrow view of things and she is a hard person to help on a continuous basis. Even when I took a job closer to their house and drove over for lunch twice a week, I got criticize for not eating my bread crusts. Mother was in a good mood one day and a horrible mood the next. I think she may be somewhat bipolar or a little manic. She speaks without thinking about how it will affect the other person. Right now we cannot tell if Mother is depressed, scared, Carl thinks she is throwing in the towel, just being herself and not feeling anything, it is so hard to tell. Wish I could get you better support but she is how she is and she is that way to all of us.

Love Carole

--- On Mon, 5/24/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: more on mom To: "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Monday, May 24, 2010, 9:24 PM

Dear Little Sisters,

• 1

While we're on the subject, am I the only one she is so frickin' mean to? My best friend, who I met a few months after Owen deserted me, is a sax player. One of the bands he plays with was invited to Lucerne Switzerland for their blues festival in November. I feel like I need to talk about my life when I email her, so I told her about it and that I really wanted to go, but couldn't afford it (hint, hint). I told her we want to go to the Netherlands and since I've never been there (or to Europe for that matter) I thought we could go to the town of Brunsting.

She wrote back more than a few words. She said she didn't raise me to go globetrotting with a sax player. Twice! What does this mean? She thinks the guys and I can just move back to Houston, where it's cheaper to live, and just get jobs...

A couple of weeks ago she had a different attitude. I thought she was mellowing. NOT.

Daddy would have helped me when Owen abandoned us. He would not have gone on and on about why can't "you girls" keep a husband. He would have helped Kevan too. Owen left us in a real bind when he broke his promise to help Kevan get the lab going. It's been very difficult for me, because he can't just throw away his practice, so I do without so he can keep going.

÷

. serie

Although I really dislike facebook, I've connected with high school and college girlfriends and know that a good number of them are also divorced. Their parents ALL helped them. Mother has saved my house for me a few years in a row now by giving me the money to pay the property taxes. This time I told her she should take it out of my inheritance (that's what Daddy always said). She said no, she could help me. Since then she's been picking steadily away at all 3 of us. Seriously, it makes me cry when I read the emails. Kevan has set up his lab in the basement. He's way behind on rent so he just decided to move out. It should help for a lot of reasons. Mother called for me one day and I wasn't there. Kevan talked to her and told her what he was doing. They had a good conversation according to Kevan. It was Mothers' Day and when I talked to her later she said how good Kevan sounded and that "the lab in the basement was a good way for him to save money". Her latest nastygram wondered "why Kevan moved his lab to the basement. Can't he pay the rent? LIKE HE'S A FAILURE.

She always wants to know what I spend all my money on. Why I have no savings. Why I didn't plan better. She treats me like such a FAILURE.

In a week or two she'll be nice, and soon after that she'll start kicking me again.

Frankly, I don't care what she thinks, but I wish she would keep it to herself. Okay, I know, I'm overly sensitive and I shouldn't let it bother me. BUT IT DOES.

Sorry,

Enough said,

6 m. 1

С

--- On **Mon, 5/24/10, Carole Brunsting** *<cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: more on mom To: "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, cba@peoplepc.com, "occurtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> Date: Monday, May 24, 2010, 3:53 PM

Mother has been a walker or bike rider or any type of exercise person. Now she won't have a reason not to go especially if they pick her up. Plus it will get her out of the house more. I know she may not remember but she was much happier and looked better when she was doing the breathing treatments. Yea Anita for being so efficient!!

# --- On **Mon, 5/24/10, Anita Brunsting** <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> wrote:

-----

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> Subject: more on mom To: "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, cba@peoplepc.com, "occurtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Monday, May 24, 2010, 5:06 PM

I'm so efficient when I'm off. I talked to mom, and she's ok (hesistantly) about going back to pt if the dr. prescribes it. But I still think that *she* thinks she'll rest herself back to health, even tho' Dr. Pohill told her that's not the case.

So I'l call Dr. Pohill back tomorrow and get him to prescribe it - maybe she can be ready to start next week.

Anita

首員

1<sup>i</sup>

From:Carl BrunstingTo:Candace CurtisSubject:Re: mom and her lung conditionDate:Tuesday, May 25, 2010 6:45:29 AM

Way to go Candy! I should get back to swimming. I think swimming would be too much for Mother right now, although maybe water aerobics could work if she would try it.

----- Original Message -----From: <u>Candace Curtis</u> To: <u>Anita Brunsting</u> ; <u>'Carole Brunsting</u>' ; <u>'Amy Tschirhart'</u> ; <u>Carl Brunsting</u> Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 6:43 PM Subject: Re: mom and her lung condition

The best exercise for this is swimming and/or water aerobics. Mother would have more fun taking weekly classes with people her own age. Going to PT is boring and seems more like punishment than exercise. I checked on the swim club at Kirkwood (?) and Memorial several years ago. They had water aerobics classes that would be perfect for her. They had all types of indoor classes too. The doctor can prescribe the exercise, but the only way she's going to remain in compliance is if they DO pick her up. She can walk to the health club for more exercise since it's right down the street.

She doesn't listen to me, or take my advice, so I would not be able to convince her. All I know is I've been swimming a mile and a half every morning before work for the last 4 years. Before I started and for the first few months I was winded after a few strokes. Now I can swim the length of the pool under water and it's difficult to swim fast enough to get my heart rate up.

Just a suggestion.

1000

Love you guys,

С

--- On Mon, 5/24/10, Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carl Brunsting <cbarch@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: mom and her lung condition To: "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "'Carole Brunsting'" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "'Candace Curtis''' <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "'Amy Tschirhart''' <at.home3@yahoo.com> Date: Monday, May 24, 2010, 3:04 PM

That sounds good, worth a shot, maybe she will go if the doctor tells her to and writes a prescription.

Thanks

Carl

----- Original Message -----
From: <u>Anita Brunsting</u> To: <u>'Carole Brunsting'</u>; <u>'Carl Brunsting'</u>; <u>'Candace Curtis'</u>; <u>'Amy Tschirhart'</u> Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 4:49 PM Subject: mom and her lung condition

ъ. <sup>- с</sup>

I talked to Dr. Pohill (mom's lung dr.) today, to find out just what he's recommending, because mom tends to gloss over her chronic lung condition every time we bring it up, yet she's constantly complaining of fatigue which is directly related to her lung condition.

So here's what I found out: he is not recommending antibiotic treatment because 1) her infection isn't growing, she's not having fever, 2) the antibiotics have to be taken for a period of 1-2 years and can cause a lot of GI problems, and there's no guarantee that they'll work (he gave me patient histories of those who took the antibiotics and then got a recurrent infection after stopping them), and 3) he thinks what she really needs is more activity - like the physical therapy place she was going to early last year, where she got cardio and strength exercises and breathing exercises.

I explained that we've all encouraged her to return to doing #3 above, but that she just won't; and he offered to "represcribe" the treatment if we thought that would make her go (because the dr. says you should do it). He also said that the PT place could come pick her up, which would make it less likely for her to skip and appt.

What do you think? I know I need to talk to mom, but I thought I'd run it by you 1st - Dr. Pohill said that if mom agreed to go back to PT if he prescribed it, then I just need to call him back and he'll do it.

Thanks, Anita

. i 1

1.15

----- Original Message -----From: <u>Carl Brunsting</u> To: <u>Anita Brunsting</u> Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:36 AM Subject: Re: copies of trust

OK

----- Original Message -----From: <u>Anita Brunsting</u> To: <u>'Carl Brunsting'</u> Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:35 AM Subject: RE: copies of trust

Why don't you leave it w/ mom- I'll probably be back in on June 10th for her next dr.'s appt.

From: Carl Brunsting [mailto:cbarch@sbcglobal.net] Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 8:24 AM To: Anita Brunsting Subject: Re: copies of trust

Thanks for the copy of the trust. The trust has been partitioned, but I don't know if that made two separate trust documents necessary or not - probably so, as the lawyers have to justify their fee. I have a copy of the rough draft of the partitioning from the meeting at Vacek's I went to with Mom early this year, that lists all the trust assets. I made a copy and have it in an envelope ready to mail to you, but I had the thought that with account numbers listed on it, maybe the mail isn't safe enough. Let me know if you don't have a copy already, and we'll figure out a safe way to get it to you.

Thanks Carl

> ----- Original Message -----From: <u>Anita Brunsting</u> To: <u>'Carole Brunsting'</u>; <u>'Carl Brunsting'</u> Sent: Saturday, May 29, 2010 1:21 PM Subject: copies of trust

I left copies of the trust for you in mom's study - they're in interoffice mail envelopes - however, do we now have 2 new trusts that we need paperwork for - the A and the B?

Anita

From:	Carl Brunsting
То:	<u>Candy</u>
Subject:	will call
Date:	Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:12:38 AM

Hey Candy -

Didn't get home til 11:00 last night, but got your message and will call you later today. Carl

From:	Anita Brunsting
To:	"Candace Curtis"
Subject:	FW: trust waiver docs
Date:	Friday, July 02, 2010 7:13:24 PM
Attachments:	NOTIFICATION OF DEMAND RIGHT - BRUNSTING FAMILY TRUST - Amy.doc
	NOTIFICATION OF DEMAND RIGHT - BRUNSTING FAMILY TRUST - Candy.doc

#### Hi,

I never got your signed document for this year. So could you at least send me that one? If you're ok w/ it, it would make it a lot easier on me if you could send me 5 signed ones.

#### Thanks, Anita

From: Anita Brunsting [mailto:akbrunsting@suddenlink.net] Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 10:18 PM To: 'Candace Curtis'; 'Amy Tschirhart' Subject: trust waiver docs

1. **1**00 - 5 - 5

- -

#### Hi,

I need some more copies of your signed "Notification of Demand Right". Could you print out about 5 copies, sign the bottom (leave date blank) and mail them back to me? I would have you scan them and send me an electronic version, but I'm not sure what the trust requires, so I'd rather err on the safe side. If you could get them to me in the next couple of weeks, I'd appreciate it.

Thanks, Anita

203 Bloomingdale Circle Victoria, TX 77904

# **NOTIFICATION OF DEMAND RIGHT**

This notice is to inform you that on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_a gift was made to the BRUNSTING FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST, dated February 12, 1997, under which you are a beneficiary. As a beneficiary, you have the right to withdraw your share of this gift within thirty (30) days after the date of this Notification of Demand Right. In no event can the total amount withdrawable by you in this calendar year exceed the annual limit on withdrawals as provided in the trust.

Your withdrawal right is noncumulative and, to the extent you do not exercise it, will lapse thirty (30) days after the date of this Notification of Demand Right.

If you need any additional information to assist you in making a decision regarding the exercise of your withdrawal rights, or if you wish to exercise your withdrawal rights, you must contact the Trustee in writing.

Dated:

h A

ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, Trustee

# WAIVER OF WITHDRAWAL

I acknowledge receipt of this Notification of Demand Right. I waive my right to demand my share of this gift from the trust. I do not waive my right to subsequent gifts made to the trust.

Dated:\_\_\_\_\_

AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

G.

# **NOTIFICATION OF DEMAND RIGHT**

This notice is to inform you that on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_a gift was made to the BRUNSTING FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST, dated February 12, 1997, under which you are a beneficiary. As a beneficiary, you have the right to withdraw your share of this gift within thirty (30) days after the date of this Notification of Demand Right. In no event can the total amount withdrawable by you in this calendar year exceed the annual limit on withdrawals as provided in the trust.

Your withdrawal right is noncumulative and, to the extent you do not exercise it, will lapse thirty (30) days after the date of this Notification of Demand Right.

If you need any additional information to assist you in making a decision regarding the exercise of your withdrawal rights, or if you wish to exercise your withdrawal rights, you must contact the Trustee in writing.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

und .

ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, Trustee

. .

•

1

а 1

# WAIVER OF WITHDRAWAL

I acknowledge receipt of this Notification of Demand Right. I waive my right to demand my share of this gift from the trust. I do not waive my right to subsequent gifts made to the trust.

Dated:

Х У

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

From:	Drina Brunsting
То:	occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject:	thanks Candy
Date:	Thursday, August 05, 2010 1:43:45 PM

·- X.

Hi;

Marta forwarded your email to me and I really appreciate it. One of Carl's clients is actually a music therapist and she sent a card with thoughts on how to help. I know he loves to hear the music Marta has programmed for him. am glad Carole is keeping you informed about his status. We will need a lot of time and a lot of patience but we will get through this thing,

Thanks again and love, Drina

From:	Carole Brunsting
То:	Anita Brunsting; Amy Tschirhart; occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject:	Re: Carl"s medical bills
Date:	Tuesday, August 17, 2010 7:37:48 PM

### http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/14/health/14patient.html

Another good article about negotiating down the bill. Drina needs to treat this as if the trust money does not factor in. It should be months before she sits down to make even one payment.

# --- On Tue, 8/17/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Carl's medical bills To: "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, occurtis@sbcglobal.net Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2010, 9:24 PM

http://www.creditcards.com/credit-card-news/medical-bill-payment-tips-1266.php

Here is another good article. Why can't she follow this and set up a payment plan and then Mother can help with the monthly payments rather than yank thousands out of the account. I don't think Drina has done any of the steps this article talks about. She should tell the hospital that they cannot pay since Carl is not working and don't even mention the trust.

# --- On **Tue, 8/17/10, Carole Brunsting** *<cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Carl's medical bills To: "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, occurtis@sbcglobal.net Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2010, 9:08 PM

http://www.hcvadvocate.org/hepatitis/hepC/GMYHI.html

According to this Drina may have already reached her out of pocket and may be paying to much already.

This is a good article.

From:	Amy Tschirhart
To:	Anita Brunsting; Candy Curtis; Carole Brunsting
Subject:	Re: CPA"s advice
Date:	Wednesday, August 18, 2010 1:48:01 PM

#### Hi,

I just talked to Drina. She is tired of hearing advice (even if it is helpful and right). Basically she's just overwhelmed right now. Her nerves are raw and anything any of us say to her right now is just going to set her off. I suggest just leaving her alone for a little while. The bills aren't going to go away and she will eventually have to deal with them. She may be more receptive to listening then or she might figure out the solution on her own.

Amy

--- On Wed, 8/18/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: CPA's advice To: "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com> Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 1:36 PM

That is exactly what the articles I sent last night said. Your credit score is only affected "IF" you stop making payments in the event you have a payment plan set up. Also, it said that she needs to negotiate discounted rates based on their financial statements and leave the trust out of it. Like Candy said, don't even mention the trust. From everything I have read, she can either get some of this written off OR get it discounted and set up a payment plan. If she and Carl cannot make ends meet in the future, then they consider a loan against his inheritance.

I am finding that with GOOGLE, you don't really needs doctors or CPA's because all the diagnostic information is online along with accounting advice.

Knowing I am being petty with this statement, why is her father's advice correct and mother is not a straight shooter. Mother was shocked because she did not think the time was right to pay bills, but could not convey that message to Drina.

I grow tried of always being "wrong" in the eyes of Carl and Drina. Again, being petty but then I am just petty. So there.

--- On Wed, 8/18/10, Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com> Subject: CPA's advice To: "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <Cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 2:57 PM

Hi,

I talked to the CPA who does my taxes today and asked her what she would recommend. She told me that Drina should talk to an attorney who specializes in debt created by medical bills. Medical bill debt is treated differently than other debt. I did a quick check on the internet and there are several in Houston.

She said that creditors cannot touch Drina's house or cars. She also recommended not paying any of the medical bills right now. She said to wait until the dust settles, then talk with each company about a payment plan, possibly as little as \$10 a month. She told me that in all likelihood, they would eventually write off her debt as a loss. She said Drina should definitely not touch any retirement or inheritance, or borrow anything against them.

I called Drina today and told her what Darlene said. She said her father had been telling her the same things. I tried to emphasize that she should not be paying any bills right now, but I don't know if she really understood why. She is overly concerned with her credit score rating. Darlene said that is not that important because they own their house and cars and are not as reliant on credit compared to younger people.

Anyhow, I know that Drina is in a hard spot right now, but I honestly think that keeping her from accessing **any** of Carl's inheritance would be in her best interest. It would be a waste to spend it on medical bills and they will need the money in the future. I don't think that is going to sit well with Drina because she's going to see it as us being tight-fisted with the money. I strongly suggest that if any of us talk to her, we do it as nicely as we can. Acknowledge that the debt is so huge it is unpayable in her lifetime. Encourage her to seek a professional to find the best way to deal with it. Remind her that we want the best for her and Carl in their future and that we are thinking of their best interests.

Love, Amy

> ti Landar i a c

From:Carole BrunstingTo:Candace CurtisSubject:Re: CPA"s adviceDate:Wednesday, August 18, 2010 2:18:39 PM

Carlotta - -

٠,

Your so funny! 💹

# --- On Wed, 8/18/10, Candace Curtis *<occurtis@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: CPA's advice To: "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <Cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com> Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 3:49 PM

Just as I said in my email. I also said DO NOT consult an attorney. It's throwing good money away because you have just received free advice and passed it along to her. So, that's what you told her, that's what I told her, and that's what her Dad told her. Is she going to ignore all of us? Drina needs to get her shit together now or she'll be sorry. Carl can come and live with us when she runs off.

--- On Wed, 8/18/10, Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com> Subject: CPA's advice To: "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <Cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 12:57 PM

Hi,

I talked to the CPA who does my taxes today and asked her what she would recommend. She told me that Drina should talk to an attorney who specializes in debt created by medical bills. Medical bill debt is treated differently than other debt. I did a quick check on the internet and there are several in Houston.

She said that creditors cannot touch Drina's house or cars. She also recommended not paying any of the medical bills right now. She said to wait until the dust settles, then talk with each company about a payment plan, possibly as little as \$10 a month. She told me that in all likelihood, they would eventually write off her debt as a loss. She said Drina should definitely not touch any retirement or inheritance, or borrow anything against them.

I called Drina today and told her what Darlene said. She said her father had been telling her the same things. I tried to emphasize that she should not be paying any bills right now, but I don't know if she really understood why. She is overly concerned with her credit score rating. Darlene said that is not that important because they own their house and cars and are not as reliant on credit compared to younger people.

· . . . .

Anyhow, I know that Drina is in a hard spot right now, but I honestly think that keeping her from accessing **any** of Carl's inheritance would be in her best interest. It would be a waste to spend it on medical bills and they will need the money in the future. I don't think that is going to sit well with Drina because she's going to see it as us being tight-fisted with the money. I strongly suggest that if any of us talk to her, we do it as nicely as we can. Acknowledge that the debt is so huge it is unpayable in her lifetime. Encourage her to seek a professional to find the best way to deal with it. Remind her that we want the best for her and Carl in their future and that we are thinking of their best interests.

Love, Amy

ġ

and the second

19 B

From:	Anita Brunsting
To:	"Candace Curtis"
Subject:	RE: CPA"s advice
Date:	Wednesday, August 18, 2010 8:00:01 PM

You couldn't invent a better helpless, narcissistic, stupidly rude character than her. I guess this is why they say "truth is stranger than fiction" I've already been inventing scenrios inside my head that I think she'd be capable of. Maybe we can write an novel about this and make a million dollars when we sell the movie rights :-)

Love, anita

From: Candace Curtis [mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net] Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 5:39 PM To: Anita Brunsting Subject: RE: CPA's advice

My ears are burning already. LOL If she gets pissed off it will just confirm my opinion that she's a stupid twit who only cares about herself. I know I read too much fiction, but I can imagine her keeping Carl in diapers so she doesn't have to wipe his butt.

Love you lots,

Candy

# --- On Wed, 8/18/10, Anita Brunsting *<akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>* wrote:

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> Subject: RE: CPA's advice To: "'Candace Curtis'" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 2:48 PM

I agree w/ everything you said. I also like your e-mail to Drina - I hope it really pisses her off.

From: Candace Curtis [mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net] Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 4:20 PM To: Amy Tschirhart; Anita; Carole Brunsting Subject: Re: CPA's advice

Drina needs to get a grip. She's overwhelmed with what??? Advice??? We're all saying the same thing. That hole in the sand is just getting deeper. She needs to face reality right now. She should be overjoyed at any little progress from Carl. That joy should mutate into action to secure their future. Her nerves are raw because she refuses to face reality. The four of us have worked our entire lives. We're all single and have had to rebuild our lives and change our values in numerous ways. I don't know about you guys but there nave been times when I just wanted to crawl into bed, curl up into fetal position, and sleep forever. If it's not one thing it's another. These times have only made me stronger. I have not been subjected to any calls from Drina trying to get money from Mother for medical bills. She needs to humble herself a little and tell the truth. I still would not have any sympathy for her, but it would make it easier for me to accept yours.

--- On Wed, 8/18/10, Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com> Subject: Re: CPA's advice To: "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 1:47 PM

#### Hi,

I just talked to Drina. She is tired of hearing advice (even if it is helpful and right). Basically she's just overwhelmed right now. Her nerves are raw and anything any of us say to her right now is just going to set her off. I suggest just leaving her alone for a little while. The bills aren't going to go away and she will eventually have to deal with them. She may be more receptive to listening then or she might figure out the solution on her own.

Amy

### --- On Wed, 8/13/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: CPA's advice To: "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com> Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 1:36 PM

That is exactly what the articles I sent last night said. Your credit score is only affected "IF" you stop making payments in the event you have a payment plan set up. Also, it said that she needs to negotiate discounted rates based on their financial statements and leave the trust out of it. Like Candy said, don't even mention the trust. From everything I have read, she can either get some of this written off OR get it discounted and set up a payment plan. If she and Carl cannot make ends meet in the future, then they consider a loan against his inheritance.

I am finding that with GOOGLE, you don't really needs doctors or CPA's because all the diagnostic information is online along with accounting advice. Knowing I am being petty with this statement, why is her father's advice correct and mother is not a straight shooter. Mother was shocked because she did not think the time was right to pay bills, but could not convey that message to Drina.

I grow tried of always being "wrong" in the eyes of Carl and Drina. Again, being petty but then I am just petty. So there.

# --- On Wed, 8/18/10, Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Amy Tschirhart <at.home3@yahoo.com> Subject: CPA's advice To: "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <Cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>, "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 2:57 PM

Hi,

1

í.

Sarly Server

I talked to the CPA who does my taxes today and asked her what she would recommend. She told me that Drina should talk to an attorney who specializes in debt created by medical bills. Medical bill debt is treated differently than other debt. I did a quick check on the internet and there are several in Houston.

She said that creditors cannot touch Drina's house or cars. She also recommended not paying any of the medical bills right now. She said to wait until the dust settles, then talk with each company about a payment plan, possibly as little as \$10 a month. She told me that in all likelihood, they would eventually write off her debt as a loss. She said Drina should definitely not touch any retirement or inheritance, or borrow anything against them.

I called Drina today and told her what Darlene said. She said her father had been telling her the same things. I tried to emphasize that she should not be paying any bills right now, but I don't know if she really understood why. She is overly concerned with her credit score rating. Darlene said that is not that important because they own their house and cars and are not as reliant on credit compared to younger people.

Anyhow, I know that Drina is in a hard spot right now, but I honestly think that keeping her from accessing **any** of Carl's inheritance would be in her best interest. It would be a waste to spend it on medical bills and they will need the money in the future. I don't think that is going to sit well with Drina because she's going to see it as us being tight-fisted with the money. I strongly suggest that if any of us talk to her, we do it as nicely as we can. Acknowledge that the debt is so huge it is unpayable in her lifetime. Encourage her to seek a professional to find the best way to deal with it. Remind her that we want the best for her and Carl in their future and that we are thinking of their best interests.

Love, Amy

κ.

1 Auron

¥ .... Č. . .

i general en la

From:	Carole Brunsting
То:	Amy Tschirhart; Anita; Candace Curtis
Subject:	Mother
Date:	Monday, September 20, 2010 8:58:26 PM

•

OK. I think Anita and I came up with a way that I could stay with Mother Sun - Thur night and go home on the weekend and work on my house. Yes I would have to take a couple of my cats with me but they would stay locked up during the time I am gone and would be fine as they sleep all day on my bed anyway. Then I would take them home with me on the weekends.

There are some details to be worked out. We would still have Robert or Tino come in for a few hours each day and maybe Tino or Shameka could spend Fri and Sat night there. I am going to run this plan by Mother tomorrow. If I was there at night I could cook dinner for her and put the breakfast things out in the morning and I think she would sleep better with some one in the house. Ta Da!!!

And then if Carl has to stay at Mother's to get well, I would have the night shift covered.

### http://www.glennbeck.com/

Glenn Beck is a freedom fighter. I love listening to him which is why I thought Rik might know of him. Glenn Beck has a national radio program and I saw him in Houston about a year ago.

We would have been rich had we been farmers was my goal in life and what I wanted to do since I place my foot on the farm. I have been to scattered to follow my own dream and passion.

### --- On Thu, 9/23/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Iowa To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thursday, September 23, 2010, 6:06 PM

The name does sound familiar. I'll try to remember to ask him.

If I move to Iowa I want to become a farmer. It's hard work to run a bar and restaurant and the profits are SMALL. I know farming is also hard work, but we would be rich - I just know it!

--- On **Thu, 9/23/10, Carole Brunsting** *<cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Iowa To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thursday, September 23, 2010, 3:05 PM

Glen Beck is on the radio

÷

--- On Thu, 9/23/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcgiobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Iowa To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thursday, September 23, 2010, 4:57 PM

No idea, 'cause I never remember the names. If he's a blues or jazz man I'm sure he has.

--- On Thu, 9/23/10, Carole Brunsting

## <cbrunsting@shcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Iowa To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Thursday, September 23, 2010, 1:02 PM

There is a bar and grill for sale in a small town just outside of Boyden with an apartment above it. Asking \$82,500. Not quite sunny Mexico but still nice.

Is Rik a fan of Glen Beck?

--- On Wed, 9/22/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Towa To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 10:44 AM

Hi Carole,

Yes, I would most definitely buy a house with you. My ideal plan is to expatriate to Mexico, open a little beach bar and restaurant, and live happily ever after in the sunshine. It will never work out, but it's my dream. In any event, I would want to have a U.S. base and what better place than America's heartland.

My other bestest friend, Josh (age 37), is working on a hydroponic farming start-up venture. This would use a 5,000 square foot warehouse for growing (arugula to start with) and a large fish farm pond to provide water with nutrients from the fish. He would use tilapia for the fish. He's spent his entire career as a highly paid engineer for Intel. He wants to slow down and become a farmer. He owns property in Taos NM and wants to build straw bale homes on it. There is no farming there. The Iowa farmland will be more valuable in the years to come because we would convert it to organic farming over time. Our food supply is already toxic and becoming more scarce each day. Monsanto wants to genetically modify everything and we need to fight to keep them away.

•.

I haven't told you much about Rik. He's a freedom fighter. We are already planning to sock away large quantities of rice, beans, and dehydrated organic produce. He's quite a gardener and has a very large organic seed bank started. Chickens in the yard are next on the list.

We need to have a 10-year plan, because I want to be able to retire with more income than SS will provide. A home in Hull or Boyden would be the first step. It would be easier to pay for while we're still employed. Then, if the world ceases to exist as we know it, we could haul ass to safety and be able to survive whatever happens. We would have food, water, and shelter.

Love you,

С

## --- On Wed, 9/22/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Iowa To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 7:41 AM

Would you really consider moving to Hull or Boyden one day in the future? I look at houses there all the time and watch the weather.

From:	Carole Brunsting
То:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re: Mr. Curtis
Date:	Friday, September 24, 2010 11:36:06 AM

Yes he did mention Robert, Tino and Michael which was so nice. I thought it was odd that your name was not there too. You guys met in Sunday school of all places? ?? I thought you met in high school. I did not get a chance to speak with Mrs. Curtis. She is so small now and I don't know if she would have remembered me. I spoke with Jennie but did not get to say hello to Laurie.

#### --- On Fri, 9/24/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Mr. Curtis To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, September 24, 2010, 1:24 PM

Thank you Carole. He was going to mention Robert and Tino. Did he? I read the obit this morning. It was odd not seeing my name, even though Owen and I are not together. It made me tear up a little. Bill and I had a great relationship/rapport. He always included me in family portraits, etc. and his Mom and Dad were always so nice to me. Over the years Bill would call the house just to talk to me and no one else. I'm glad I didn't come because there are too many memories at Memorial Drive Methodist. Owen and I met in Sunday school there and then got married there. Billie and her parents were always so snobby and Billie is the one who gave Owen the tremendous guilt complex he carries around with him. When he abandoned me (us) no matter what I said or did he would take offense and insist I was putting guilt on him. He's lucky I put my drama queen persona away for good when he left. It's bizarre how we grew apart so quickly after 36 years together and in most ways I'm glad we split. I've learned how to stand on my own two feet after all the years as dutiful wife.

One thing I know for sure though, when Kevan and Andy's Grandma B passes away they will be devastated and inconsolable for a long time. They love her the most!

--- On Fri, 9/24/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Mr. Curtis To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, September 24, 2010, 9:43 AM

· . . . . . .

Owen gave a wonderful tribute to his Dad. Andy looks good. They head back to California tomorrow.

From:	Carole Brunsting
To:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re: Hi
Date:	Monday, September 27, 2010 12:04:53 PM

I called you back but all I could hear was music in the background so I figured you were busy somewhere. I will call you tonight.

# --- On Mon, 9/27/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Hi To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Monday, September 27, 2010, 2:00 PM

Tried calling a few times over the past couple of days. Hope you're busy doing things for yourself. Andy and Owen were in Las Vegas last night, so they'll be back home sometime today.

I called Mother a few minutes ago and she sounded okay. She keeps the portable phone by her so she wasn't breathless. She said I would have to get a status report on Carl from you.

A nice house in Hull or Boyden sounds better and better every day.

Talk to you soon.

¥,

• •

С

From:	Carole Brunsting
To:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re: Hull and Boyden Homes - website
Date:	Friday, October 01, 2010 2:26:13 PM

ъ. .P

You are right. The resolution is not good. I cannot remember what it was, but I seem to remember it was one of those U.S. floor maps that Grandma Rensink had. My plan has always been to buy out the siblings but with the cost going up so high it gets harder to do, but that is why I live like a pauper. When I look at the houses for sale in Hull and Boyden I get so much more relaxed. The guy that farms the land lives in town in Hull. All the things he does to the land are natural, no chemicals. And he is an honest man.

I want to take Carl with us to Iowa. And Amy could teach and eventually Anita would move up there too.

#### --- On Fri, 10/1/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Hull and Boyden Homes - website To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, October 1, 2010, 4:02 PM

Mother should have bought it back. What did she find in the house? I think I found the Brunsting farm on google earth but the resolution when you zoom in really sucks. We'll have to buy out our siblings, but if we need money to do that we can always mortgage it. We need to do it before the prices go even higher because they will want market price. I hope the current farmer is enriching the soil and using natural pest control and fertilizer.

--- On Fri, 10/1/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Hull and Boyden Homes - website To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, October 1, 2010, 1:28 PM

The Rensink farm was for sale in 1998 and sold to a really nice young couple that found something in the house that they thought Mother would want and they called her about it. At the time the entire place went for \$72,500. I have been trying to inform everyone about how much the land is going up in value and not to rush to sell. Right now Mother is making \$200 an acre + bonus for good crops, BUT as he improves the land the price to rent will go up to \$450 an acre so if you hold onto your land you could make \$13,000 a year just doing nothing plus allowing the land to go up in value. When Daddy was farming with Rich Beyer he only had about \$18,000 a year on the farm, now Mother is making \$29,000 plus bonus. I fought hard to get Mother to rent instead of share crop with Beyer because Beyer did not care for the land the way Winsink does. And by care I mean not pour chemical weed killer on it and rotate crops not care as in be in love with it.

Rich Beyer is a looser and I cannot stand him. He took advantage of Daddy and our inheritance. He is probably about 65 by now.

--- On Fri, 10/1/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: Re: Hull and Boyden Homes - website To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, October 1, 2010, 3:08 PM

Is he old? Does it still have the wash house and barn? Wonder if the raspberries are still growing on the fence. How can I find it on google earth? I also loved Grandma Brunsting's last house.

What about the Rensink farm that was stolen from them? The prices on farmland are really high.

--- On Fri, 10/1/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Hull and Boyden Homes - website To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, October 1, 2010, 12:55 PM

Me too!!!! It has to be an old house. I want to buy the farm back from Rich Beyer and get the old farmhouse back with the wash house and barn. I have been tempted to ask Ricky if he would test the waters one day to see if he what he would take to get out. There were 3 houses for sale in Hull but they all sold. You just have to watch it and all of a sudden one with pop up.

#### --- On Fri, 10/1/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

d d

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Hull and Boyden Homes - website To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, October 1, 2010, 2:46 PM

I just now found this after I found a site only for Hull. The prices are higher than I expected but I don't think that matters. I love the homes built before about 1930 and I'm looking at the pix for one built in the 1800s.

--- On Fri, 10/1/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Hull and Boyden Homes - website To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, October 1, 2010, 12:39 PM

http://www.beyeronline.com/Realty/Residential.html

Will write more or call you tonight.

--- On Fri, 10/1/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote: From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Hull and Boyden Homes To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, October 1, 2010, 2:33 PM

Hey Carole,

I can't find any listings. When you run across them, please send them to me.

. <sup>1</sup>

How are the patients today?

Kevan is really having serious medical issues these days. Since he does not have insurance coverage he's on MediCal and has to go to the County facilities for treatment. It takes weeks to get an appointment with his assigned doctor. He's been to the emergency room 3 times in 2 weeks because his neuropathy pain is so bad he can't sleep for days. Owen finally got him in with his doctor on Wednesday. The doctor didn't even charge for it, but there's not much anyonc can do. He's really changed his lifestyle and his blood glucose level is now fairly consistent and in the right range, but neuropathy is more or less permanent nerve damage from untreated diabetes. It should subside, but will probably never go away entirely.

One good thing - Owen's relationship with his sons has improved over the last few weeks. They call him now when they need something, so some of the pressure is off of me.

Call me soon.

، ۲۰۰۰ ۲۰۰۰ میں ۲۰۰۰ ۱

Love you,

C

From:	Carole Brunsting
To:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re:
Date:	Tuesday, October 05, 2010 2:55:34 PM

I will call you tonight when I am at my computer.

#### --- On Tue, 10/5/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

. . . . .

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 4:51 PM

Okay. I'm thinking Mother. How is her condition today? Is she making any headway? If her mind is made up to waste away in her chair I don't know how successful you will be in budging her to go to MD Anderson. She may simply be tired of the fight for breath, so you should wait until the pneumonia is totally gone. She'll be more like herself then. Hopefully whatever treatment is suggested does not involve major surgery and the opening of her abdomen. She WOULD NOT survive that. If, by some miracle, she did she would then get pneumonia, or some other nasty hospital virus/infection, and we don't want her to die in the hospital.

One last thing - if a single penny of any money Drina gets for "Carl" goes to retain an attorney to sue anyone for anything, I will personally come to Houston and kick her stupid ass to the curb with the trash.

--- On Tue, 10/5/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 1:43 PM

I will read them to you one by one over the phone. I want to give this some time and don't want to give Drina any more reason to hate us as I want to maintain access to Carl. As I told Mother this afternoon, this is not over and it is going to take Carl at least a year to recover and if he recovers and goes back to the life he had then that is what he wants.

It does not do us any good to stoop to the level Drina is going to and as badly as I want to email her, I will not. It only makes Carl upset and I do not want to see him cry again. Carl cannot hide his feelings anymore and I know Drina unloads her problems on him.

We need to give this time and see what Carl is going to do. Unless Drina is suing the hospital or is getting a huge amount of cash from her dad, I don't know what they are going to do if Drina does not go back to work. I do not want to get into their business as that is between Drina and Carl and it will have to play itself out. What I do want to do is keep the focus on Mother who has cancer and try to get her to M D Anderson. We need to keep Mother going, but I will not do it without the proper controls so she cannot write any more checks. There will not be anything left if she continues handing out money at the rate she is going.

Think Mother right now.

--- On Tue, 10/5/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 3:08 PM

Okay, enough sald. I'm still chompin' at the bit to fire off another email to the bitch, but I'll wait until you say it's okay. I am DEAD SERIOUS about kidnapping Carl. I would have to bring him to Rik's house initially so the police would not be able to find him. His mother passed away a couple of years ago. He stopped lawyering so he could take care of his mother in her own home (for more than 3 years) and just never went back. He owns the house free and clear, so his sax glgs take care of his bills and he loves doing it. This way he can follow his true calling. She ran a board and care facility there for 20+ years, so it's outfitted properly. It's in American Canyon, the "gateway" to Napa, which is about 9 miles away. Carl has ALWAYS loved coming here to the Bay Area and in the event he has to spend time in a rehab facility, I think he would choose here over anywhere else if \$\$\$\$ was not an issue. The availability of alternative treatment, SUCH AS MUSIC THERAPY, is better in California than it is in Texas.

Love you,

С

--- On Tue, 10/5/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 11:46 AM

Mother defended you. It was what Drina said about all of us.

-- On Tue, 10/5/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: Re: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 1:28 PM Carole, your reluctance to share the emails makes me wonder just what is being said. It makes me think I am the party being talked about with such ugliness. If you have them, it's only fair that you the shit with no regard to anyone's feelings but my own. If my own Mother said something awful about me I deserve to know. On Tue, 10/5/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote: From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 9:47 AM I re-read all the emails last night and it was to difficult to send them to you. I am going to save them and as soon as I know what is going to happen to Carl, I will send them to you one at a time in the order she sent them along with Mother's response. I have accepted that I cannot control what happens to Carl. He married Drina but he also has a son-in-law and a daughter that love him very much so they must do the best the can for him, but the bank of Brunsting is closed. I am going back over to Mothers at lunch and follow up on the changes I asked her to make. I am going to tell her that going forward. I need to be a signer on the account and I will fight the battle against Drina. NO MORE!!! The money that is left HAS to go towards Mother's care as she is facing a life with cancer now. I need to be able to support her with care givers like we did for Daddy. I <u>will not</u> keep helping out if I do not have control over the situation. Carl is not here to help anymore and I have a full time job and a house I am trying to fix up to rent if I have to move to Mother's or live in until that time comes. I will not sit by while Mother hands out the cash like we are printing more in the garage. She cannot say no, but I can and I will. I will not have Drina talk to this family in the manner she did and keep sending her cash. They are adults and should have planned for this type of thing especially once you get over 50. I am not going to get involved with Carl's life or problems. I am going to focus on Mother but only if I get some control over the situation. Otherwise I am just a stupid woman who runs back and forth at everyone's bidding and in the end I am robbed of my time and have no control over the situation when the time comes for the important decisions to be made. If Mother cannot trust me with some control then she needs to call Amy or Anita to help her out. -- On Tue, 10/5/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote: From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 11:19 AM Hi Carole. You must have fallen asleep before you could forward those emails. PLEASE do it soon. Not knowing what they say I am compelled to write Drina again (LOL), but don't worry, I won't. We are down to the wire now. My best friend Rik (an attorney) said that the courts will side with the spouse unless we can demonstrate abuse or neglect. That will be difficult if she holes him up in their house. I would not put it past her to file restraining orders against anyone who tries to see him. The other approach, taking control of the incapable of managing her own affairs. I don't see that happening either. You, Amy and Anita should meet with Mother and gently gang up on her. She needs to be convinced to only give money if Drina proves that the money is spent on Carl's continued care AND THAT SHE HAS APPLIED FOR THE BENEFITS HE IS ENTITLED TO. He's worked his ass off his whole married life to provide for her. He was always so happy to report that Drina had a job. That tells me that they have always needed two incomes to support the lifestyle she wanted and the image she likes to project - River Oaks Rich. Based on her behavior since Carl's wheels came off, no wonder she couldn't keep a job. I suspect she got fired more times than she resigned. Daddy must have known the "times are achangin". That's why we have an inheritance for our retirement. Us baby boomers will be shorted on our SS benefits, if we get them at all, and I don't want to live on the street when I'm too old to work. That's where I'm headed if my share Is eaten up to keep Drina's credit rating in tact. If Carl goes home to waste away for lack of care, I will have no alternative but to come to Houston and kidnap him. I swear to God I will do it. He will have music therapy one way or another. Especially if the twit takes him off all of his meds!

 $\label{eq:http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704538404574540163096944766.html?} mod\!=\!WSJ\_hpp\_MIDDLENexttoWhatsNewsSecond$ 

Just another article to promote MT.

Just anome. ....

an San Anna an Anna an Anna an

. 10

From:	Carole Brunsting
To:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re: Carl
Date:	Thursday, October 07, 2010 3:23:22 PM

#### Candy,

Coming from an auditing background, you do not just hand the reins over to someone else without understanding how that will change things. And I feel that the rest of us should be informed as to what that means before it happens. Carole

# --- On Thu, 10/7/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Carl To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thursday, October 7, 2010, 4:20 PM

That way Anita will be the "bad guy" and you can keep the door open with Drina when you are the "good guy". We'll all be better off if Mother can't just dash off a check to whoever and Anita can play hard ball about the medical bills.

# --- On **Thu, 10/7/10, Carole Brunsting** *<cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Carl To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thursday, October 7, 2010, 12:35 PM

Are you okay with Anita taking over as Power of Attorney for Mother? The paper work is being drawn up today.

--- On Thu, 10/7/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

S

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Carl To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thursday, October 7, 2010, 10:14 AM

What did the doctor say and what is the PET scan for, her lungs or her cancer? Is someone making sure she takes her drugs properly? Hopefully her forgetfulness is due to some medication side effect. If not we could have a problem.

--- On Wed, 10/6/10, Carole Brunsting

### <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Carl

To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 8:19 PM

Believe me. I have thought about a sound system. But we must continue to focus on Mother. She was very forgetful today and I think we are all wrong to assume she is okay. She went to the doctor today and has to have another PET scan on next Thursday.

### --- On Wed, 10/6/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Carl

To: "Amy" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Anita" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 6:42 PM

All I can think about is Carl. I've become obsessed. All I can say is that if Drina had channeled her hateful, spiteful, selfish, entitled, and downright mean attitude into positive, happy, encouraging, sweet talk to Carl, he would probably be back at work by now. She has done nothing but complain, accuse, and malign EVERYONE. I am 1,800 miles away and I can feel it.

I believe that things happen for a reason. Carole, you were right on when you said that her constant nagging and ragging on Carl stressed him out to the point that his immune system was compromised and voila...

I also believe that you get what's coming to you. I want to hear her beg forgiveness from Carl when he realizes what a cunt she is and confronts her with it. (PLEASE, PLEASE FORGIVE MY LANGUAGE. I just can't help it.) It makes me want to cry for Carl. Yes, he married her, but people make mistakes.

Rik is really into tech toys. He has a wireless audio surveillance system. We need one for Carl's house. Carole, you would have to figure out a way to get the transmitter into the house

р

and put the recorder outside somewhere. I'm not sure yet, but I think we could then download the recordings to your computer as MP3s. It may never come down to us having to use this to prove abuse and neglect, or, for that matter elder abuse and extortion, but a lot is at stake here, beginning with our brother's life and future.

Yes, your big sis is a nut case.

الم المحقق الم

۰. با

- , see

، المعروب

Love you guys,

С

From:Anita BrunstingTo:"Candace Curtis"Subject:FW: Re: CarlDate:Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:46:19 AM

From: Carole Brunsting [mailto:cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net] Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 11:14 AM To: akbrunsting@suddenlink.net Subject: Fw: Re: Carl

# --- On Fri, 10/1/10, Drina Brunsting *<drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Carl To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, October 1, 2010, 8:53 AM

You have to understand that this is all confabulation on his part. Plus the fact that his UTI causes him to talk nonsense.So, you just can't take what he says at face value especially when he has an infection.He is now on antibiotics for the UTI which I knew he had and was confirmed yesterday.

There is no electric wheelchair and I have not gotten a nurse. Your mother mentioned something to him about getting Robert or Tino if we need them, so that may be what he is thinking about. Our insurance will not pay much for a wheelchair so I don't know what we will do unless we can just rent one. I need to get a ramp for the house.

His anxiety about coming home is great and he does not want to be a burden which is making his anxiety worse, and it is holding him back from moving forward.I fear for him.I have managed to get him off some meds that were really revving him up, but he is still very anxious which is common in encephalitis patients.I only hope he is able to calm down.

**From:** Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> **To:** Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> **Sent:** Thu, September 30, 2010 10:13:10 PM **Subject:** Carl

Carl said that he will be getting an electric wheelchair. Maybe that will take off some of the pressure off him, but I hope they don't back off on getting to walk.

He also said you found a private nurse for him when he goes home. I know he is really looking forward to it so it sounds you have everything taken care of for a good homecoming.

Two weeks and counting. How exciting.

S and c

\* yeter

 
 From:
 Anita Brunsting

 To:
 "Candace Curtis"

 Date:
 Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:47:15 AM

 Attachments:
 Fw Re (11.8 KB).msg Fw Re (5.35 KB).msg

# Unknown

From:Nelva Brunsting [elmernelva@sbcglobal.net]Sent:Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:55 PMTo:Anita K Brunsting

Subject: Fw: Re:

--- On Sun, 10/3/10, Nelva Brunsting <*elmernelva@sbcglobal.net*> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Fw: Re: To: "Carole A Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Sunday, October 3, 2010, 10:48 PM

# --- On Sat, 9/11/10, Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: To: "Drina Brunsting" <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Saturday, September 11, 2010, 3:44 PM

Well, I really don't know what to think about your last e-meal. I <u>did</u> mean what I said about helping you out but usually the insurance takes care of some of that first or is your insurance different that others? I sorry you have such a bad impression about our daughters. They're all interested in helping Carl get better, certainly Carole is doing her part! He's the only brother they have and he's very special to them. Anita tends to be a bit blunt but she usually knows what she's talking about. Amy is not so connected with all this being further away. I know my kids so I don't need to be told how bad they are! If you will let me know how I can help I will but I have to know the circumstances first of just what you need. I'm not exactly an ogre, you know. Nelva

--- On Fri, 9/10/10, Drina Brunsting *<drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <a href="https://drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net">drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net</a> Subject: Re: To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, September 10, 2010, 8:27 PM

I did not read Candy's email to me as I do not need anything negative coming at me during this time. Besides, I do not care what Candy has to say on any subject because her life has not exactly been a bed of roses and I do not respect anything she has to say to me at this time when all I am trying to do is get my husband of 29 years well and home. Candy has a big mouth and her husband walked out on her, so what she could ever have to say to me at this time is totally meaningless. Besides, trekking around with Middle Eastern

saxaphone players is not exactly something I can relate to. I can see why she so urgently needed some of her inheritance from you.I suppose she also has those grown 30 -something year old sons to support as well.So much for that.

I have many medical bills and the biggest one hasn't been paid by the insurance company yet. Yes, our house is paid for but that does not pay the medical bills. So, anything you wish to help with is to your discretion unless you are talked out of it again by your daughters. I know they are trying to protect their inheritance and do not wish to have it depleted in order to help their brother. I have nothing more to say about that.

I have seen them plot against one another for decades and have nothing more to comment on that because I have heard some pretty damaging things go on between your daughters against one another. This being the biggest reason for not frequenting your house often due to the underlying tension at any given time among them all. It is truly mystifying.

So, even though I appreciate your offer - if you ever want to help us out here, just send what you want because I have already made the mistake of believing you meant it before - only to find out you had changed your mind. I will not ASK YOU AGAIN ,so it is up to you.You can send something or not.

As I mentioned already, Carl has no infection at this time, but he cannot void on his own and he is incontinent in his bowels. They are going to do a study on his bladder on Monday to see where the problem lies. I only hope they are able to remedy these problems and it is not a permanent thing involving the spinal cord, because I do not know what that will mean for his coming home. I do not want him to have to go into a nursing home. I do not know how I would be able to care for him here, and cannot afford a private caregiver

. . . . . . . . .

.He could use some lightweight sweat pants (gray) with elastic waistbands. Thanks for asking.

They put him on some drugs that were really having bad side effects this week, so I had the doctor paged and withdrew all consent for the drugs that were causing him so many problems. I have been with him every single day from July 3rd....even on the days I have had to go out of town to check on my dad. I will not stop looking out for him.

I do not expect any of your daughters to relate to any of that because NONE of them has a husband, so how in the world could they have any empathy for me???? Four for four husbands walked out... those are some odds.

Please forgive me for my bluntness, but through all of this heartache and tragic situation, I have had so much loving support from so many people who love Carl.... just not much from the Brunsting end. A crisis truly brings out the best and worst of people.

14

. . . . . . .
From: Nelva Brunsting <elmern:clva@sbcglobal.net> To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Sent: Thu, September 9, 2010 11:39:22 AM Subject:

 $\left\{ i \right\}$ 

I, read the copy of the e-mail Candy sent to you. WOW! She covered practcally everything in the book. Candy has some good advice but she <u>does</u> tend to get rather dramatic once in awhile. Since your house is paid for you don' have to worry about getting out of it so thats good. As soon as you can get the insurance to pay its part I'll see what

I can do to help. I wish they could get Carl straightened out as far as his infections are concerned. Carol can ask for a snack of some sort at night. He told her he was really hungry the other night. They serve dinner at 4 so it's no wonder he's hungry. He's got over 20 lbs. to put on again. Does he need any shorts or anything like that? I forgot to ask you this morning. As I say, I'll be glad to help any way I can. Since we're on Medicare I didn' have to mess withinsurance so I don't know what to tell you on that.Nelva

> i P

· · · · · · · · · · ·

tes Alice and

...

### Unknown

From:Nelva Brunsting [elmernelva@sbcglobal.net]Sent:Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:51 PMTo:Anita K BrunstingSubject:Fw: Re:

#### --- On Sun, 10/3/10, Nelva Brunsting <*elmernelva@sbcglobal.net*> wrote:

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Fw: Re: To: "Carole A Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Sunday, October 3, 2010, 6:40 PM

--- On Sun, 10/3/10, Drina Brunsting <a href="https://drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net">drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net</a>> wrote:

From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: To: "Nelva Brunsting" <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Sunday, October 3, 2010, 9:46 AM

I am confused. My understanding was that you were going to get money this week after you had just talked to the woman to give us 25,000.

That is what you just told me the other day on the phone and it is what you told Carl as well. Is that not the case now????Now you seem to be changing it all around again.

Is there not a check for \$25,000 coming for Carl and I now, or is there?????

Please clarify.

I really need to know the truth about this because Carl just told me this morning that he called you and you promised him the check would be given to us this week.

I am really busy with trying to get things in order for Carl and I have to also go out of town to check on my father. I don't have time for this and I really need to know if you are sending us the check like you promised Carl or not .Just please tell me YES or NO if you are sending the check like you said.

From: Nelva Brunsting <elmernelva@sbcglobal.net> To: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Sent: Sat, October 2, 2010 5:10:41 PM Subject:

Drina: I'd like to help you and Carl with some of your bills. If I just give you a check it counts as a gift and they tax me for it. I really don't need any more taxes. but if you just bring the bills over here we can go over them and I can help you out with them. I hope

but if you just bring the bills over here we can go over them and I can help you out with them. I hope you will. Carl doesn't need to be worrying about bills. Nelva **P14281** 

e e

 From:
 Anita Brunsting

 To:
 "Candace Curtis"

 Subject:
 FW: Cail"s medical bills

 Date:
 Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:49:28 AM

From: Anita Brunsting [mailto:akbrunsting@suddenlink.net] Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 6:55 PM To: 'Nelva Brunsting' Subject: FW: Carl's medical bills

Here's the e-mail I got from Drina about your paying that bill. Anita

From: Drina Brunsting [mailto:drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2010 7:03 PM
To: Anita Brunsting
Subject: Fw: Carl's medical bills

----- Forwarded Message ----From: Drina Brunsting <drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net> To: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.com> Sent: Mon, August 16, 2010 6:58:24 PM Subject: Carl's medical bills

Hi Anita;

Several weeks ago your mom called me to tell me not to worry about the medical bills for Carl and graciously offered to help pay them. I was really grateful to her for that offer and told her so.

Yesterday, however, I went to see her and had a bill I wanted to show her which came in a couple of weeks ago for around 1500 dollars. I have paid some of the smaller ones myself and told her that. She seemed a little taken aback and I felt rather awkward... like the phone call to help us with this never even occurred. I thought it best to actually show her a bill and just having her pay it directly instead of giving any funds directly to me. She did agree to pay it but with some hesitation. I really felt badly, and told her she didn't have to write a check but she said she did not want Carl worrying about his medical bills when he got out of the hospital. She also indicated that Carl can borrow against his inheritance for this if necessary which she had told me earlier in the phone call to me. She said Candy has done that for her financial difficulties recently. I said I really appreciated that. She indicated she will go to talk to Candace at Vlasic's office regarding this.

I was so bothered by her reaction that I mentioned it to Carole who said she gets freaked out over money these days (which I did not know), and she is short of funds until the farm money comes in (which I did not know ,either). She suggested that I go to you with these matters in the future because your Mom gets upset about the money.

My intention was not to upset her in any way, and I was just taking her at face value from the phone call to me in which she offered to help with the bills. I am so sorry to have upset her in any way and apologize if I did.

I need to know if it is best to come to you now in light of what Carole said. I am a little confused about all of this, I guess. I come from a Texas family who are (in Texas vernacular) straight -shooters and

ŧ.

say what they mean and mean what they say. I just thought that your mom meant what she said earlier and that she would be happy to help as she had indicated. Her reaction really surprised me.

Please advise on what I might do in the future. There are many out of network doctors, etc. from Carl's care and this is going to run things up a lot.

So sorry to bother you about his but I need some clarity.

thanks, Drina : t: ÷į. 

From:	Carole Brunsting
То:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re:
Date:	Tuesday, October 12, 2010 9:22:22 AM

Wow. I was just getting ready to write to you and tell you that I am sorry that Mother and Carl get all the attention when Kevan has been so ill.

I am concerned that the trustee has more authority that we realize. I agree with you that we wait until Mother has signed over her duties to Anita and then give Anita two weeks to produce the documents.

# --- On Tue, 10/12/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 10:35 AM

At first glace, it appears that the trustee DOES have the authority to do something with the farm subject to some restrictions. I really need a copy of the trust document to figure out just what can and cannot be done.

I'll continue to read and be patient for a couple of weeks. Hopefully the trustee will perform the duties required without legal notice.

£ ۰....·

From:Carole BrunstingTo:Candace CurtisSubject:ArticleDate:Thursday, October 14, 2010 6:15:41 AM

x

and the second

# http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20101014/ap\_on\_re\_us/us\_green\_burials

P14285

From:	Carole Brunsting
То:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	RE: Brunsting Trust
Date:	Thursday, October 14, 2010 8:22:28 PM

Wow! You and Mother just blow me away with what you write in an email. Thank you so much for expressing the wishes of Daddy to Candace. I think you did a great job of conveying our concerns about having to ask for money to keep Mother at home. And thank you for the kind words. I really do care about Mother and Carl. I am also working on not being such a control freak about everything. I was starting to feel that this was going to pull us all closer together and and am not sure why it had to turn so nasty and hope everyone can get past it.

Congratulations on becoming Controller. I loved being Controller of ChaseSource but got caught between two partners that were on their way out with each other. I hope to one day be able to get back to being a Controller or starting my own small company.

I hope Kevan continues to get better too. I talked to Mother briefly tonight and she sounded good. Tino was there until after 8:30. I think he really likes Mother. And with Robert helping Carl, we just could not ask for more than having Tino and Robert as caregivers.

Love Carole

5

. .

#### --- On Thu, 10/14/10, Candace Curtis *<occurtis@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: RE: Brunsting Trust To: "Candace Freed" <candace@vacek.com> Date: Thursday, October 14, 2010, 1:01 PM

Candace,

£

I didn't realize they taught cat herding in law school. Since you also advise our Mother in HER best interests, I wanted to give you a little history along with my two cents worth.

As the oldest child (now 57), our Dad made a point to inform me of his wishes regarding his estate and his thoughts on structuring the Brunsting Trust. At this juncture, I am compelled to express what I believe to have been his intent, based on family history and our conversations over the years.

His Father died in a nursing home. I was a teenager at the time. The few times I visited Grandpa there, I vowed never to put my own parents in a place like that, or to end up in a place like that myself. Dad did everything he could to keep my Grandma in her own home until she passed away.

Mother's Dad also spent his last months in a nursing home after being declared a pauper of

the state.

Dad told me, in no uncertain terms, that the trust ensured that my Mother would have plenty of money to take care of herself if he predeceased her. He said that if her half ran out she could tap into his. Then, when she passed away, the remainder would be evenly divided among the remaining beneficiaries. He told me on more than one occasion that the money would help me when I retired. In other words, "don't squander it" and end up penniless in a nursing home, or worse.

Since July, when Carl was stricken with encephalitis, I have talked with my sisters more than I did the entire time I lived in Houston (30+ years). The worst has come out in some of them. It's downright nasty at times.

Based on my siblings' behavior and comments over the last few months, for the record, I think Carole should have the means to ensure that Mother stays in her own home until she dies. If Mother wants something different she will say so and Carole can facilitate whatever Mother chooses to do. If, at some point, Mother requires around-the-clock in-home care, so be it. She can afford it. She should not have to ask permission from anyone if she wants to tithe to her church, or have her hair done, or buy something she wants. She is fully capable of handling her own personal finances. However, in the future, if and when funds are required for Carl's long term care, it will be too much for her to deal with and, at that point, Carole should be able to step in.

Carole is an angel in my book. She has set aside her personal life for the last 5+ years in order to see that our parents, and now Carl, receive the best care and quality of life available to them, from medical treatment down to their favorite ice cream for dessert. She is devoted to Mother and Carl. There are no words to express my gratitude to her.

I anticipate an interesting conversation with everyone on Monday. Thank you for your efforts in pulling it together.

Regards,

Candace

--- On Thu, 10/14/10, Candace Freed <candace@vacek.com> wrote:

From: Candace Freed <candace@vacek.com> Subject: RE: Brunsting Trust To: "Summer Peoples" <Summer@vacek.com>, occurtis@sbcglobal.net, "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net, at.home3@yahoo.com Date: Thursday, October 14, 2010, 6:25 AM

Dear Brunsting family,

¥

and an .

Due to the inherent problems with having a day teleconference coordinating the schedules of 6 people, I am proposing that we have a conference call at 6 pm on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm Central standard time. Please let me know if this will work for each of you.

P14287

Sincerely,

#### Candace L. Kunz-Freed

. de

Attorney at Law

#### Vacek & Freed, PLLC

14800 St. Mary's Lane, Suite 230 Houston, Texas 77079 Phone: 281.531.5800 Toll-Free: 800.229.3002 Fax: 281.531.5885 E-mail: candace@vacek.com www.vacek.com

We have moved! Our new office address is as shown above. We are one exit west of our old office building. Exit Dairy Ashford. Turn south on Dairy Ashford. St. Mary's Lane is a side street one block south of I-10 Katy Freeway. Turn west on St. Mary's Lane. Our building is in the northwest corner of the four-way stop.

**IRS CIRCULAR 230 DISCLOSURE:** Tax advice contained in this communication (including any attachments) is neither intended nor written to be used, and cannot be used, to avoid penalties under the Internal Revenue Code or to promote, market or recommend to anyone a transaction or matter addressed in this communication. \*\*\*This e-mail is covered by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. 2510-2521 and is legally privileged.\*\*\*

This information is confidential information and is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible for delivering this electronic message to the intended recipient, you are notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify us immediately by reply e-mail or by telephone (800-229-3002), and destroy the original transmission and its attachments without reading them or saving them to disk or otherwise. Thank you.

From: Summer Peoples Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 8:43 AM To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net; Anita Brunsting; cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net; at.home3@yahoo.com Cc: Candace Freed Subject: Brunsting Trust Importance: High

Dear Brunsting Family:

and a

Attorney Candace Freed would like to coordinate a teleconference call with you and

your mother for sometime next week. Currently, she has the following time slots available (all times are Central Standard Time zone):

- 1. Monday, October 18th @ 11 a.m. CST
- 2. Monday, October 18th @ 2 p.m. CST
- 3. Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m. CST
- 4. Thursday, October 21st 10 a.m. CST

I am reserving these times for you until I hear from you to confirm one of them. Please coordinate with each other as soon as possible and contact me today (or tomorrow, at the latest, since our office is closed on Fridays) so that we may set this on the calendar as a confirmed appointment.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thanks,

Summer Peoples, CP

b

Certified Paralegal

#### Vacek & Freed, PLLC

14800 St. Mary's Lane, Suite 230

Houston, Texas 77079

Telephone: 281.531.5800

Toll Free: 1.800.229.3002

Facsimile: 281.531.5885

E-mail: summer@vacek.com

Ĭ,

IRS CIRCULAR 230 DISCLOSURE: Tax advice contained in this communication (including any attachments) is neither intended nor written to be used, and cannot be used, to avoid penalties under the Internal Revenue Code or to promote, market, or recommend to anyone a transaction or matter addressed in this communication.

This e-mail is covered by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. 2510-2521 and is legally privileged.

\*\*\*This information is confidential information and is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible for delivering this electronic message to the intended recipient, you are notified that any dissemination, distribution, or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify us immediately by reply e-mail or by telephone (1-800-229-3002) and destroy the original transmission and its attachments without reading or saving them to disk or otherwise.\*\*\*

Brunsting
sting@sbcglobal.net; at.home3@yahoo.com; occurtis
rence call cancelled tonite
ay, October 18, 2010 11:20:43 AM

I'm sorry, but Candace recommended that we reschedule the conference call tonite to some time next week, because I can't be there. She really wants all of us there - I"ve got to go back to work, but I"I call you or e-mail you later today to figure out what times might work for you next week.

Thanks, Anita

1

From:	Carole Brunsting
То:	occurtis@sbcglobal.net
Subject:	Re: conference call cancelled tonite
Date:	Monday, October 18, 2010 11:47:28 AM

### :( I don't know what to think about this.

# --- On **Mon, 10/18/10, Anita Brunsting** *<akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>* wrote:

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> Subject: conference call cancelled tonite To: cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net, at.home3@yahoo.com, "occurtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Monday, October 18, 2010, 12:50 PM

I'm sorry, but Candace recommended that we reschedule the conference call tonite to some time next week, because I can't be there. She really wants all of us there - I"ve got to go back to work, but I"I call you or e-mail you later today to figure out what times might work for you next week.

Thanks, Anita

ः ्र

From:	Carole Brunsting
To:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re: call
Date:	Tuesday, October 19, 2010 2:54:01 PM

I have to run by Mother's on the way home and make dinner for her. I will call you on the way home.

### --- On Tue, 10/19/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: call To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 3:36 PM

I just sent you an email. After you click on Texas Statutes you have to click on property code and then go down to the sections on trusts.

Let me know what you think about the letter. If you don't want to be involved with it I can send it just from me, but I'm hoping you and I are on the same page.

--- On **Tue, 10/19/10, Carole Brunsting** *<cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: call To: "Candace Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 1:13 PM

Sorry I missed your call. I was away from my desk.

--- On Mon, 10/18/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Fw: RE: Brunsting Trust To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Monday, October 18, 2010, 10:25 AM

Carole, I don't know what to think of this.

--- On **Mon, 10/18/10, Anita Brunsting** *<akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>* wrote:

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> Subject: RE: Brunsting Trust To: "'Candace Freed'" <candace@vacek.com>, "'Summer Peoples'" <Summer@vacek.com>, occurtis@sbcglobal.net, cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net, at.home3@yahoo.com Date: Monday, October 18, 2010, 5:09 AM

I just found out late last night that Katie is being inducted into the National Honor Society tonight at 6pm. So I won't be able to make the conference call. I apologize, I know the time was set in part due to my schedule. Whatever consensus you can come to is fine w/ me.

Anita

From: Candace Freed [mailto:candace@vacek.com] Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 8:26 AM To: Summer Peoples; occurtis@sbcglobal.net; Anita Brunsting; cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net; at.home3@yahoo.com Subject: RE: Brunsting Trust

Dear Brunsting family,

Due to the inherent problems with having a day teleconference coordinating the schedules of 6 people, I am proposing that we have a conference call at 6 pm on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm Central standard time. Please let me know if this will work for each of you.

Sincerely,

Candace L. Kunz-Freed

Attorney at Law

Vacek & Freed, PLLC 14800 St. Mary's Lane, Suite 230 Houston, Texas 77079 Phone: 281.531.5800 Toll-Free: 800.229.3002 Fax: 281.531.5885 E-mail: candace@vacek.com www.vacek.com

We have moved! Our new office address is as shown above. We are one exit west of our old office building. Exit Dairy Ashford. Turn south on Dairy Ashford. St. Mary's Lane is a side street one block south of I-10 Katy Freeway. Turn west on St. Mary's Lane. Our building is in the northwest corner of the four-way stop.

**IRS CIRCULAR 230 DISCLOSURE:** Tax advice contained in this communication (including any attachments) is neither intended nor written

to be used, and cannot be used, to avoid penalties under the Internal Revenue Code or to promote, market or recommend to anyone a transaction or matter addressed in this communication.

\*\*\*This e-mail is covered by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. 18 U.S.C. 2510-2521 and is legally privileged.\*\*\*

This information is confidential information and is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible for delivering this electronic message to the intended recipient, you are notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify us immediately by reply e-mail or by telephone (800-229-3002), and destroy the original transmission and its attachments without reading them or saving them to disk or otherwise. Thank you.

From: Summer Peoples Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 8:43 AM To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net; Anita Brunsting; cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net; at.home3@yahoo.com Cc: Candace Freed Subject: Brunsting Trust Importance: High

Dear Brunsting Family:

Attorney Candace Freed would like to coordinate a teleconference call with you and your mother for sometime next week. Currently, she has the following time slots available (all times are Central Standard Time zone):

- 1. Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11 a.m. CST
- 2. Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2 p.m. CST
- 3. Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m. CST
- 4. Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 10 a.m. CST

I am reserving these times for you until I hear from you to confirm one of them. Please coordinate with each other as soon as possible and contact me today (or tomorrow, at the latest, since our office is closed on Fridays) so that we may set this on the calendar as a confirmed appointment.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thanks,

Summer Peoples, CP

Certified Paralegal

Vacek & Freed, PLLC

14800 St. Mary's Lane, Suite 230

Houston, Texas 77079

Telephone: 281.531.5800

Toll Free: 1.800.229.3002

Facsimile: 281,531,5885

 $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$ 

E-mail: summer@vacek.com

**IRS CIRCULAR 230 DISCLOSURE:** Tax advice contained in this communication (including any attachments) is neither intended nor written to be used, and cannot be used, to avoid penalties under the Internal Revenue Code or to promote, market, or recommend to anyone a transaction or matter addressed in this communication.

This e-mail is covered by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. 2510-2521 and is legally privileged.

\*\*\*This information is confidential information and is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible for delivering this electronic message to the intended recipient, you are notified that any dissemination, distribution, or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify us immediately by reply e-mail or by telephone (1-800-229-3002) and destroy the original transmission and its attachments without reading or saving them to disk or otherwise.\*\*\*

From:	Carole Brunsting
То:	Candace Curtis
Subject:	Re:
Date:	Wednesday, October 20, 2010 2:03:00 PM

I just came from the Dr appt with Mother. The PET scan shows that her liver cancer has grown and the PET scan picked up more spots in her lungs which they assumed were cancer but they did another chest xray at the clinic and now the Dr. thinks it is pockets of pneumonia. She gave me the all clear to book an appt for Mother with MD Anderson.

Tino takes such good care of Mother. He ironed her clothes so she would not be all wrinkled and they were going to pick up something to eat on the way home.

I would not drop what you are doing. I will call you tonight.

#### --- On Wed, 10/20/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2010, 2:23 PM

Sorry I cut you off last night. When I get a burr in my saddle it's hard for me to let go, so watching a movie helps me forget about it.

I am sick to death of this shit hanging over our collective heads. I agree, why should we have a conference call anyway? It appears that if something has been changed in the trust without our knowledge and concurrence, it was illegal and must be rectified.

All I want is what I'm entitled to: a copy of the trust documents and an accounting of the trust assets. I don't know who to get them from, so it was one of the main objectives of that memo I wrote to Candace. I will not participate in any conference calls unless and until I receive what I'm entitled to. There is no point in talking about things I know nothing about.

If you think I should forget about the letter and just send Candace an email advising that I will not participate unless and until... it's probably best.

I just want to express to you that I think Anita has been manipulating Mother since Daddy passed away. I think she only cares about herself. Her standard comment seems to be "what will that do to the rest of us?". She obviously doesn't understand the law, or how it applies to the trust.

Call me when you can.

 $\mathbf{k}^{\mathbf{t}}$ 

С

From:	Anita Brunsting
To:	at.home3@yahoo.com; Candy; cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net
Subject:	trust docs
Date:	Saturday, October 23, 2010 10:48:08 AM
Attachments:	20101022121744469.pdf
	<u>20101022120723034.pdf</u>
	20101022121031515.pdf

There are 12 docs in all - I'm sending them a few at a time.

11





# **POUR-OVER WILL**

Your original signed Pour-Over Will should be kept in a safe place such as a safe deposit box. This section contains an <u>UNSIGNED COPY</u> of your Pour-Over Will.

Upon your death, the Pour-Over Will leaves to your Living Trust any property which you did not place into your trust before your death. It serves merely as a safety net in order to assure that property which was overlooked will ultimately be transferred into your trust and managed by your trustees pursuant to your instructions.

If all of your assets are transferred to the Living Trust, then it will not be necessary to use the Pour-Over Will and probate will be avoided entirely.

P14299

# LAST WILL

### OF

# ELMER H. BRUNSTING

I, ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING, also known as ELMER H. BRUNSTING, of Harris County, Texas, make this Will and revoke all of my prior wills and codicils.

#### Article I

#### My Family

I am married and my spouse's name is NELVA E, BRUNSTING.

All references to "my spouse" in my Will are to NELVA E. BRUNSTING.

The names and birth dates of my children are:

Name

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS CAROL ANN BRUNSTING CARL HENRY BRUNSTING AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART ANITA KAY RILEY Birth Date

March 12, 1953 October 16, 1954 July 31, 1957 October 7, 1961 August 7, 1963

All references to my children in my will are to these children, as well as any children subsequently born to me, or legally adopted by me.

#### Article II

#### **Testamentary Gifts**

I give, devise and bequeath all of my property and estate, real, personal or mixed, wherever situated, to my revocable living trust; the name of my revocable living trust is:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

All of such property and estate shall be held, managed, and distributed as directed in such trust. The exact terms of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST will govern the administration of my estate and the distribution of income and principal during administration. It is my intent and purpose that the tax planning provisions of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST apply, and that my estate pass for the benefit of my family with the least possible amount of death taxes.

If my revocable living trust is not in effect at my death for any reason whatsoever, then all of my property shall be disposed of under the terms of my revocable living trust as if it were in full force and effect on the date of my death, and such terms are hereby incorporated herein for all purposes.

#### Article III

#### Appointment of Personal Representative

I appoint NELVA E. BRUNSTING as my Personal Representative. In the event NELVA E. BRUNSTING as my Personal R ceases to serve for any reason, I appoint the following individuals as my Personal R cryce in the following order:

First, CA

÷

....

.....

Second.

Third,

The term ' Executor a include the in contex other secu /pendent /ular will construed /y bond or /in relation

P14301

to the settlement of my estate other than the probate and recording of my Will and the return of an inventory, appraisement and list of claims as required by law.

#### Article IV

### Payment of Debts, Taxes, Settlement Costs and Exercise of Elections

The following directions concern the payment of debts, taxes, estate settlement costs, and the exercise of any election permitted by Texas law or by the Internal Revenue Code. The Personal Representative of my estate and the Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST may act jointly and may treat the property of my estate subject to probate and the property of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST as one fund for the purpose of paying debts, taxes, estate settlement costs, and making of elections.

#### Section A. Payment of Indebtedness and Settlement Costs

The Personal Representative will have the discretionary authority to pay from my estate subject to probate the costs reasonably and lawfully required to settle my estate.

#### Section B. Special Bequests

If property given as a special bequest or gift is subject to a mortgage or other security interest, the designated recipient of the property will take the asset subject to the obligation and the recipient's assumption of the indebtedness upon distribution of the asset to the recipient. The obligation to be assumed shall be the principal balance of the indebtedness on date of death, and the Personal Representative shall be entitled to reimbursement or offset for principal and interest payments paid by my estate to date of distribution.

#### Section C. Estate, Generation Skipping, or Other Death Tax

Unless otherwise provided in this will or by the terms of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, estate, inheritance, succession, or other similar tax shall be charged to and apportioned among those whose gifts or distributive share generate a death tax liability by reason of my death or by reason of a taxable termination or a taxable distribution under the generation skipping provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. To the extent I may lawfully provide, the Personal Representative may pay and deduct from a beneficiary's distributive share (whether the distribution is to be paid outright or is to be continued in trust) the increment in taxes payable by reason of a required distribution or termination of interest

(i.e., estate, gift, inheritance, or generation skipping taxes) to the extent that the total of such taxes payable by reason of a distribution or termination is greater than the tax which would have been imposed if the property or interest subject to the distribution or termination of interest has not been taken into account in determining the amount of such tax. To the extent a tax liability results from the distribution of property to a beneficiary other than under this will or under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, the Personal Representative will have the authority to reduce any distribution to the beneficiary from my estate by the amount of the tax liability apportioned to the beneficiary, or if the distribution is insufficient, the Personal Representative will have the authority to proceed against the beneficiary for his, her, or its share of the tax liability. In making an allocation, my Personal Representative may consider all property included in my gross estate for federal estate tax purposes, including all amounts paid or payable to another as the result of my death, including life insurance proceeds, proceeds from a qualified retirement plan or account, proceeds from a joint and survivorship account with a financial institution or brokerage company, proceeds from a buy-sell or redemption contract, and/or any other plan or policy which provides for a payment of death benefits. This provision further contemplates and includes any tax which results from the inclusion of a prior transfer in my federal gross estate even though possession of the property previously transferred is vested in someone other than my Personal Representative. This provision does not include a reduction in the unified credit by reason of taxable gifts made by me. If the Personal Representative determines that collection of an apportioned tax liability against another is not economically feasible or probable, the tax liability will be paid by my estate and will reduce the amount distributable to the residuary beneficiaries. The Personal Representative's judgment with regard to the feasibility of collection is to be conclusive.

#### Section D. Election, Qualified Terminable Interest Property

ene Ka

The Personal Representative may, without liability for doing so or the failure to do so, elect to treat all or a part of my estate which passes in trust for NELVA E. BRUNSTING under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, in which NELVA E. BRUNSTING has an income right for life, as Qualified Terminable Interest Property pursuant to the requirements of Section 2056(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code. To the extent that an election is made, and unless NELVA E. BRUNSTING shall issue a direction to the contrary, the Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST will pay from the irrevocable share the entire increment in the taxes payable by reason of the death of NELVA E. BRUNSTING to the extent that the total of such taxes is greater than would have been imposed if the property treated as qualified terminable interest property has not been taken into account in determining such taxes. It is my intent and purpose to provide my Personal Representative with the greatest latitude in making this election so that the least amount of federal estate tax will be payable upon my death and upon the death of NELVA E. BRUNSTING, and this

-4-

provision is to be applied and construed to accomplish this objective. The Personal Representative is to make distributions of income and principal to the Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST until my total estate subject to probate and administration is distributed to the Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST.

# Section E. Special Election for Qualified Terminable Interest Property

For the purpose of identifying the "transferor" in allocating a GST exemption, my estate may elect to treat all of the property which passes in trust to a surviving spouse for which a marital deduction is allowed, by reason of Section 2056(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, as if the election to be treated as Qualified Terminable Interest Property had not been made. Reference to the "Special Election For Qualified Terminable Interest Property" will mean and identify the election provided by Section 2652(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. The term "GST Exemption" or "GST Exemption Amount" is the dollar amount of property which may pass as generation skipping transfers under Subtitle B, Chapter 13, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (entitled "Tax on Generation Skipping Transfers") which is exempt from the generation-skipping tax.

#### Section F. Elective Deductions

S. Jakerson

()()

The Personal Representative will have the discretionary authority to claim any obligation, expense, cost or loss as a deduction against either estate tax or income tax, or to make any election provided by Texas law, the Internal Revenue Code, or other applicable law, and the Personal Representative's decision will be conclusive and binding upon all interested parties and shall be effective without obligation to make an equitable adjustment or apportionment between or among the beneficiaries of my estate or the estate of a deceased beneficiary.

#### Article V

#### Service of the Personal Representative

A Personal Representative may exercise, without court supervision (or the least supervision permitted by law), all powers and authority given to executors and trustees by the laws of the State of Texas and by this will.

### Section A. Possession, Assets, Records

My Personal Representative will have the authority to take possession of the property of my estate and the right to obtain and possess as custodian any and all documents and records relating to the ownership of property.

### Section B. Retain Property in Form Received, Sale

My Personal Representative will have authority to retain, without liability, any and all property in the form in which it is received by the Personal Representative without regard to its productivity or the proportion that any one asset or class of assets may bear to the whole. My Personal Representative will not have liability nor responsibility for loss of income from or depreciation in the value of property which was retained in the form which the Personal Representative received them. My Personal Representative will have the authority to acquire, hold, and sell undivided interests in property, both real and personal, including undivided interests in business or investment property.

#### Section C. Investment Authority

My Personal Representative will have discretionary investment authority, and will not be liable for loss of income or depreciation on the value of an investment if, at the time the investment was made and under the facts and circumstances then existing, the investment was reasonable.

#### Section D. Power of Sale, Other Disposition

My Personal Representative will have the authority at any time and from time to time to sell, exchange, lease and/or otherwise dispose of legal and equitable title to any property upon such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as my representative will consider reasonable. The execution of any document of conveyance, or lease by the Personal Representative will be sufficient to transfer complete title to the interest conveyed without the joinder, ratification, or consent of any person beneficially interested in the property, the estate, or trust. No purchaser, tenant, transferee or obligor will have any obligation whatsoever to see to the application of payments made to my Personal Representative. My Personal Representative will also have the authority to borrow or lend money, secured or unsecured, upon such terms and conditions and for such reasons as may be perceived as reasonable at the time the loan was made or obtained.

P14305

# Section E. Partial, Final Distributions

My Personal Representative, in making or preparing to make a partial or final distribution from the estate or a trust, will prepare an accounting and may require, as a condition to payment, a written and acknowledged statement from each distributee that the accounting has been thoroughly examined and accepted as correct; a discharge of the Personal Representative; a release from any loss, liability, claim or question concerning the exercise of due care, skill, and prudence of the Personal Representative in the management, investment, retention, and distribution of property during the representative's term of service, except for any undisclosed error or omission having basis in fraud or bad faith; and an indemnity of the Personal Representative, to include the payment of attorneys' fees, from any asserted claim of any taxing agency, governmental authority, or other claimant. Anv beneficiary having a question or potential claim may require an audit of the estate or trust as an expense of administration. Failure to require the audit prior to written acceptance of the Personal Representative's report, or the acceptance of payment, will operate as a final release and discharge of the Personal Representative except as to any error or omission having basis in fraud or bad faith.

#### Section F. Partition, Undivided Interests

My Personal Representative, in making or preparing to make a partial or final distribution from the estate or a trust, will have the authority (1) to partition any asset or class of assets and deliver divided and segregated interests to beneficiaries; (2) to sell any asset or class of assets (whether or not susceptible to partition in kind), and deliver to the beneficiaries a divided interest in the proceeds of sale and/or a divided or undivided interest in any note and security arrangement taken as part of the purchase price; and/or (3) to deliver undivided interests in an asset or class of assets of the beneficiaries subject to any indebtedness which may be secured by the property.

#### Section G. Accounting

My Personal Representative will render at least annually a statement of account showing receipts, disbursements, and distributions of both principal and income during the period of accounting and a statement of the invested and uninvested principal and the undistributed income at the time of such statement.

#### Section H. Protection of Beneficiaries

No beneficiary will have the power to anticipate, encumber or transfer any interest in my estate. No part of my estate or any trust will be liable for or charged with any debts,

contracts, liabilities or torts of a beneficiary or be subject to seizure or other process by any creditor of a beneficiary.

#### Section I. Consultants, Professional Assistance

My Personal Representative will have the authority to employ such consultants and professional help as needed to assist with the prudent administration of the estate and any trust. Any representative, other than a corporate fiduciary, may delegate, by an agency agreement or otherwise, to any state or national banking corporation with trust powers any one or more of the following administrative functions: custody and safekeeping of assets; record keeping and accounting, including accounting reports to beneficiaries; and/or investment authority. The expense of the agency, or other arrangement, will be paid as an expense of administration.

#### Section J. Compensation

Any person who serves as Personal Representative may elect to receive a reasonable compensation, reasonable compensation to be measured by the time required in the administration of the estate or a trust and the responsibility assumed in the discharge of the duties of office. The fee schedules of area trust departments prescribing fees for the same or similar services may be used to establish reasonable compensation. A corporate or banking trustee will be entitled to receive as its compensation such fees as are then prescribed by its published schedule of charges for estates or trusts of similar size and nature and additional compensation for extraordinary services performed by the corporate representative. My Personal Representative will be entitled to full reimbursement for expenses, costs, or other obligations incurred as the result of service, including attorney's, accountant's and other professional fees.

#### Section K. Documenting Succession

đ

A person serving as Personal Representative may fail or cease to serve by reason of death, resignation or legal disability. Succession may be documented by an affidavit of fact prepared by the successor, filed of record in the probate or deed records of the county in which this will is admitted to probate. The public and all persons interested in or dealing with my Personal Representative may rely upon the evidence of succession provided by a certified copy of the recorded affidavit, and I bind my estate and those who are its beneficial owners to indemnify and hold harmless any person, firm, or agency from any loss sustained in relying upon the recorded affidavit.

#### Article VI

#### **No-Contest Requirements**

I vest in my Personal Representative the authority to construe this will and to resolve all matters pertaining to disputed issues or controverted claims. I do not want to burden my estate with the cost of a litigated proceeding to resolve questions of law or fact unless that proceeding is originated by my Personal Representative or with the Personal Representative's written permission. Any other person, agency or organization who originates (or who shall cause to be instituted) a judicial proceeding to construe or contest this will or to resolve any claim or controversy in the nature of reimbursement, constructive or resulting trust or other theory which, if assumed as true, would enlarge (or originate) the claimant's interest in my estate, will forfeit any amount to which that person, agency or organization is or may be entitled, and the interest of any such litigant or contestant will pass as if he or she or it had predeceased me.

These directions will apply even though the person, agency or organization shall be found by a court of law to have originated the judicial proceeding in good faith and with probable cause, and even though the proceeding may seek nothing more than to construe the application of this no-contest provision. However, the no-contest provision is to be limited in application as to any claim filed by NELVA E. BRUNSTING, to the exclusion thereof if necessary, to the extent it may deny my estate the benefit of the federal estate tax marital deduction.

THIS WILL is signed by me in the presence of two (2) witnesses, and signed by the witnesses in my presence on January 12, 2005.

ELMER H. BRUNSTING

The foregoing Will was, on the day and year written above, published and declared by ELMER H. BRUNSTING in our presence to be his Will. We, in his presence and at his request, and in the presence of each other, have attested the same and have signed our names as attesting witnesses.

We declare that at the time of our attestation of this Will, ELMER H. BRUNSTING was, according to our best knowledge and belief, of sound mind and memory and under no undue duress or constraint.

WITNESS

WITNESS

#### SELF-PROVING AFFIDAVIT

# STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared ELMER H. BRUNSTING, \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,

known to me to be the Testator and the witnesses, respectively, whose names are subscribed to the annexed or foregoing instrument in their respective capacities, and, all of said persons being by me duly sworn, the said ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Testator, declared to me and to the said witnesses in my presence that said instrument is his Last Will and Testament, and that he had willingly made and executed it as his free act and deed; and the said witnesses, each on his or her oath stated to me, in the presence and hearing of the said Testator that the said Testator had declared to them that the said instrument is his Last Will and Testament, and that he executed same as such and wanted each of them to sign it as a witness; and upon their oaths each witness stated further that they did sign the same as witnesses in the presence of the said Testator and at his request; that he was at that time eighteen years of age or over (or being under such age, was or had been lawfully married, or was then a member of the armed forces of the United States or of an auxiliary thereof or of the Maritime Service) and was of sound mind; and that each of said witnesses was then at least fourteen years of age.

ELMER H. BRUNSTING

WITNESS

WITNESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said ELMER H. BRUNSTING, the Testator, and by the said \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, witnesses, on January 12, 2005.

Notary Public, State of Texas

-11-

(

.....

# LAST WILL

# OF

# NELVA E. BRUNSTING

I, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, of Harris County, Texas, make this Will and revoke all of my prior wills and codicils.

#### Article I

#### My Family

I am married and my spouse's name is ELMER H, BRUNSTING.

All references to "my spouse" in my Will are to ELMER H. BRUNSTING.

The names and birth dates of my children are:

Name

્યત્

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS CAROL ANN BRUNSTING CARL HENRY BRUNSTING AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART ANITA KAY RILEY Birth Date

March 12, 1953 October 16, 1954 July 31, 1957 October 7, 1961 August 7, 1963

All references to my children in my will are to these children, as well as any children subsequently born to me, or legally adopted by me.

#### Article II

#### **Testamentary Gifts**

I give, devise and bequeath all of my property and estate, real, personal or mixed, wherever situated, to my revocable living trust; the name of my revocable living trust is:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

All of such property and estate shall be held, managed, and distributed as directed in such trust. The exact terms of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST will govern the administration of my estate and the distribution of income and principal during administration. It is my intent and purpose that the tax planning provisions of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST apply, and that my estate pass for the benefit of my family with the least possible amount of death taxes.

If my revocable living trust is not in effect at my death for any reason whatsoever, then all of my property shall be disposed of under the terms of my revocable living trust as if it were in full force and effect on the date of my death, and such terms are hereby incorporated herein for all purposes.

#### Article III

#### **Appointment of Personal Representative**

I appoint ELMER H. BRUNSTING as my Personal Representative. In the event ELMER H. BRUNSTING fails or ceases to serve for any reason, I appoint the following individuals as my Personal Representative to serve in the following order:

First, CARL HENRY BRUNSTING

Second, AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

Third, CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

The term "Personal Representative" will mean and refer to the office of Independent Executor and Trustee collectively. Reference to Personal Representative in the singular will include the plural, the masculine will include the feminine, and the term is to be construed in context. A Personal Representative will not be required to furnish a fiduciary bond or other security. I direct that no action be required in the county or probate court in relation

to the settlement of my estate other than the probate and recording of my Will and the return of an inventory, appraisement and list of claims as required by law.

#### Article IV

### Payment of Debts, Taxes, Settlement Costs and Exercise of Elections

The following directions concern the payment of debts, taxes, estate settlement costs, and the exercise of any election permitted by Texas law or by the Internal Revenue Code. The Personal Representative of my estate and the Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST may act jointly and may treat the property of my estate subject to probate and the property of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST as one fund for the purpose of paying debts, taxes, estate settlement costs, and making of elections.

#### Section A. Payment of Indebtedness and Settlement Costs

The Personal Representative will have the discretionary authority to pay from my estate subject to probate the costs reasonably and lawfully required to settle my estate.

#### Section B. Special Bequests

If property given as a special bequest or gift is subject to a mortgage or other security interest, the designated recipient of the property will take the asset subject to the obligation and the recipient's assumption of the indebtedness upon distribution of the asset to the recipient. The obligation to be assumed shall be the principal balance of the indebtedness on date of death, and the Personal Representative shall be entitled to reimbursement or offset for principal and interest payments paid by my estate to date of distribution.

#### Section C. Estate, Generation Skipping, or Other Death Tax

and the second

Unless otherwise provided in this will or by the terms of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, estate, inheritance, succession, or other similar tax shall be charged to and apportioned among those whose gifts or distributive share generate a death tax liability by reason of my death or by reason of a taxable termination or a taxable distribution under the generation skipping provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. To the extent I may lawfully provide, the Personal Representative may pay and deduct from a beneficiary's distributive share (whether the distribution is to be paid outright or is to be continued in trust) the increment in taxes payable by reason of a required distribution or termination of interest

(i.e., estate, gift, inheritance, or generation skipping taxes) to the extent that the total of such taxes payable by reason of a distribution or termination is greater than the tax which would have been imposed if the property or interest subject to the distribution or termination of interest has not been taken into account in determining the amount of such tax. To the extent a tax liability results from the distribution of property to a beneficiary other than under this will or under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, the Personal Representative will have the authority to reduce any distribution to the beneficiary from my estate by the amount of the tax liability apportioned to the beneficiary, or if the distribution is insufficient, the Personal Representative will have the authority to proceed against the beneficiary for his, her, or its share of the tax liability. In making an allocation, my Personal Representative may consider all property included in my gross estate for federal estate tax purposes, including all amounts paid or payable to another as the result of my death, including life insurance proceeds, proceeds from a qualified retirement plan or account, proceeds from a joint and survivorship account with a financial institution or brokerage company, proceeds from a buy-sell or redemption contract, and/or any other plan or policy which provides for a payment of death benefits. This provision further contemplates and includes any tax which results from the inclusion of a prior transfer in my federal gross estate even though possession of the property previously transferred is vested in someone other than my Personal Representative. This provision does not include a reduction in the unified credit by reason of taxable gifts made by me. If the Personal Representative determines that collection of an apportioned tax liability against another is not economically feasible or probable, the tax liability will be paid by my estate and will reduce the amount distributable to the residuary beneficiaries. The Personal Representative's judgment with regard to the feasibility of collection is to be conclusive.

#### Section D. Election, Qualified Terminable Interest Property

ŧ

· +.5

The Personal Representative may, without liability for doing so or the failure to do so, elect to treat all or a part of my estate which passes in trust for ELMER H. BRUNSTING under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, in which ELMER H. BRUNSTING has an income right for life, as Qualified Terminable Interest Property pursuant to the requirements of Section 2056(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code. To the extent that an election is made, and unless ELMER H. BRUNSTING shall issue a direction to the contrary, the Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST will pay from the irrevocable share the entire increment in the taxes payable by reason of the death of ELMER H. BRUNSTING to the extent that the total of such taxes is greater than would have been imposed if the property treated as qualified terminable interest property has not been taken into account in determining such taxes. It is my intent and purpose to provide my Personal Representative with the greatest latitude in making this election so that the least amount of federal estate tax will be payable upon my death and upon the death of ELMER H. BRUNSTING, and this
provision is to be applied and construed to accomplish this objective. The Personal Representative is to make distributions of income and principal to the Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST until my total estate subject to probate and administration is distributed to the Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST.

#### Section E. Special Election for Qualified Terminable Interest Property

For the purpose of identifying the "transferor" in allocating a GST exemption, my estate may elect to treat all of the property which passes in trust to a surviving spouse for which a marital deduction is allowed, by reason of Section 2056(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, as if the election to be treated as Qualified Terminable Interest Property had not been made. Reference to the "Special Election For Qualified Terminable Interest Property" will mean and identify the election provided by Section 2652(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. The term "GST Exemption" or "GST Exemption Amount" is the dollar amount of property which may pass as generation skipping transfers under Subtitle B, Chapter 13, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (entitled "Tax on Generation Skipping Transfers") which is exempt from the generation-skipping tax.

#### Section F. Elective Deductions

The Personal Representative will have the discretionary authority to claim any obligation, expense, cost or loss as a deduction against either estate tax or income tax, or to make any election provided by Texas law, the Internal Revenue Code, or other applicable law, and the Personal Representative's decision will be conclusive and binding upon all interested parties and shall be effective without obligation to make an equitable adjustment or apportionment between or among the beneficiaries of my estate or the estate of a deceased beneficiary.

#### Article V

#### Service of the Personal Representative

A Personal Representative may exercise, without court supervision (or the least supervision permitted by law), all powers and authority given to executors and trustees by the laws of the State of Texas and by this will.

#### Section A. Possession, Assets, Records

24

My Personal Representative will have the authority to take possession of the property of my estate and the right to obtain and possess as custodian any and all documents and records relating to the ownership of property.

#### Section B. Retain Property in Form Received, Sale

My Personal Representative will have authority to retain, without liability, any and all property in the form in which it is received by the Personal Representative without regard to its productivity or the proportion that any one asset or class of assets may bear to the whole. My Personal Representative will not have liability nor responsibility for loss of income from or depreciation in the value of property which was retained in the form which the Personal Representative received them. My Personal Representative will have the authority to acquire, hold, and sell undivided interests in property, both real and personal, including undivided interests in business or investment property.

#### Section C. Investment Authority

ж Л

My Personal Representative will have discretionary investment authority, and will not be liable for loss of income or depreciation on the value of an investment if, at the time the investment was made and under the facts and circumstances then existing, the investment was reasonable.

#### Section D. Power of Sale, Other Disposition

My Personal Representative will have the authority at any time and from time to time to sell, exchange, lease and/or otherwise dispose of legal and equitable title to any property upon such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as my representative will consider reasonable. The execution of any document of conveyance, or lease by the Personal Representative will be sufficient to transfer complete title to the interest conveyed without the joinder, ratification, or consent of any person beneficially interested in the property, the estate, or trust. No purchaser, tenant, transferee or obligor will have any obligation whatsoever to see to the application of payments made to my Personal Representative. My Personal Representative will also have the authority to borrow or lend money, secured or unsecured, upon such terms and conditions and for such reasons as may be perceived as reasonable at the time the loan was made or obtained.

#### Section E. Partial, Final Distributions

My Personal Representative, in making or preparing to make a partial or final distribution from the estate or a trust, will prepare an accounting and may require, as a condition to payment, a written and acknowledged statement from each distributee that the accounting has been thoroughly examined and accepted as correct; a discharge of the Personal Representative; a release from any loss, liability, claim or question concerning the exercise of due care, skill, and prudence of the Personal Representative in the management, investment, retention, and distribution of property during the representative's term of service, except for any undisclosed error or omission having basis in fraud or bad faith; and an indemnity of the Personal Representative, to include the payment of attorneys' fees, from any asserted claim of any taxing agency, governmental authority, or other claimant. Anv beneficiary having a question or potential claim may require an audit of the estate or trust as an expense of administration. Failure to require the audit prior to written acceptance of the Personal Representative's report, or the acceptance of payment, will operate as a final release and discharge of the Personal Representative except as to any error or omission having basis in fraud or bad faith.

#### Section F. Partition, Undivided Interests

My Personal Representative, in making or preparing to make a partial or final distribution from the estate or a trust, will have the authority (1) to partition any asset or class of assets and deliver divided and segregated interests to beneficiaries; (2) to sell any asset or class of assets (whether or not susceptible to partition in kind), and deliver to the beneficiaries a divided interest in the proceeds of sale and/or a divided or undivided interest in any note and security arrangement taken as part of the purchase price; and/or (3) to deliver undivided interests in an asset or class of assets of the beneficiaries subject to any indebtedness which may be secured by the property.

#### Section G. Accounting

My Personal Representative will render at least annually a statement of account showing receipts, disbursements, and distributions of both principal and income during the period of accounting and a statement of the invested and uninvested principal and the undistributed income at the time of such statement.

#### Section H. Protection of Beneficiaries

No beneficiary will have the power to anticipate, encumber or transfer any interest in my estate. No part of my estate or any trust will be liable for or charged with any debts,

contracts, liabilities or torts of a beneficiary or be subject to seizure or other process by any creditor of a beneficiary.

#### Section I. Consultants, Professional Assistance

My Personal Representative will have the authority to employ such consultants and professional help as needed to assist with the prudent administration of the estate and any trust. Any representative, other than a corporate fiduciary, may delegate, by an agency agreement or otherwise, to any state or national banking corporation with trust powers any one or more of the following administrative functions: custody and safekeeping of assets; record keeping and accounting, including accounting reports to beneficiaries; and/or investment authority. The expense of the agency, or other arrangement, will be paid as an expense of administration.

#### Section J. Compensation

Any person who serves as Personal Representative may elect to receive a reasonable compensation, reasonable compensation to be measured by the time required in the administration of the estate or a trust and the responsibility assumed in the discharge of the duties of office. The fee schedules of area trust departments prescribing fees for the same or similar services may be used to establish reasonable compensation. A corporate or banking trustee will be entitled to receive as its compensation such fees as are then prescribed by its published schedule of charges for estates or trusts of similar size and nature and additional compensation for extraordinary services performed by the corporate representative. My Personal Representative will be entitled to full reimbursement for expenses, costs, or other obligations incurred as the result of service, including attorney's, accountant's and other professional fees.

#### Section K. Documenting Succession

ž

A person serving as Personal Representative may fail or cease to serve by reason of death, resignation or legal disability. Succession may be documented by an affidavit of fact prepared by the successor, filed of record in the probate or deed records of the county in which this will is admitted to probate. The public and all persons interested in or dealing with my Personal Representative may rely upon the evidence of succession provided by a certified copy of the recorded affidavit, and I bind my estate and those who are its beneficial owners to indemnify and hold harmless any person, firm, or agency from any loss sustained in relying upon the recorded affidavit.

#### Article VI

#### **No-Contest Requirements**

I vest in my Personal Representative the authority to construe this will and to resolve all matters pertaining to disputed issues or controverted claims. I do not want to burden my estate with the cost of a litigated proceeding to resolve questions of law or fact unless that proceeding is originated by my Personal Representative or with the Personal Representative's written permission. Any other person, agency or organization who originates (or who shall cause to be instituted) a judicial proceeding to construe or contest this will or to resolve any claim or controversy in the nature of reimbursement, constructive or resulting trust or other theory which, if assumed as true, would enlarge (or originate) the claimant's interest in my estate, will forfeit any amount to which that person, agency or organization is or may be entitled, and the interest of any such litigant or contestant will pass as if he or she or it had predeceased me.

These directions will apply even though the person, agency or organization shall be found by a court of law to have originated the judicial proceeding in good faith and with probable cause, and even though the proceeding may seek nothing more than to construe the application of this no-contest provision. However, the no-contest provision is to be limited in application as to any claim filed by ELMER H. BRUNSTING, to the exclusion thereof if necessary, to the extent it may deny my estate the benefit of the federal estate tax marital deduction.

THIS WILL is signed by me in the presence of two (2) witnesses, and signed by the witnesses in my presence on January 12, 2005.

NELVA E. BRUNSTING

-9-

The foregoing Will was, on the day and year written above, published and declared by NELVA E. BRUNSTING in our presence to be her Will. We, in her presence and at her request, and in the presence of each other, have attested the same and have signed our names as attesting witnesses.

We declare that at the time of our attestation of this Will, NELVA E. BRUNSTING was, according to our best knowledge and belief, of sound mind and memory and under no undue duress or constraint.

WITNESS

#### WITNESS

#### SELF-PROVING AFFIDAVIT

#### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared NELVA E. BRUNSTING, \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ known to me to be the Testatrix and the witnesses, respectively, whose names are subscribed to the annexed or foregoing instrument in their respective capacities, and, all of said persons being by me duly sworn, the said NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Testatrix, declared to me and to the said witnesses in my presence that said instrument is her Last Will and Testament, and that she had willingly made and executed it as her free act and deed; and the said witnesses, each on his or her oath stated to me, in the presence and hearing of the said Testatrix that the said Testatrix had declared to them that the said instrument is her Last Will and Testament, and that she executed same as such and wanted each of them to sign it as a witness; and upon their oaths each witness stated further that they did sign the same as witnesses in the presence of the said Testatrix and at her request; that she was at that time eighteen years of age or over (or being under such age, was or had been lawfully married, or was then a member of the armed forces of the United States or of an auxiliary thereof or of the Maritime Service) and was of sound mind; and that each of said witnesses was then at least fourteen years of age.

NELVA E. BRUNSTING

WITNESS

WITNESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said NELVA E. BRUNSTING, the Testatrix, and by the said \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, witnesses, on January 12, 2005.

Notary Public, State of Texas

-11-

· .

. .

P14323



## CERTIFICATE AND AFFIDAVIT OF TRUST

When you transfer assets that you currently own to the trust, acquire property in the name of the trust or sell property already titled in the trust name, evidence may be required as to the identity of the trustees having authority to sign legal documents on behalf of the trust. For these purposes, your Certificate of Trust or Affidavit of Trust may be furnished to relevant third parties in order to provide the requested information while avoiding the necessity of providing a complete copy of the Living Trust.

## Certificate of Trust

The undersigned Founders hereby certify the following:

1. This Certificate of Trust refers to a joint revocable living trust agreement executed by ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founders and initial Trustees on October 10, 1996.

The Restatement, dated January 12, 2005, hereby replaces and supersedes our original trust agreement and all prior amendments.

Either Founder while acting as Trustee may conduct business on behalf of the trust without the consent of any other Trustee. The full legal name of our trust for purposes of transferring assets into the trust, holding title of assets and conducting business for and on behalf of the trust, shall be known as:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

- 2. Should either original Trustee tail or cease to serve as Trustee by reason of death, disability or for any reason, the remaining original Trustee will continue to serve alone.
- 3. If both of the original Trustees fail or cease to serve as Trustee by reason of death, disability or for any reason, then the following individuals will serve as Co-Trustees:

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING and AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If a successor Co-Trustee should fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any other reason, then CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall serve as Co-Trustee in his or her place, with the remaining Co-Trustee then serving. However, if there is only one successor Co-Trustee able or willing to serve, such successor Co-Trustee shall serve alone.

On January 12, 2005, the said BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST was restated and amended naming the above said successor Trustees.

- 4. The Trustee(s) under the trust agreement are authorized to acquire, sell, convey, encumber, lease, borrow, manage and otherwise deal with interests in real and personal property in trust name. All powers of the Trustee(s) are fully set forth in Article Twelve of the trust agreement.
- 5. The trust has not been revoked and there have been no amendments limiting the powers of the Trustee(s) over trust property.
- 6. No person or entity paying money to or delivering property to any Trustee shall be required to see to its application. All persons relying on this document regarding the Trustees and their powers over trust property shall be held harmless for any resulting loss or liability from such reliance. A copy of this Certificate of Trust shall be just as valid as the original.

The undersigned certify that the statements in this Certificate of Trust are true and correct and that it was executed in the County of Harris, in the State of Texas, on January 12, 2005.

221 ELMER H. BRUNSTING,

Founder and Trustee

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founder and Trustee

P14325

#### **Certificate of Trust**

The undersigned Founders hereby certify the following:

Ĵ.

. .1

1. This Certificate of Trust refers to a joint revocable living trust agreement executed by ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founders and initial Trustees, on October 10, 1996.

The Restatement, dated January 12, 2005, hereby replaces and supersedes our original trust agreement and all prior amendments.

Either Founder while acting as Trustee may conduct business on behalf of the trust without the consent of any other Trustee. The full legal name of our trust for purposes of transferring assets into the trust, holding title of assets and conducting business for and on behalf of the trust, shall be known as:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

- 2. Should either original Trustee fail or cease to serve as Trustee by reason of death, disability or for any reason, the remaining original Trustee will continue to serve alone.
- 3. If both of the original Trustees fail or cease to serve as Trustee by reason of death, disability or for any reason, then the following individuals will serve as Co-Trustees:

#### CARL HENRY BRUNSTING and AMY-RUTHISCHURIART

If a successor Co-Trustee should fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any other reason, then CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall serve as Co-Trustee in his or her place, with the remaining Co-Trustee then serving. However, if there is only one successor Co-Trustee able or willing to serve, such successor Co-Trustee shall serve alone.

On January 12, 2005, the said BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST was restated and amended naming the above said successor Trustees.

- 4. The Trustee(s) under the trust agreement are authorized to acquire, sell, convey, encumber, lease, borrow, manage and otherwise deal with interests in real and personal property in trust name. All powers of the Trustee(s) are fully set forth in Article Twelve of the trust agreement.
- 5. The trust has not been revoked and there have been no amendments limiting the powers of the Trustee(s) over trust property.
- 6. No person or entity paying money to or delivering property to any Trustee shall be required to see to its application. All persons relying on this document regarding the Trustees and their powers over trust property shall be held harmless for any resulting loss or liability from such rellance. A copy of this Certificate of Trust shall be just as valid as the original.

The undersigned certify that the statements in this Certificate of Trust are true and correct and that it was executed in the County of Harris, in the State of Texas, on \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_,

ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Founder and Trustee and the state

• ...

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founder and Trustee

#### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

The foregoing Certificate of Trust was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, by ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, as Founders and Trustees.

•

Witness my hand and official seal.

5 15 15

......

Notary Public, State of Texas



ł

## **Affidavit of Trust**

1. The following trust is the subject of this Affidavit:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

On January 12, 2005, the said BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST was restated and amended. The Restatement replaces and supersedes our original trust agreement and all prior amendments.

2. The names and addresses of the currently acting Trustees of the trust are as follows:

Names:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING NELVA E. BRUNSTING

Address:

13630 Pinerock Houston, Texas 77079

- 3. The trust is currently in full force and effect.
- 4. Attached to this Affidavit and incorporated in it are selected provisions of the trust evidencing the following:

a.	Article I	-	Restatement of the trust and initial Trustees
b.	Article III	-	Statement of revocability of the trust
C,	Article IV	-	Successor Trustees
d,	Article VII	-	Upon the Death of One of Us
e,	Article XII	-	Powers of the Trustees
f.	Article XIV	-	Signature pages

-1-

- 5. The trust provisions which are not attached to this Affidavit are of a personal nature and set forth the distribution of trust property. They do not modify the powers of the Trustees.
- 6. The signatories of this Affidavit are currently the acting Trustees of the trust and declare that the foregoing statements and the attached trust provisions are true and correct, under penalty of perjury.
- 7. This Affidavit is dated January 12, 2005.

Elmer & Bluenster ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Trustee

Nehra E. Brunsting, Trustee ()

#### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

The foregoing Affidavit of Trust was acknowledged before me on January 12, 2005, by ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, as Trustees.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public, State of Texas

H F

Q4/A41011F A110/A4 A STAR A CONTROL OF THE ACCOUNTS AND A START AND A START OF THE ACCOUNTS AND A START AND A START AND A START A START A START AND A START A START A START A START AND A 700.1.2006 الموجع بالمحاص والمرجمة المحاصم ومواصح والماني والمعاني والمراجع المعالي والمحاط والمحاط

(

## THE RESTATEMENT OF THE BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST

## Article I

## **Our Family Living Trust**

#### Section A. The Restatement of Our Trust

1.1

This restatement of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996 is made this day by ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING, also known as ELMER H. BRUNSTING, and wife, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, (together called "Founders") who presently reside in Harris County, Texas.

We now wish to restate that original trust agreement and any amendments thereto, in their entirety.

This restatement, dated January 12, 2005, shall replace and supersede our original trust agreement ad all prior amendments.

We shall serve together as the initial Trustees of this joint revocable living trust.

Notwithstanding anything in our trust declaration to the contrary, when we are serving as Trustees under our trust declaration, either of us may act for and conduct business on behalf of our trust as a Trustee without the consent of any other Trustee.

#### Section B. The Title of Our Trust

Although the name we have given to our trust for our own convenience is the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, the full legal name of our trust for purposes of transferring assets into the trust, holding title to assets and conducting business for and on behalf of the trust, shall be known as:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

## Article III

## Our Right to Amend or Revoke This Trust

#### Section A. We May Revoke Our Trust

While we are both living, either of us may revoke our trust. However, this trust will become irrevocable upon the death of either of us. Any Trustee, who is serving in such capacity, may document the non-revocation of the trust with an affidavit setting forth that the trust remains in full force and effect.

The affidavit may, at the Trustee's discretion, be filed in the deed records in each county in which real property held in trust is located or in the county in which the principal assets and records of the trust are located. The public and all persons interested in and dealing with the trust and the Trustee may rely upon a certified copy of the recorded affidavit as conclusive evidence that the trust remains in full force and effect.

#### Section B. We May Amend Our Trust

This trust declaration may be amended by us in whole or in part in a writing signed by both of us for so long as we both shall live. Except as to a change of trust situs, when one of us dies, this trust shall not be subject to amendment, except by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Each of us may provide for a different disposition of our share in the trust by using a qualified beneficiary designation, as we define that term in this agreement, and the qualified beneficiary designation will be considered an amendment to this trust as to that Founder's share or interest alone.

#### Section C. Income Tax Matters

For so long as this trust remains subject to amendment or revocation in its entirety, and for so long as a Founder is a Trustee of the trust, this trust will be treated for income tax reporting purposes as a "grantor trust" as that term is used by the Internal Revenue Service, particularly in Treasury Regulation Section 1.671-4(b).

For so long as a Founder is a Trustee of the trust, the tax identification numbers will be the social security numbers of the Founders and all items of income, gain, loss, credit and



(

deduction are to be reported on the Founders' individual or joint income tax returns. At such time as the trust becomes irrevocable, in whole or in part, because of the death of one of us, the trust is to be treated for income tax purposes as required by Subchapter J of the Internal Revenue Code.

٠,

ъ.

14

## Article IV

## **Our Trustees**

#### Section A. Original Trustees

Founders appoint ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING as the original Trustees of this trust. However, either of us may conduct business and act on behalf of this trust without the consent or authority of any other Trustee. Any third party may conclusively rely on the authority of either of us without the joinder of the other.

#### Section B. Our Successor Trustees

Each of the original Trustees will have the right to appoint their own successor or successors to serve as Trustees in the event that such original Trustee ceases to serve by reason of death, disability or for any reason, and may specify any conditions upon succession and service as may be permitted by law. Such appointment, together with any specified conditions, must be in writing.

If an original Trustee does not appoint a successor, the remaining original Trustee or Trustees then serving will continue to serve alone.

If both of the original Trustees fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any reason without having appointed a successor or successors, then the following individuals will serve as Co-Trustees:

#### CARL HENRY BRUNSTING and AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If a successor Co-Trustee should fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any other reason, then CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall serve as Co-Trustee in his or her place, with the remaining Co-Trustee then serving. However, if there is only one successor Co-Trustee able or willing to serve, such successor Co-Trustee shall serve alone.

Successor Trustees will have the authority vested in the original Trustees under this trust document, subject to any lawful limitations or qualifications upon the service of a successor imposed by any Trustee in a written document appointing a successor.





## Article VII

## Upon the Death of One of Us

#### Section A. Settlement of Affairs

17

Upon the death of the first Founder to die, our Trustee is authorized, but not directed, to pay the following expenses, claims and liabilities which are attributable to the first Founder to die:

Funeral, burial and expenses of last illness

Statutory or court-ordered allowances for qualifying family members

Expenses of administration of the estate

Legally enforceable claims against the deceased Founder or the deceased Founder's estate

Taxes occasioned by death

Any payment authorized above is discretionary. No claim or right to payment may be enforced against this trust by virtue of such discretionary authority.

#### 1. Deceased Founder's Probate Estate

Payments authorized under this Section shall be paid only to the extent that the probate assets (other than real estate, tangible personal property or property that, in our Trustee's judgment, is not readily marketable) are insufficient to make these payments. However, if our trust holds United States Treasury Bonds which are eligible for redemption at par in payment of the federal estate tax, our Trustee shall redeem such bonds to the extent necessary to pay federal estate tax as a result of a death.

Payments authorized under this Section may be made by our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, either directly to the appropriate persons or institutions or to the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate. If our Trustee makes payments directly to the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate, our Trustee shall not have any duty to see to the application of such payments. Any written statement of the deceased Founder's personal representative regarding material facts relating to these payments may be relied upon by our Trustee.

As an addition to our trust, our Trustee is authorized to purchase and retain in the form received any property which is a part of the deceased Founder's probate estate. In addition, our Trustee may make loans to the deceased Founder's probate estate with or without security. Our Trustee shall not be liable for any loss suffered by our trust as a result of the exercise of the powers granted in this paragraph.

Our Trustee shall be under no obligation to examine the records or accounts of the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate and is authorized, to accept distributions from the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate without audit.

#### 2. Exempt Property Excluded

;

Our Trustee shall not use any property in making any payments pursuant to this Section to the extent that such property is not included in the deceased Founder's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes. However, if our Trustee makes the determination, in its sole and absolute discretion, that other non-exempt property is not available for payments authorized under this Section, it may then use such exempt property where it is not economically prudent to use non-exempt property for the payment of such expenses.

#### **3.** Apportionment of Payments

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this trust declaration, all expenses and claims, and all estate, inheritance and death taxes, excluding any generation-skipping transfer tax, resulting from the death of a Founder shall be paid without apportionment and without reimbursement from any person.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in our trust, no death taxes payable as a result of the death of the first Founder to die shall be allocated to or paid from the Survivor's Trust or from any assets passing to the surviving Founder and qualifying for the federal estate tax marital deduction unless our Trustee has first used all other assets available to our Trustee.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in our trust declaration, estate, inheritance and death taxes assessed with regard to property passing outside



of our trust or outside of our probate estates, but included in the gross estate of a Founder for federal estate tax purposes, shall be chargeable against the persons receiving such property.

#### Section B. Division and Distribution of Trust Property

(4)

(\* (

Our Trustee shall divide the remaining trust property into two separate trusts upon the death of the first one of us to die. The resulting trusts shall be known as the Survivor's Trust and the Decedent's Trust.

#### 1. Creation of the Survivor's Trust

The Survivor's Trust shall consist of the surviving Founder's interest in the community portion of the trust property, if any, and his or her separate portion of the trust property. In addition, the Survivor's Trust shall be the fractional share of the deceased Founder's trust property as follows:

#### a. Numerator of the Fractional Share

The numerator of the fractional share shall be the smallest amount which, if allowed as a marital deduction, would result in the least possible federal estate tax being payable as a result of the deceased Founder's death, after allowing for the unified credit against federal estate tax (after taking into account adjusted taxable gifts, if any) as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, and the credit for state death taxes (but only to the extent that the use of this credit does not require an increase in the state death taxes paid).

The numerator shall be reduced by the value, for federal estate tax purposes, of any interest in property that qualifies for the federal estate tax marital deduction and which passes or has passed from the deceased Founder to the surviving Founder other than under this Article.

#### b. Denominator of the Fractional Share

The denominator of the fractional share shall consist of the value, as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, of all of the deceased Founder's trust property under this agreement.

#### 2. Creation of the Decedent's Trust

The Decedent's Trust shall consist of the balance of the trust property.

#### Section C. Valuation of Property Distributed to the Survivor's Trust

Our Trustee shall use those values as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes in making any computation which is necessary to determine the amount distributed to the Survivor's Trust. On the dates of distribution, the fair market value of all of the deceased Founder's property shall in no event be less than the amount of the Survivor's Trust as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes.

#### Section D. Conversion of Nonproductive Property

The surviving Founder shall at any time have the absolute right to compel our Trustee to convert nonproductive property held as an asset of the Survivor's Trust to productive property. Such right exists notwithstanding any contrary term in this agreement. The surviving Founder shall exercise this right by directing our Trustee in writing to convert such property.

# ()

#### Section E. Survivor's Right to Refuse Property or Powers Granted

With respect to property passing to the surviving Founder or for the surviving Founder's benefit, any portion of any interest in such property or power may be disclaimed by the surviving Founder within the time and under the conditions permitted by law with regard to disclaimers.

Any interest disclaimed by the surviving Founder with respect to any portion of the Survivor's Trust shall be added to the Decedent's Trust. Any interest disclaimed by the surviving Founder with respect to any portion of the Decedent's Trust shall be disposed of under the appropriate provisions of this agreement as though the surviving Founder had predeceased the first Founder to die.

Any disclaimer exercised must be an irrevocable and unqualified refusal to accept any portion of such interest in the property or power disclaimed. Such disclaimer must be delivered to our Trustee in writing.



#### Section F. Allocation of Trust Property

(Ť

Subject to the conditions of Section B.1 of this Article, our Trustee shall have the complete authority to make allocations of the deceased Founder's trust property between the Survivor's and Decedent's Trusts.

Our Trustee may make allocations in cash or its equivalent, in kind, in undivided interests, or in any proportion thereof between the two trusts. Our Trustee may also, in its sole discretion, allocate such assets in kind based on the date of distribution values, rather than an undivided interest in each and every asset.

Our Trustee shall not allocate any property or assets, or proceeds from such property or assets, to the Survivor's Trust which would not qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction in the deceased Founder's estate.

Our Trustee shall not allocate any policies of life insurance insuring the life of the surviving Founder to the Survivor's Trust that are the sole and separate property of the deceased Founder.

To the extent that there are insufficient assets qualifying for the marital deduction to fully fund this Survivor's Trust, the amount of the funding to the Survivor's Trust shall be reduced accordingly.

Our Trustee shall consider the tax consequences of allocating property subject to foreign death tax, property on which a tax credit is available, or property which is income in respect of a decedent under applicable tax laws prior to allocating the deceased Founder's property to the Survivor's Trust.

#### Section G. Distributions from Retirement Plan to the Survivor's Trust

If Retirement Plan distributions are included in the Survivor's Trust, or in any Survivor's Trust Share, our Trustee shall comply with the following guidelines.

#### 1. Form of Distribution

Our Trustee may elect to receive distributions from any pension, profit sharing, individual retirement account, or other retirement plan ("Retirement Plan") for which our Trust, or any subtrust provided for herein, is named as beneficiary, in installments or in a lump sum.

#### 2. Income Requirement

Our Trustee shall elect to receive distributions from a Retirement Plan payable to the Survivor's Trust or any Survivor's Trust Share in compliance with the minimum distribution rules of the Internal Revenue Code if applicable and also so that at least all income earned by the Retirement Plan each calendar year is distributed to the Trust and allocated to trust income during the year. If distributions from the Retirement Plan total less than all income earned by the Retirement Plan. for a calendar year, our Trustee shall demand additional distributions equal to at least the shortfall so that the surviving Founder will receive all income earned by the Retirement Plan at least annually. The surviving Founder shall have full power, in such surviving Founder's discretion, to compel our Trustee to demand such distributions and to compel the Retirement Plan Trustee to convert any nonproductive property to productive property.

#### 3. Retirement Plan Expenses

33

In calculating "all income earned by the Retirement Plan," our Trustee shall allocate all Retirement Plan expenses, including income taxes and Trustee's fees, that are attributable to principal distributions so that all income distributions from the Retirement Plan are not reduced.

ĺ

## Article XII

## **Our Trustees' Powers and Authority**

#### Section A. Applicability of Texas Trust Code and Other Statutes

The Trustee shall have the powers, duties, and liabilities set forth in this declaration and as more specifically stated in this Article, as well as such powers, duties and liabilities set forth in the Texas Trust Code, and all other applicable state and federal statutes, as now enacted and as hereafter amended, except to the extent the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this declaration, in which case the provisions of this declaration shall govern.

#### Section B. Powers to Be Exercised in the Best Interests of the Beneficiaries

The Trustee shall exercise the following administrative and investment powers without the order of any court, as the Trustee determines in its sole and absolute discretion to be in the best interests of the beneficiaries.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this agreement, the Trustee shall not exercise any power in a manner inconsistent with the beneficiaries' right to the beneficial enjoyment of the trust property in accordance with the general principles of the law of trusts.

The Trustee may perform every act reasonably necessary to administer each and every share or trust created under this agreement.

#### Section C. General Investment and Management Powers

The Trustee is authorized to invest in such investments as the Trustee deems proper and prudent, even if such investments fail to constitute properly diversified trust investments or for any other reason could be considered to be improper trust investments. The Trustee's investment authority is intended to be quite broad, and shall include, but is not limited to, all authority that follows.

In addition, the Trustee is granted the authority to exercise any managerial powers of an individual with respect to matters affecting a trust, it being our intention to grant broad managerial discretion to the Trustee that is consistent with the management and administration of a trust, including the following managerial authorities.

#### **Originally Contributed Properties**

The Trustee may continue to hold and maintain all assets originally contributed to any trust.

#### **Additional Properties**

The Trustee is authorized to receive additional trust property, whether by gift, will, or otherwise, either from us, from either of us, or from any other person, corporation, or entity.

Upon receipt of any additional property, the Trustee shall administer and distribute the same as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may retain, without liability for depreciation or loss resulting from such retention, all property constituting the trust estate at the time of its creation or thereafter received from other sources.

The foregoing shall be acceptable even though such property may not be of the character prescribed by law for the investment of trust funds or may result in inadequate diversification of the trust property.

#### **Securities Powers**

The Trustee may invest and reinvest in such classes of stocks, bonds, securities, commodities, options, metals, or other property real or personal, as it shall determine.

The Trustee is authorized to buy, sell, and trade in securities of any nature, including short sales on margin. The Trustee may maintain and operate margin accounts with brokers, and may pledge any securities held or purchased by other Trustees with such brokers as securities for loans and advances made to the Trustee.

The Trustee may retain, exercise, or sell rights of conversion or subscription with respect to any securities held as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may vote or refrain from voting at corporate meetings either in person or by proxy, whether general or limited, and with or without substitutions.

#### **Investment of Cash Assets**

A corporate entity serving as Trustee may deposit trust funds with itself as either a permanent or temporary investment, and may place trust funds under its administration in common trust funds established and maintained by such corporate trustee or its affiliate. In





determining where to invest cash resources, the Trustee may consider all factors, including facility of access and security of funds invested, as well as the stated rate of return.

#### **Unproductive or Wasting Assets**

Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, the Trustee may receive, acquire and maintain assets that may constitute unproductive, underproductive or wasting assets if the Trustee believes it is reasonable to do so. Upon the sale or disposition of any such asset, the Trustee need not make an allocation of any portion of the principal element of such sale proceeds to the income beneficiaries of the trust.

#### Personal Residence and Furnishings of Personal Residence

To the extent that the personal residence that we occupied at the date of the death of the first of us to die and any furnishings of such residence become part of a trust estate, the Trustee is authorized to continue to retain and use, to distribute in kind, or to sell any such assets should the Trustee believe the retention, use, distribution or sale of such assets would be beneficial to the survivor of us.

#### **Mineral Properties**

The Trustee shall have the power to acquire, exchange, maintain or sell mineral interests, and to make oil, gas and mineral leases covering any lands or mineral interests forming a part of a trust estate, including leases for periods extending beyond the duration of the trust.

The Trustee may pool or unitize any or all of the lands, mineral leaseholds or mineral interests of a trust with others for the purpose of developing and producing oil, gas or other minerals, and may make leases or assignments containing the right to pool or unitize.

The Trustee may enter into contracts and agreements relating to the installation or operation of absorption, repressuring and other processing plants, may drill or contract for the drilling of wells for oil, gas or other minerals, may enter into, renew and extend operating agreements and exploration contracts, may engage in secondary and tertiary recovery operations, may make "bottom hole" or "dry hole" contributions, and may deal otherwise with respect to mineral properties as an individual owner might deal with his own properties.

The Trustee may enter into contracts, conveyances and other agreements or transfers deemed necessary or desirable to carry out these powers, including division orders, oil, gas or other hydrocarbon sales contracts, processing agreements, and other contracts relating to the processing, handling, treating, transporting and marketing of oil, gas or other mineral production.

Any lease or other agreement may have a duration that the Trustee deems reasonable, even though extending beyond the duration of any trust created in this agreement.

The Trustee may drill, test, explore, mine, develop, and otherwise exploit any and all oil, gas, coal, and other mineral interests, and may select, employ, utilize, or participate in any business form, including partnerships, joint ventures, co-owners' groups, syndicates, and corporations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, exploiting, developing, operating, or disposing of oil, gas, coal, and other mineral interests.

The Trustee may employ the services of consultants or outside specialists in connection with the evaluation, management, acquisition, disposition, or development of any mineral interests, and may pay the cost of such services from the principal or income of the trust property.

The Trustee may use the general assets of the trusts created under this agreement for the purposes of acquiring, holding, managing, developing, pooling, unitizing, repressuring, or disposing of any mineral interests.

The term "mineral" shall mean minerals of whatever kind and wherever located, whether surface or subsurface deposits, including (without limitation) coal, lignite and other hydrocarbons, iron ore, and uranium.

#### **Power to Enter Into or Continue Business Activities**

The Trustee shall have the authority to enter into, engage in, expand, carry on, terminate and liquidate any and all business activities, whether in proprietary, general or limited partnership, joint venture or corporate form, with such persons and entities as the Trustee deems proper. This power pertains to business activities in progress at the date of our deaths, and to business opportunities arising thereafter. Business activities conducted by the Trustee should be related to the administration and investment of the trust estate, for it is not our intention to convert any trust into an entity that would be taxable as an association for federal tax purposes.

#### **Banking Authority**

The Trustee is authorized to establish and maintain bank accounts of all types in one or more banking institutions that the Trustee may choose.

#### **Corporate Activities**

The Trustee may form, reorganize or dissolve corporations, and may exercise all rights of a stockholder, including the right to vote for or against mergers, consolidations and



Sec. 34

(

liquidations, and to act with or without substitution. An individual serving as Trustee may elect himself as an officer or director of a corporation owned in part or in whole by a trust created by this declaration, and a corporate entity serving as Trustee may elect one of its officers to such a position, and in each such instance the person so elected may be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered to such corporation in such capacity. The Trustee may retain, exercise or sell rights of conversion or subscription to any securities held as part of the trust property.

#### **Agricultural Powers**

The Trustee may retain, sell, acquire, and continue any farm or ranching operation whether as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation.

The Trustee may engage in the production, harvesting, and marketing of both farm and ranch products either by operating directly or with management agencies, hired labor, tenants, or sharecroppers.

The Trustee may engage and participate in any government farm program, whether state or federally sponsored.

The Trustee may purchase or rent machinery, equipment, livestock, poultry, feed, and seed.

The Trustee may improve and repair all farm and ranch properties; construct buildings, fences, and drainage facilities; acquire, retain, improve, and dispose of wells, water rights, ditch rights, and priorities of any nature.

The Trustee may, in general, do all things customary or desirable to operate a farm or ranch operation for the benefit of the beneficiaries of the various trusts created under this agreement.

#### **Real Estate**

and a second

The Trustee may purchase or sell real property, and may exchange, partition, subdivide, develop, manage, and improve real property. The Trustee may grant or acquire easements, may impose deed restrictions, may adjust boundaries, may raze existing improvements, and may dedicate land or rights in land for public use. The Trustee may construct, repair, alter, remodel, demolish or abandon improvements. The Trustee may take any other action reasonably necessary for the preservation of real estate and fixtures comprising a part of the trust property or the income therefrom.

12-5



#### Authority to Sell or Lease and Other Dispositive Powers

The Trustee may sell, lease or grant options to lease trust property without the consent or ratification of any court, remainderman, or third party, including the authority to lease beyond the anticipated term of a trust, upon such terms and for such consideration as the Trustee deems appropriate. The Trustee may make such contracts, deeds, leases, and other instruments it deems proper under the circumstances, and may deal with the trust property in all other ways in which a natural person could deal with his or her property.

#### Warranties and Covenants

The Trustee may convey properties with such covenants and warranties of title (general or special) as the Trustee deems appropriate.

#### **Trustee's Compensation**

The Trustee shall pay itself reasonable compensation for its services as fiduciary as provided in this agreement.

### Employment and Delegation of Authority to Agents

The Trustee may employ and compensate, and may discharge, such advisors and agents as the Trustee deems proper, and may delegate to an agent such authorities (including discretionary authorities) as the Trustee deems appropriate, by duly executed powers of attorney or otherwise.

#### Power to Release or Abandon Property or Rights, and to Pursue Claims

The Trustee may release, compromise or abandon claims or rights to property for such consideration (including no consideration) as the Trustee determines to be appropriate when the Trustee determines it is prudent to do so. The Trustee is authorized to institute suit on behalf of and to defend suits brought against a trust estate, and to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosure.

#### Nominal Title and Use of Nominees

With or without disclosing fiduciary capacity, the Trustee may acquire title to property in the name of the Trustee or in the name of one or more nominees, and may allow its nominees to take possession of trust assets with or without direct custodial supervision by the Trustee.





#### Power to Lend Money and Guarantee Obligations

(Č

The Trustee may lend money to any person, to any business entity, to an estate, or to any trust, if the Trustee deems the loan to be in the best interests of the trust beneficiaries, provided that any such loan (except loans to beneficiaries) shall be adequately secured and shall bear a reasonable rate of interest.

The Trustee, in the Trustee's discretion, may endorse, guarantee, become the surety of or otherwise become obligated for or with respect to the debts or other obligations of any person or legal entity, whether with or without consideration, when the Trustee believes such actions advance the purposes of any trust created hereunder.

The Trustee may make loans from a beneficiary's trust share to or for the benefit of such a beneficiary on an unsecured basis, and for such rate of interest as the Trustee deems appropriate, when in the Trustee's judgment, such loan would be consistent with the purposes of such trust.

#### Power to Borrow

The Trustee may assume the payment of and renew and extend any indebtedness previously created by either or both Founders, and the Trustee may create new indebtedness and raise money by any means, including margin trading in securities, when the Trustee believes such borrowing will be beneficial to the trust estate.

The Trustee is authorized to secure the payment of each such indebtedness, and all renewals, extensions and refinancing of same, by pledge, mortgage, deed of trust or other encumbrance covering and binding all or any part of the trust estate of a trust.

The Trustee may loan its own monies to a trust and may charge and recover the then usual and customary rate of interest thereon when, in the discretion of Trustee, it is prudent to do so.

#### Payment of Indebtedness and Settlement Costs

The Trustee may in its sole discretion pay the funeral and burial expenses, expenses of the last illness, and valid ciaims and expenses of an income beneficiary of any trust created under this agreement.

Funeral and burial expenses shall include, but not be limited to, the cost of memorials of all types and memorial services of such kind as the Trustee shall approve. Valid claims and expenses shall include, but not be limited to, all state and federal death taxes.

The payments shall be paid from the assets of the trust or trusts from which the beneficiary was receiving income.

#### Transactions Between the Trustee and Our Personal Representatives

The Trustee is authorized to accept from our personal representatives, upon the termination or during the administration of our respective probate estates, if any, assets delivered by our personal representatives to the Trustee on the basis of the accounting submitted by the personal representatives, without requiring an audit or other independent accounting of the acts of our personal representatives, and the Trustee shall not have liability for the acts or omissions of our personal representatives. The foregoing shall not limit the right of our Trustee to request an accounting from our personal representatives and our personal representatives shall, upon request from the Trustee, furnish a complete accounting for their actions.

The Trustee shall have the power to purchase property from our estates at its fair market value, as determined by our personal representatives and by our Trustee, and to the extent required to permit such purchase of assets and to permit loans from the Trustee to our estate, we specifically waive application of the provisions of Section 352 of the Texas Probate Code and Sections 113.053 and 113.054 of the Texas Trust Code.

#### **Commingling Trust Estates**

For the purpose of convenience with regard to the administration and investment of the trust property, the Trustee may hold the several trusts created under this agreement as a common fund.

The Trustee may make joint investments with respect to the funds comprising the trust property.

The Trustee may enter into any transaction authorized by this Article with fiduciaries of other trusts or estates in which any beneficiary hereunder has an interest, even though such fiduciaries are also Trustees under this agreement.

#### Addition of Accumulated Income to Principal

The Trustee shall, on a convenient periodic basis, add the accumulated undistributed income of any trust which does not provide for mandatory income distributions to specified beneficiaries, and which does not require that any undistributed income be maintained separately for ultimate distribution to specified beneficiaries, to the principal of such trust.



#### **Distributions Not Treated as Advancements**

14

No distributions to a beneficiary of any trust created hereunder shall be treated as an advancement against the beneficiary's share of such trust unless the distribution is specially so treated on the Trustee's records at the time of the distribution or unless the Trustee gives notice of such fact to the beneficiary at the time of the distribution. If the Trustee has the discretion to make distributions from a trust to more than one beneficiary, the Trustee ordinarily should not treat distributions to any particular beneficiary as an advancement of that beneficiary's share of the trust unless an event has occurred causing the termination of such trust.

#### **Tax Elections**

The Trustee may exercise any available elections regarding state or federal income, inheritance, estate, succession or gift tax law including the right to elect any alternate valuation date for federal estate or inheritance tax purposes, the right to elect whether all or any parts of the administration of a deceased Founder's estate are to be used as estate tax deductions or income tax deductions, the right to make compensating adjustments between income and principal as a result of such elections if necessary, and the right to elect to have trust property qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction as qualified terminable interest property under the appropriate provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations. The Trustee may also sign tax returns; pay any taxes, interest or penalties with regard to taxes; apply for and collect tax refunds thereon.

The Trustee is authorized to make elections available under applicable tax laws as the Trustee determines, in its discretion, to be advisable even though such elections may affect the interests of trust beneficiaries. The Trustee need not, but may, in its sole discretion, make equitable adjustments of the interests of the trust beneficiaries in light of the effect of such elections.

#### Transactions in Which the Trustee Has A Direct or Indirect Interest

We expressly waive prohibitions existing under the common law and the Texas Trust Code that might otherwise prohibit a person or entity who is serving as a Trustee from engaging in transactions with himself or itself personally, so long as the consideration exchanged in any such transaction is fair and reasonable to the trust created by this declaration. Specifically, we authorize the Trustee (a) to buy or sell trust property from or to an individual or entity serving as a Trustee, or from or to a relative, employee, business associate or affiliate of such individual serving as Trustee; (b) to sell or exchange and to transact other business activities involving properties of one trust with another trust under

. . . .

the control of the Trustee; and (c) to sell or purchase from a trust the stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of the Trustee or its affiliate.

Notwithstanding the general powers conferred upon the Trustee, or anything to the contrary contained in this agreement, no individual Trustee shall exercise or participate in the exercise of discretion with respect to the distribution of trust income or principal to or for the benefit of such Trustee.

No individual Trustee shall exercise or participate in the exercise of such discretionary power with respect to distributions to any person or persons such Trustee is legally obligated to support as to that support obligation.

#### Section D. Apportionment of Receipts and Expenses Between Income and Principal

The Trustee shall have the power, exercisable in such Trustee's reasonable and sole discretion, to determine what is principal or income of a trust or trust share. The Trustee shall pay from income or principal all of the reasonable expenses attributable to the administration of the respective trusts created in this agreement. The Trustee shall have the power to establish a reasonable reserve for depreciation or depletion and to fund the same by appropriate charges against income of the trust estate. For purposes of determining an appropriate reserve for depreciable or depletable assets, the Trustee may (but need not) adopt the depreciation or depletion allowance available for federal income tax purposes.

#### Section E. Records, Books of Account and Reports

The Trustee shall promptly set up and thereafter maintain, or cause to be set up and maintained, proper books of account which shall accurately reflect the true financial condition of the trust estate. Such books of account shall at all reasonable times be open for inspection or audit only by current, mandatory income beneficiaries, their parent or court appointed guardians, and the duly authorized agents, attorneys, representatives and auditors of each, at the expense of the beneficiary making such inspection or audit.

The Trustee shall make a written financial report, at least semi-annually, to each beneficiary of the trust who is entitled to receive a present, mandatory income distribution, unless such beneficiary, or such beneficiary's parent or legal guardian, has executed a written waiver of the right to receive such a report. The Trustee shall not be obligated to provide financial reports to a beneficiary who is less than eighteen years old if such reports are being provided to a parent of such beneficiary. Such reports shall be submitted to the parent or guardian of a minor beneficiary, or to the guardian or other legal representative of any incapacitated beneficiary.



#### • • • •

: [

The first financial report shall identify all property initially received by the Trustee. The first report and each subsequent report shall include a statement of all property on hand at the end of such accounting period, of all property that has come to the knowledge or possession of the Trustee that has not been previously listed as property of the trust, of all known liabilities, of all receipts and disbursements during such period (including a statement as to whether the receipt or disbursement is of income or principal), and of such other facts as the Trustee deems necessary to furnish in order to provide adequate information as to the condition of the trust estate.

Except as otherwise provided in this declaration, should any person interested in a trust estate request an accounting for the Trustee's actions that is more extensive or more frequent than the accounting normally to be rendered, the Trustee may require such person to pay the additional costs incurred in preparing the same before complying with such request.

#### Section F. Trustee's Liability

No person or entity serving as Trustee without compensation shall be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of fact or law or for ordinary negligence, but shall be liable for acts involving willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith.

Unless otherwise provided, no person or entity serving as Trustee who is receiving compensation for his or its services hereunder shall be liable for any loss which may occur as a result of any actions taken or not taken by the Trustee if such person or entity has exercised the reasonable care, skill and prudence generally exercised by a compensated fiduciary with respect to the administration, investment, and management of similar estates.

No person or entity serving as Trustee shall be liable for the acts, omissions or defaults of any other person or entity serving as Trustee, agent or other person to whom duties may be properly delegated hereunder (except that each corporate trustee shall be liable for the acts, omissions and defaults of its officers and regular employees) if such agent or other person was engaged with reasonable care.

Unless a Trustee shall expressly contract and bind himself or itself individually, no Trustee shall incur any personal liability to any person or legal entity dealing with the Trustee in the administration of a trust. The Trustee shall be entitled to reimbursement from the properties of a trust for any liability or expense, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, incurred by the Trustee in the proper administration of a trust.

The Trustee shall be indemnified from the trust property for any damages sustained by the Trustee as a result of its exercising, in good faith, any of the authorities granted it under this trust declaration.

3 . .

#### Section G. Duty of Third Parties Dealing with Trustee

...4

No person dealing with the Trustee shall be responsible for the application of any assets delivered to the Trustee, and the receipt of the Trustee shall be a full discharge to the extent of the property delivered. No purchaser from or other person dealing with the Trustee, and no issuer or transfer agent of any securities to which any dealing with the Trustee shall relate, shall be under any duty to ascertain the power of the Trustee to purchase, sell, exchange, transfer, encumber or otherwise in any manner deal with any property held by the Trustee. No person dealing with the Trustee in good faith shall be under any duty to see that the terms of a trust are complied with or to inquire into the validity or propriety of any act of the Trustee.

#### Section H. Division and Distribution of Trust Estate

When the Trustee is required to divide or make distribution from a trust estate, in whole or in part, such division or distribution may be made by the Trustee in cash or in kind, or partly in cash and partly in kind, and the Trustee may assign or apportion to the distributees undivided interests in any assets then constituting a part of such trust estate. The Trustee may encumber property, may sell property, and may make non-pro-rata distributions when the Trustee believes it is practical or desirable and equitable to do so in order to effectuate a trust distribution regardless of the income tax basis of any asset.



If non-pro-rata distributions are to be made, the Trustee should attempt to allocate the tax basis of the assets distributed in an equitable manner among the beneficiaries of the trust, but the Trustee may at all times rely upon the written agreement of the trust beneficiaries as to the apportionment of assets. To the extent non-pro-rata distributions are made and the tax basis of the assets so distributed is not uniformly apportioned among beneficiaries, the Trustee may, but need not, make any equitable adjustments among such beneficiaries as a result of such nonuniformity in basis.

#### Section I. Life Insurance

The Trustee shall have the powers with regard to life insurance as set forth in this Section I, except as otherwise provided in this agreement.

The Trustee may purchase, accept, hold, and deal with as owner, policies of insurance on both Founders' individual or joint lives, the life of any trust beneficiary, or on the life of any person in whom any trust beneficiary has an insurable interest.
The Trustee shall have the power to execute or cancel any automatic premium loan agreement with respect to any policy, and shall have the power to elect or cancel any automatic premium loan provision in a life insurance policy.

The Trustee may borrow money with which to pay premiums due on any policy either from the company issuing the policy or from any other source and may assign any such policy as security for the loan.

The Trustee shall have the power to exercise any option contained in a policy with regard to any dividend or share of surplus apportioned to the policy, to reduce the amount of a policy or convert or exchange the policy, or to surrender a policy at any time for its cash value.

The Trustee may elect any paid-up insurance or any extended-term insurance nonforfeiture option contained in a policy.

The Trustee shall have the power to sell policies at their fair market value to the insured or to anyone having an insurable interest in the policies.

The Trustee shall have the right to exercise any other right, option, or benefit contained in a policy or permitted by the insurance company issuing that policy.

Upon termination of any trust created under this agreement, the Trustee shall have the power to transfer and assign the policies held by the trust as a distribution of trust property.

#### Section J. Insured Trustee's Authority

Any individual Trustee under this agreement, other than either Founder, is prohibited from exercising any power conferred on the owner of any policy which insures the life of such individual Trustee and which is held as part of the trust property.

If the Trustee holds any such policy or policies as a part of the trust property, the powers conferred on the owner of such a policy shall be exercised only by the other then acting Trustee.

If the insured Trustee is the only then acting Trustee, then such powers shall be exercised by a substitute Trustee designated pursuant to the provisions of this agreement dealing with the trusteeship.

If any rule of law or court decision construes the ability of the insured Trustee to name a substitute Trustee as an incident of ownership, the substitution process shall be implemented

12-13

by a majority of the then current mandatory and discretionary income beneficiaries, excluding the insured Trustee if the insured Trustee is a beneficiary.

#### Section K. Estimated Income Tax Payment Allocation

The Trustee, in its sole discretion, may elect or not elect to treat all or any portion of federal estimated taxes paid by any trust to be treated as a payment made by any one or more beneficiaries of such trust who are entitled to receive current distributions of income or principal from such trust. The election need not be made in a pro rata manner among all beneficiaries of the trust.

If there is an individual serving as a co-trustee who is a beneficiary of a trust created by this declaration, that individual may not take part in any decision to treat any trust estimated income tax payment as a payment by such individual.

In exercising or choosing not to exercise the discretion granted in this paragraph, the Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary or to any other persons directly or indirectly for any action or inaction so taken except for its willful fraud or gross negligence.

#### Section L. Merger of Trusts

Notes and

If at any time the Trustee determines it would be in the best interest of the beneficiary or beneficiaries of any trust created by this declaration to transfer or merge all of the assets held in such trust with any other trust created either by trust instrument or by will for the benefit of the same beneficiary or beneficiaries and under substantially similar trusts, terms and conditions, the Trustee under this declaration, after giving not less than thirty days advance written notice to its beneficiaries, is authorized to transfer to or merge all of the assets held under the trust created by this declaration to such other substantially similar trust, and to terminate the trust created under this declaration regardless of whether the Trustee under this declaration also is acting as the trustee of such other trust.

The Trustee under this declaration shall not be subject to liability for delegation of its duties for any such transfer to a substantially similar trust having a different person or entity serving as trustee, and shall have no further liability with respect to trust assets properly delivered to the trustee of any such other substantially similar trust. Similarly, the Trustee of any trust created by this declaration is authorized to receive from the trustee of any other substantially similar trust.



12-14

#### Section M. Termination and Distribution of Small Trust

Are to

If, in the discretionary judgment of the person(s) or entity serving as Trustee, other than a surviving Founder acting as Trustee, any trust shall at any time be a size which, in the Trustee's sole judgment, shall make it inadvisable or unnecessary to continue such trust, then the Trustee may distribute the trust estate of such trust to its beneficiaries in proportion to their respective presumptive interests in such trust at the time of such termination.

If either or both of us are a beneficiary of a trust terminated pursuant to this paragraph and are surviving at the date of such termination, the Trustee (other than a surviving Founder acting as Trustee) shall distribute the assets of such terminated trust to both of us or the survivor of us. The Trustee shall not be liable either for terminating or for refusing to terminate a trust as authorized by this paragraph.

#### Section N. Elimination of Duty to Create Identical Trusts

If the provisions of this trust direct the Trustee to hold any portion of its trust estate at its termination as the trust estate of a new trust for the benefit of any person or persons who already are beneficiaries of an existing identical trust, that portion of the terminating trust shall be added to the existing identical trust, and no new trust shall be created.

#### Section O. Powers of Trustee Subsequent to an Event of Termination

The Trustee shall have a reasonable period of time after the occurrence of an event of termination in which to wind up the administration of a trust and to make a distribution of its assets. During this period of time the Trustee shall continue to have and shall exercise all powers granted herein to the Trustee or conferred upon the Trustee by law until all provisions of this declaration are fully executed.

#### Section P. Requesting Financial Information of Trust Beneficiaries

In exercising its discretion to make any discretionary distributions to the beneficiaries of any trust created hereunder, the Trustee is authorized to request any financial information, including prior federal income tax returns, from the respective beneficiaries that the Trustee deems necessary in order to exercise its discretion in accordance with the provisions for making such distributions under this declaration.

#### Section Q. Retirement Plan Elections

Except as otherwise provided in this trust declaration, the Trustee may receive or disclaim any and all proceeds from retirement plans, including, but not limited to, qualified pension, profit sharing, Keogh, individual retirement accounts, or any other form or type of plan. The Trustee may make such elections and exercise options as provided in such plan, without liability to any beneficiary for the election made or option elected. Any disclaimed proceeds or benefits shall be paid in accordance with the terms, conditions, and directives set forth in the subject plan.

#### Section R. Qualification as a Qualified Subchapter S Trust

If any stock of an S corporation becomes distributable to a trust created under this agreement, and such trust is not a qualified Subchapter S trust, the Trustee may implement any of the following alternatives with respect to the S corporation stock:

#### 1. A Sole Beneficiary

Where the original trust is for a sole beneficiary, the Trustee may create for that beneficiary a separate trust that qualifies as a Subchapter S trust, and then distribute such stock to the newly created trust.

#### 2. Multiple Beneficiaries

Where the original trust is for multiple beneficiaries, the Trustee may divide the trust into separate trusts for each of the beneficiaries. Each newly created trust shall hold that beneficiary's pro rata share of the S corporation stock, and shall qualify as a Subchapter S trust.

#### 3. Outright Distribution

If circumstances prevent the Trustee from accomplishing the first two alternatives under this paragraph, the Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, distribute such stock to the beneficiaries as if the trust had terminated, while continuing to hold any other non-S corporation property in trust.

Each newly created S corporation trust shall have mandatory distributions of income and shall not provide for powers of appointment that can be exercised by the beneficiary during the beneficiary's lifetime. In all other respects, the





newly created trusts shall be as consistent as possible with the original trusts and still qualify as Subchapter S trusts.

11

l

The Trustee may take any action necessary with regard to S corporations, including making any elections required to qualify stock as S corporation stock, and may sign all required tax returns and forms.

- 4

. .

#### Section S. **Elective Deductions**

A Trustee will have the discretionary authority to claim any obligation, expense, cost or loss as a deduction against either estate tax or income tax, or to make any election provided by Texas law, the Internal Revenue Code, or other applicable law, and the Trustee's decision will be conclusive and binding upon all interested parties and shall be effective without obligation to make an equitable adjustment or apportionment between or among the beneficiaries of this trust or the estate of a deceased beneficiary.

We, ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, attest that we execute this trust declaration and the terms thereof will bind us, our successors and assigns, our heirs and personal representatives, and any Trustee of this trust. This instrument is to be effective upon the date recorded immediately below.

Dated: January 12, 2005

ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Founder

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founder

ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Trustee

Delina 6. Bruneteren

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS

#### COUNTY OF HARRIS

11

On January 12, 2005, before me, a Notary Public of said State, personally appeared ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as Founders and Trustees.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal.

harlotte allonan

Notary Public, State of Texas

an a tangan ang kabupatén di kabupatén kabupatén di kabupatén kabupatén kabupatén kabupatén kabupatén kabupatén CHARTOTTE ALLMAM ( NOTES COLORIS DE LE COLOR METERS D'ARTE - METERS AUC. 1, 2005 Ś (a, a, b) , the experimental experimental  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

.

.

Ć j

P14359

 $\mathbf{v}_{i}$ 





## TITLE TRANSFER DOCUMENTS

1000

This portion of your portfolio should contain copies of all documents which show that title to various assets has been transferred to your Living Trust. The original documents should be kept in a safe place, such as a safe deposit box. In order to help your trustees in the event of death or disability, you should keep records of all assets that have been transferred to your Living Trust in this section.

## Trust Property Inventory Schedule "A" Joint Property of Husband and Wife

Date Transferred	Asset Description
<u></u>	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

())

13

P14361

## Trust Property Inventory Schedule "B" Separate Property of Husband

1

Date Transferred	Asset Description
·	
-	
·	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
1	

P14362



Date Transferred	Asset Description	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
•		





(

SIOUX COUNTY IOWA RECORDED '96 NOU 18 AM 9 44 FILE 1996 CARD 5407 A. VAN BRUGGEN RECORDER

Prepared by: Dennis D. Duffy, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 101, Bettendorf, IA 52722, (319) 355-7070

### QUIT CLAIM DEED STATE OF IOWA,

. . .

٢ November 00.12 76 Aj Reid 11-18-96 ŗ ł,

Sioux County

#### THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, THAT THE GRANTORS,

#### ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, individually and as husband and wife,

of the County of Harris and the State of Texas for and in consideration of Ten (\$10) Dollars and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, QUIT CLAIMS unto

ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or their successors in trust, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996 and any amendments thereto,

the following described real estate in the County of Sioux, State of Iowa, hereby relinquishing all rights of dower, homestead and distributive share in and to the real estate, to-wit:

The Northwest Fractional Quarter (NW Frt.<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) of Section Two (2), Township Ninety-six (96), Range Forty-five (45) West of the 5th P.M. EXCEPT the North 542.5 Feet of the West 660 Feet in Sioux County, Iowa,

subject to all easements and restrictions of record.

The consideration for this transfer is less than \$500.00 so this conveyance is exempt from transfer tax, pursuant to lowa Code Chapter 428A.2(21).

Grantors warrant that the trust named as grantee herein is a revocable trust as defined in Iowa Code Chapter 9H.1(20).

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises with the appurtenances, upon the trusts and for uses and purposes herein and in said trust agreement set forth.

Full power and authority is hereby granted to said trustee to improve, manage and protect said premises or any part thereto, to contract to sell, to grant options to purchase, to sell on any terms, to convey, either with or without consideration; to convey said premises or any part thereof to a successor or successors in trust and to grant to such successor or successors in trust all of the title, estate, powers and authorities vested in said Trustee; to donate to dedicate, to mortgage, pledge or otherwise encumber, said property, or any part thereof, to lease said property, or any part thereof; from time to time, and upon any terms and for any period or periods of time, to grant easements or charges of any kind, to release, convey or assign any right, title or interest in or about or easement appurtenant to said premises or any part thereof, and to deal with said property and every part thereof in all other ways and for such other considerations as it would be lawful for any person owning the same to deal with the same, whether similar to or different from the ways above specified, at any time or times hereafter.

In no case shall any party dealing with said trustee in relation to said premises, or to whom said premises or any part thereof shall be conveyed, contracted to be sold, leased or mortgaged by said trustee, be obliged to see to the application of any purchase money, rent or money borrowed or advanced on said premises, or be obliged to see that the terms of this trust have been complied with, or be obliged to inquire into the necessity or expediency of any act of said trustee, or be obliged or privileged to inquire into any of the terms of said trust agreement; and every deed, trust deed, mortgage, lease or other instrument executed by said trustee in relation to said real estate shall be conclusive evidence in favor of every person relying upon or claiming under any such conveyance, lease or other instrument that

(a) at the time of the delivery of this deed the trust stated in this Indenture as grantee was in full force and effect,

(b) that such conveyance or other instrument was executed in accordance with the trusts, conditions and limitations contained in this Indenture and in said trust agreement or in some amendment thereof and binding upon all beneficiaries thereunder,

(c) that said trustee was duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver every such deed, trust deed, lease, mortgage or other instrument, and

(d) if the conveyance is made to a successor or successors in trust, that such successor or successors in trust have been properly appointed and are fully vested with all the title, estate, rights, powers, authorities, duties and obligations of its, his or their predecessor in trust.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the grantors have signed this on October 29, 1996

Elmer Henry Brunsting

Nelva E. Brunsting

STATE OF TEXAS ) COUNTY OF <u>Harris</u> )

Sect

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, individually and as husband and wife, personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and notarial seal on OCTOBER 29, 1996.



([

Notary

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY AND RETURN TO:

Dennis D. Duffy Attorney at Law 101 Northwest Bank Tower 2550 Middle Road Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 (319) 355-7070

P14367

(\_\_\_)

(

٠

.

#### TRANSFER TO GRANTOR TRUST SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT (Transfer of Personal Property to Trust)

TRUST IDENTITY:	BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST
PRIMARY INCOME BENEFICIARIES:	ELMER H. BRUNSTING NELVA E. BRUNSTING
IDENTITY OF CONTRIBUTORS:	ELMER H. BRUNSTING NELVA E. BRUNSTING

#### AGREEMENT:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING agree to contribute, or have contributed, the property identified below to the trust as well as all personal effects which they may acquire in the future. The Trustees accept the contribution, subject to the right of the Contributors to withdraw all or any part of the contribution and its appreciation in value. The Contributors shall give the Trustees written notice of at least seven (7) days in advance of the date the withdrawal is to be made, and at the conclusion of the notice period, the Trustees will deliver funds or trust property equal in value to the amount which the Contributors are authorized to withdraw. If the property contributed is commingled with other trust property, the trust property will share pro rata in the appreciation or depreciation of all trust property administered by the Trustees except other trust property which has maintained a separate identity and which has not been commingled. The Trustees will have the authority to partition commingled trust property in kind and to deliver a divided interest thereof in satisfaction of the trust's payment obligation or to deliver an undivided interest, of equivalent value, in trust property in satisfaction of the trust's payment obligation.

It is the intent and purpose of the contracting parties that the contribution made or to be made be structured so that the contribution will not constitute a gift of Contributors' property for federal gift tax purposes, and this agreement shall be construed and shall be subject to modification to obtain this result.

Notwithstanding the foregoing agreement, the right of withdrawal retained herein shall be, in all events, subject to the trust provisions prohibiting withdrawal from portions of the trust which become irrevocable pursuant to the terms and conditions of the trust, and this agreement shall be construed and shall be subject to modification to obtain this result.

## PROPERTY CONTRIBUTED OR TO BE CONTRIBUTED:

All personal effects, clothes, jewelry, chinaware, silver, photographs, works of art, books, sporting goods, artifacts relating to the hobbies of the Contributors, and all household furniture, fixtures, equipment, goods and miscellaneous household items, as well as all other tangible articles of personal or household use, including, but not limited to, all such personalty set forth and described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

Date: January 12, 2005

ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Contributor and Trustee

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Contributor and Trustee From:Anita BrunstingTo:at.home3@yahoo.com; cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net; CandyDate:Saturday, October 23, 2010 10:50:16 AMAttachments:20101022122733644.pdf<br/>20101022122151699.pdf<br/>20101022122647037.pdf

This should make it 9 docs

500



(

## LIVING WILL

This section contains a signed copy of your Living Will, which is also known as the "Physician's Directive." If you are suffering from a terminal condition or an irreversible condition, this document allows you to express your wishes as to whether or not you direct your physician to terminate life sustaining procedures which serve only to prolong the moment of your death. In essence, it clarifies and makes known your intent regarding life sustaining procedures.

 $(\mathcal{P})$ . .

۰.

- Starley

() | |

DIRECTIVE TO PHYSICIANS AND FAMILY OR SURROGATES

#### Instructions for completing this document:

(

This is an important legal document known as an Advance Directive. It is designed to help you communicate your wishes about medical treatment at some time in the future when you are unable to make your wishes known because of illness or injury. These wishes are usually based on personal values. In particular, you may want to consider what burdens or hardships of treatment you would be willing to accept for a particular amount of benefit obtained if you were seriously ill.

You are encouraged to discuss your values and wishes with your family or chosen spokesperson, as well as your physician. Your physician, other health care provider, or medical institution may provide you with various resources to assist you in completing your advance directive. Brief definitions are listed below and may aid you in your discussions and advance planning. Initial the treatment choices that best reflect your personal preferences. Provide a copy of your directive to your physician, usual hospital, and family or spokesperson. Consider a periodic review of this document. By periodic review, you can best assure that the directive reflects your preferences.

In addition to this advance directive, Texas law provides for two other types of directives that can be important during a serious illness. These are the Medical Power of Attorney and the Out-of-Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate Order. You may wish to discuss these with your physician, family, hospital representative, or other advisers. You may also wish to complete a directive related to the donation of organs and tissues.

#### DIRECTIVE

I, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, recognize that the best health care is based upon a partnership of trust and communication with my physician. My physician and I will make health care decisions together as long as I am of sound mind and able to make my wishes known. If there comes a time that I am unable to make medical decisions about myself because of illness or injury, I direct that the following treatment preferences be honored:

If, in the judgment of my physician, I am suffering with a terminal condition from which I am expected to die within six months, even with available life-sustaining treatment provided in accordance with prevailing standards of medical care:

 $\underline{NEB}$  I request that all treatments other than those needed to keep me comfortable be discontinued or withheld and my physician allow me to die as gently as possible; OR

I request that I be kept alive in this terminal condition using available life-sustaining treatment. (THIS SELECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO HOSPICE CARE.)

If, in the judgment of my physician, I am suffering with an irreversible condition so that I cannot care for myself or make decisions for myself and am expected to die without life-sustaining treatment provided in accordance with prevailing standards of care:

 $\underline{MEN}$  I request that all treatments other than those needed to keep me comfortable be discontinued or withheld and my physician allow me to die as gently as possible; OR

I request that I be kept alive in this irreversible condition using available life-sustaining treatment. (THIS SELECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO HOSPICE CARE.)

Additional requests: (After discussion with your physician, you may wish to consider listing particular treatments in this space that you do or do not want in specific circumstances, such as artificial nutrition and fluids, intravenous antibiotics, etc. Be sure to state whether you do or do not want the particular treatment.)

After signing this directive, if my representative or I elect hospice care, I understand and agree that only those treatments needed to keep me comfortable would be provided and I would not be given available life-sustaining treatments.

If the persons named in my Medical Power of Attorney are not available, or if I have not designated a spokesperson, I understand that a spokesperson will be chosen for me following standards specified in the laws of Texas. If, in the judgment of my physician, my death is imminent within minutes to hours, even with the use of all available medical treatment provided within the prevailing standard of care, I acknowledge that all treatments may be withheld or removed except those needed to maintain my comfort. I understand that under Texas law this directive has no effect if I have been diagnosed as pregnant. This directive will remain in effect until I revoke it. No other person may do so.

WITNESS MY HAND on January 12, 2005.

NELVA E. BRUNSTING

Houston, Texas 77079 Harris County, Texas

Two competent adult witnesses must sign below, acknowledging the signature of the declarant. The witness designated as Witness 1 may not be a person designated to make a treatment decision for the patient and may not be related to the patient by blood or marriage. This witness may not be entitled to any part of the estate and may not have a claim against the estate of the patient. This witness may not be the attending physician or an employee of the attending physician. If this witness is an employee of a health care facility in which the patient is being cared for, this witness may not be involved in providing direct patient care to the patient. This witness may not be an officer, director, partner, or business office employee of a health care facility in which the patient is being cared for or of any parent organization of the health care facility.

Signature of First Witness

apil Prishell

Signature of Second Witness

Krysti Brull 11511 Katy Freeway, Suite 520 Houston, Texas 77079

Address

April Driskell 11511 Katy Freeway, Suite 520 Houston, Texas 77079

Address

1

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

self; and

"Artificial nutrition and hydration" means the provision of nutrients or fluids by a tube inserted in a vein, under the skin in the subcutaneous tissues, or in the stomach (gastrointestinal tract).

"Irreversible condition" means a condition, injury, or illness:

(1) that may be treated, but is never cured or eliminated;

(2) that leaves a person unable to care for or make decisions for the person's own

(3) that, without life-sustaining treatment provided in accordance with the prevailing standard of medical care, is fatal.

Explanation: Many serious illnesses such as cancer, failure of major organs (kidney, heart, liver, or lung), and serious brain disease such as Alzheimer's dementia may be considered irreversible early on. There is no cure, but the patient may be kept alive for prolonged periods of time if the patient receives life-sustaining treatments. Late in the course of the same illness, the disease may be considered terminal when, even with treatment, the patient is expected to die. You may wish to consider which burdens of treatment you would be willing to accept in an effort to achieve a particular outcome. This is a very personal decision that you may wish to discuss with your physician, family, or other important persons in your life.

"Life-sustaining treatment" means treatment that, based on reasonable medical judgment, sustains the life of a patient and without which the patient will die. The term includes both life-sustaining medications and artificial life support such as mechanical breathing machines, kidney dialysis treatment, and artificial hydration and nutrition. The term does not include the administration of pain management medication, the performance of a medical procedure necessary to provide comfort care, or any other medical care provided to alleviate a patient's pain.

"Terminal condition" means an incurable condition caused by injury, disease, or illness that according to reasonable medical judgment will produce death within six months, even with available life-sustaining treatment provided in accordance with the prevailing standard of medical care.

Explanation: Many serious illnesses may be considered irreversible early in the course of the illness, but they may not be considered terminal until the disease is fairly advanced. In thinking about terminal illness and its treatment, you again may wish to consider the relative benefits and burdens of treatment and discuss your wishes with your physician, family, or other important persons in your life.

C(0)/D

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

# THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT. BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU SHOULD KNOW THESE IMPORTANT FACTS:

Except to the extent you state otherwise, this document gives the person you name as your agent the authority to make any and all health care decisions for you in accordance with your wishes, including your religious and moral beliefs, when you are no longer capable of making them yourself. Because "health care" means any treatment, service, or procedure to maintain, diagnose, or treat your physical or mental condition, your agent has the power to make a broad range of health care decisions for you. Your agent may consent, refuse to consent, or withdraw consent to medical treatment and may make decisions about withdrawing or withholding life-sustaining treatment. Your agent may not consent to voluntary inpatient mental health services, convulsive treatment, psychosurgery, or abortion. A physician must comply with your agent's instructions or allow you to be transferred to another physician.

Your agent's authority begins when your doctor certifies that you lack the competence to make health care decisions.

Your agent is obligated to follow your instructions when making decisions on your behalf. Unless you state otherwise, your agent has the same authority to make decisions about your health care as you would have had.

It is important that you discuss this document with your physician or other health care provider before you sign it to make sure that you understand the nature and range of decisions that may be made on your behalf. If you do not have a physician, you should talk with someone else who is knowledgeable about these issues and can answer your questions. You do not need a lawyer's assistance to complete this document, but if there is anything in this document that you do not understand, you should ask a lawyer to explain it to you.

The person you appoint as agent should be someone you know and trust. The person must be 18 years of age or older or a person under 18 years of age who has had the disabilities of minority removed. If you appoint your health or residential care provider (e.g., your physician or an employee of a home health agency, hospital, nursing home, or residential care home, other than a relative), that person has to choose between acting as your agent or as your health or residential care provider; the law does not permit a person to do both at the same time.

You should inform the person you appoint that you want the person to be your health care agent. You should discuss this document with your agent and your physician and give each a signed copy. You should indicate on the document itself the people and institutions who have signed copies. Your agent is not liable for health care decisions made in good faith on your behalf.

Even after you have signed this document, you have the right to make health care decisions for yourself as long as you are able to do so and treatment cannot be given to you

or stopped over your objection. You have the right to revoke the authority granted to your agent by informing your agent or your health or residential care provider orally or in writing or by your execution of a subsequent medical power of attorney. Unless you state otherwise, your appointment of a spouse dissolves on divorce.

This document may not be changed or modified. If you want to make changes in the document, you must make an entirely new one.

You may wish to designate an alternate agent in the event that your agent is unwilling, unable, or ineligible to act as your agent. Any alternate agent you designate has the same authority to make health care decisions for you.

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS NOT VALID UNLESS IT IS SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF TWO COMPETENT ADULT WITNESSES. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS MAY NOT ACT AS ONE OF THE WITNESSES:

(1) the person you have designated as your agent;

(2) a person related to you by blood or marriage;

(3) a person entitled to any part of your estate after your death under a will or codicil executed by you or by operation of law;

(4) your attending physician;

and .

(5) an employee of your attending physician;

(6) an employee of a health care facility in which you are a patient if the employee is providing direct patient care to you or is an officer, director, partner, or business office employee of the health care facility or of any parent organization of the health care facility; or

(7) a person who, at the time this power of attorney is executed, has a claim against any part of your estate after your death.

Signed on  $\underbrace{8-35}$ , 2010, to confirm that I received this disclosure statement prior to execution of my Medical Power of Attorney and that I have read and understand it.

-2-

<u>Nehra E. Driens Ting</u> NELVA E. BRUNSTING

.....

#### MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

. .. . .

Ŧ١

#### **DESIGNATION OF HEALTH CARE AGENT**

I, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, appoint CAROL A. BRUNSTING, who resides at 5822 Jason, Houston, Texas 77074, and whose phone number is (713) 560-6381 (cell), as my agent to make any and all health care decisions for me, except to the extent I state otherwise in this document. This medical power of attorney takes effect if I become unable to make my own health care decisions and this fact is certified in writing by my physician.

#### DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATE AGENT

(You are not required to designate an alternate agent but you may do so. An alternate agent may make the same health care decisions as the designated agent if the designated agent is unable or unwilling to act as your agent. If the agent designated is your spouse, the designation is automatically revoked by law if your marriage is dissolved.)

If the person designated as my agent is unable or unwilling to make health care decisions for me, I designate the following persons to serve as my agent, in the following order, to make health care decisions for me as authorized by this document:

A. First Alternate Agent

#### ANITA KAY BRUNSTING

203 Bloomingdale Circle Victoria, Texas 77904 (361) 576-5732 (home) or (361) 550-7132 (cell)

B. Second Alternate Agent

#### AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

2582 Country Ledge New Braunsfels, Texas 78132 (830) 625-8352 (home) or (830) 823-2388 (cell)

The original of this document is kept with my other estate planning documents. A signed copy of this document is on file with my lawyer, ALBERT E. VACEK, JR., 14800 St. Mary's Lane, Suite 230, Houston, Texas 77079, telephone (281) 531-5800 or 1-800-229-3002.

#### DURATION

I understand that this power of attorney exists indefinitely from the date I execute this document unless I establish a shorter time or revoke the power of attorney. If I am unable to make health care decisions for myself when this power of attorney expires, the authority

I have granted my agent continues to exist until the time I become able to make health care decisions for myself.

#### **PRIOR DESIGNATIONS REVOKED**

I revoke any prior medical power of attorney.

#### HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

In addition to the other powers granted by this document, I grant to my agent the power and authority to serve as my personal representative for all purposes of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and its regulations ("HIPAA") immediately upon my signing this document.

Pursuant to HIPAA, I specifically authorize my agent as my HIPAA personal representative to request, receive and review any information regarding my physical or mental health, including, without limitation all HIPAA protected health information, medical and hospital records; to execute on my behalf any authorizations, releases or other documents that may be required in order to obtain this information; and to consent to the disclosure of this information. I further authorize my agent to execute on my behalf any documents necessary or desirable to implement the health care decisions that my agent is authorized to make under this document.

By signing this Medical Power of Attorney, I specifically empower and authorize my physician, hospital or health care provider to release any and all medical records to my agent or my agent's designee. Further, I waive any liability to any physician, hospital or any health care provider who releases any and all of my medical records to my agent and acknowledge that the health information that would otherwise be protected under HIPAA will no longer be protected or private.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

I have been provided with a disclosure statement explaining the effect of this document. I have read and understand that information contained in the disclosure statement.

I sign my name to this Medical Power of Attorney at Houston, Texas on 8-35, 2010.

A Sec. 1 .

Mehra E. Drunting NELVA E. BRUNSTING

-4-

P14380

#### STATEMENT OF FIRST WITNESS

I am not the person appointed as agent by this document. I am not related to the principal by blood or marriage. I would not be entitled to any portion of the principal's estate on the principal's death. I am not the attending physician of the principal or an employee of the attending physician. I have no claim against any portion of the principal's estate on the principal's death. Furthermore, if I am an employee of a health care facility in which the principal is a patient, I am not involved in providing direct patient care to the principal and am not an officer, director, partner, or business office employee of the health care facility or of any parent organization of the health care facility.

Signature of First Witness

Date: <u>8/25 H</u>, 2010

Merlin Case 14800 St. Mary's Ln., Suite 230 Houston, TX 77079

Address of First Witness

Kunz Geld Date: 08-25, 2010 Candace & Signature of Second Witness

Candace Kunz-Freed 14800 St. Mary's Ln., Suite 230 Houston, TX 77079

Address of Second Witness

### Affidavit of Trust

1. The following trust is the subject of this Affidavit:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

On January 12, 2005, the said BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST was restated and amended. The Restatement replaces and supersedes our original trust agreement and all prior amendments.

2. The names and addresses of the currently acting Trustees of the trust are as follows:

Names:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING NELVA E. BRUNSTING

Address:

(

13630 Pinerock Houston, Texas 77079

 $Y_i$ 

- 3. The trust is currently in full force and effect.
- 4. Attached to this Affidavit and incorporated in it are selected provisions of the trust evidencing the following:

a,	Article I	-	Restatement of the trust and initial
b.	Article III	-	Trustees Statement of revocability of the trust
c.	Article IV	-	Successor Trustees
d.	Article VII	-	Upon the Death of One of Us
e.	Article XII	· -	Powers of the Trustees
f.	Article XIV	-	Signature pages

-1-

- 5. The trust provisions which are not attached to this Affidavit are of a personal nature and set forth the distribution of trust property. They do not modify the powers of the Trustees.
- 6. The signatories of this Affidavit are currently the acting Trustees of the trust and declare that the foregoing statements and the attached trust provisions are true and correct, under penalty of perjury.
- 7. This Affidavit is dated January 12, 2005.

ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Trustee

Nehra E. Brunstenne NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

The foregoing Affidavit of Trust was acknowledged before me on January 12, 2005, by ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, as Trustees.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Charlotte Ch

Notary Public, State of Texas

a a secondaria a secondaria (1995) e a secondaria a secondaria (1995) e a secondaria (1995) a secondaria (1995) e a secondaria (1995)

-2-

### THE RESTATEMENT OF THE BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST

### Article I

### **Our Family Living Trust**

#### Section A. The Restatement of Our Trust

This restatement of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996 is made this day by ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING, also known as ELMER H. BRUNSTING, and wife, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, (together called "Founders") who presently reside in Harris County, Texas.

We now wish to restate that original trust agreement and any amendments thereto, in their entirety.

This restatement, dated January 12, 2005, shall replace and supersede our original trust agreement ad all prior amendments.

We shall serve together as the initial Trustees of this joint revocable living trust.

Notwithstanding anything in our trust declaration to the contrary, when we are serving as Trustees under our trust declaration, either of us may act for and conduct business on behalf of our trust as a Trustee without the consent of any other Trustee.

#### Section B. The Title of Our Trust

Although the name we have given to our trust for our own convenience is the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, the full legal name of our trust for purposes of transferring assets into the trust, holding title to assets and conducting business for and on behalf of the trust, shall be known as:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

1-1

### THE RESTATEMENT OF THE BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST

### Article I

### **Our Family Living Trust**

#### Section A. The Restatement of Our Trust

. ~ 1

This restatement of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996 is made this day by ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING, also known as ELMER H. BRUNSTING, and wife, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, (together called "Founders") who presently reside in Harris County, Texas.

We now wish to restate that original trust agreement and any amendments thereto, in their entirety.

This restatement, dated January 12, 2005, shall replace and supersede our original trust agreement ad all prior amendments.

We shall serve together as the initial Trustees of this joint revocable living trust.

Notwithstanding anything in our trust declaration to the contrary, when we are serving as Trustees under our trust declaration, either of us may act for and conduct business on behalf of our trust as a Trustee without the consent of any other Trustee.

#### Section B. The Title of Our Trust

Although the name we have given to our trust for our own convenience is the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, the full legal name of our trust for purposes of transferring assets into the trust, holding title to assets and conducting business for and on behalf of the trust, shall be known as:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

1-1

### Article III

## Our Right to Amend or Revoke This Trust

#### Section A. We May Revoke Our Trust

While we are both living, either of us may revoke our trust. However, this trust will become irrevocable upon the death of either of us. Any Trustee, who is serving in such capacity, may document the non-revocation of the trust with an affidavit setting forth that the trust remains in full force and effect.

The affidavit may, at the Trustee's discretion, be filed in the deed records in each county in which real property held in trust is located or in the county in which the principal assets and records of the trust are located. The public and all persons interested in and dealing with the trust and the Trustee may rely upon a certified copy of the recorded affidavit as conclusive evidence that the trust remains in full force and effect.

#### Section B. We May Amend Our Trust

This trust declaration may be amended by us in whole or in part in a writing signed by both of us for so long as we both shall live. Except as to a change of trust situs, when one of us dies, this trust shall not be subject to amendment, except by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Each of us may provide for a different disposition of our share in the trust by using a qualified beneficiary designation, as we define that term in this agreement, and the qualified beneficiary designation will be considered an amendment to this trust as to that Founder's share or interest alone.

#### Section C. Income Tax Matters

For so long as this trust remains subject to amendment or revocation in its entirety, and for so long as a Founder is a Trustee of the trust, this trust will be treated for income tax reporting purposes as a "grantor trust" as that term is used by the Internal Revenue Service, particularly in Treasury Regulation Section 1.671-4(b).

For so long as a Founder is a Trustee of the trust, the tax identification numbers will be the social security numbers of the Founders and all items of income, gain, loss, credit and

(

### Article III

## Our Right to Amend or Revoke This Trust

### Section A. We May Revoke Our Trust

While we are both living, either of us may revoke our trust. However, this trust will become irrevocable upon the death of either of us. Any Trustee, who is serving in such capacity, may document the non-revocation of the trust with an affidavit setting forth that the trust remains in full force and effect.

The affidavit may, at the Trustee's discretion, be filed in the deed records in each county in which real property held in trust is located or in the county in which the principal assets and records of the trust are located. The public and all persons interested in and dealing with the trust and the Trustee may rely upon a certified copy of the recorded affidavit as conclusive evidence that the trust remains in full force and effect.

#### Section B. We May Amend Our Trust

This trust declaration may be amended by us in whole or in part in a writing signed by both of us for so long as we both shall live. Except as to a change of trust situs, when one of us dies, this trust shall not be subject to amendment, except by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Each of us may provide for a different disposition of our share in the trust by using a qualified beneficiary designation, as we define that term in this agreement, and the qualified beneficiary designation will be considered an amendment to this trust as to that Founder's share or interest alone.

#### Section C. Income Tax Matters

For so long as this trust remains subject to amendment or revocation in its entirety, and for so long as a Founder is a Trustee of the trust, this trust will be treated for income tax reporting purposes as a "grantor trust" as that term is used by the Internal Revenue Service, particularly in Treasury Regulation Section 1.671-4(b).

For so long as a Founder is a Trustee of the trust, the tax identification numbers will be the social security numbers of the Founders and all items of income, gain, loss, credit and
deduction are to be reported on the Founders' individual or joint income tax returns. At such time as the trust becomes irrevocable, in whole or in part, because of the death of one of us, the trust is to be treated for income tax purposes as required by Subchapter J of the Internal Revenue Code.

. . .

1

( (

(

# P14388

# Article IV

# Our Trustees

### Section A. Original Trustees

Founders appoint ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING as the original Trustees of this trust. However, either of us may conduct business and act on behalf of this trust without the consent or authority of any other Trustee. Any third party may conclusively rely on the authority of either of us without the joinder of the other.

## Section B. Our Successor Trustees

Each of the original Trustees will have the right to appoint their own successor or successors to serve as Trustees in the event that such original Trustee ceases to serve by reason of death, disability or for any reason, and may specify any conditions upon succession and service as may be permitted by law. Such appointment, together with any specified conditions, must be in writing.

If an original Trustee does not appoint a successor, the remaining original Trustee or Trustees then serving will continue to serve alone.

If both of the original Trustees fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any reason without having appointed a successor or successors, then the following individuals will serve as Co-Trustees:

#### CARL HENRY BRUNSTING and AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If a successor Co-Trustee should fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any other reason, then CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall serve as Co-Trustee in his or her place, with the remaining Co-Trustee then serving. However, if there is only one successor Co-Trustee able or willing to serve, such successor Co-Trustee shall serve alone.

Successor Trustees will have the authority vested in the original Trustees under this trust document, subject to any lawful limitations or qualifications upon the service of a successor imposed by any Trustee in a written document appointing a successor.

deduction are to be reported on the Founders' individual or joint income tax returns. At such time as the trust becomes irrevocable, in whole or in part, because of the death of one of us, the trust is to be treated for income tax purposes as required by Subchapter J of the Internal Revenue Code.

(

( . (

(

~

# Article IV

# Our Trustees

#### Section A. Original Trustees

Founders appoint ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING as the original Trustees of this trust. However, either of us may conduct business and act on behalf of this trust without the consent or authority of any other Trustee. Any third party may conclusively rely on the authority of either of us without the joinder of the other.

## Section B. Our Successor Trustees

Each of the original Trustees will have the right to appoint their own successor or successors to serve as Trustees in the event that such original Trustee ceases to serve by reason of death, disability or for any reason, and may specify any conditions upon succession and service as may be permitted by law. Such appointment, together with any specified conditions, must be in writing.

If an original Trustee does not appoint a successor, the remaining original Trustee or Trustees then serving will continue to serve alone.

If both of the original Trustees fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any reason without having appointed a successor or successors, then the following individuals will serve as Co-Trustees:

### CARL HENRY BRUNSTING and AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If a successor Co-Trustee should fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any other reason, then CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall serve as Co-Trustee in his or her place, with the remaining Co-Trustee then serving. However, if there is only one successor Co-Trustee able or willing to serve, such successor Co-Trustee shall serve alone.

Successor Trustees will have the authority vested in the original Trustees under this trust document, subject to any lawful limitations or qualifications upon the service of a successor imposed by any Trustee in a written document appointing a successor.

4-1

(

# Article VII

# Upon the Death of One of Us

# Section A. Settlement of Affairs

. (

(

Upon the death of the first Founder to die, our Trustee is authorized, but not directed, to pay the following expenses, claims and liabilities which are attributable to the first Founder to die:

Funeral, burial and expenses of last illness

Statutory or court-ordered allowances for qualifying family members

Expenses of administration of the estate

Legally enforceable claims against the deceased Founder or the deceased Founder's estate

Taxes occasioned by death

Any payment authorized above is discretionary. No claim or right to payment may be enforced against this trust by virtue of such discretionary authority.

### 1. Deceased Founder's Probate Estate

Payments authorized under this Section shall be paid only to the extent that the probate assets (other than real estate, tangible personal property or property that, in our Trustee's judgment, is not readily marketable) are insufficient to make these payments. However, if our trust holds United States Treasury Bonds which are eligible for redemption at par in payment of the federal estate tax, our Trustee shall redeem such bonds to the extent necessary to pay federal estate tax as a result of a death.

Payments authorized under this Section may be made by our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, either directly to the appropriate persons or institutions or to the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate. If our Trustee makes payments directly to the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate, our Trustee shall not have any duty to see to the application of such payments. Any written statement of the deceased Founder's personal representative regarding material facts relating to these payments may be relied upon by our Trustee.

As an addition to our trust, our Trustee is authorized to purchase and retain in the form received any property which is a part of the deceased Founder's probate estate. In addition, our Trustee may make loans to the deceased Founder's probate estate with or without security. Our Trustee shall not be liable for any loss suffered by our trust as a result of the exercise of the powers granted in this paragraph.

Our Trustee shall be under no obligation to examine the records or accounts of the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate and is authorized to accept distributions from the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate without audit.

# 2. Exempt Property Excluded

Our Trustee shall not use any property in making any payments pursuant to this Section to the extent that such property is not included in the deceased Founder's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes. However, if our Trustee makes the determination, in its sole and absolute discretion, that other non-exempt property is not available for payments authorized under this Section, it may then use such exempt property where it is not economically prudent to use non-exempt property for the payment of such expenses.

#### 3. Apportionment of Payments

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this trust declaration, all expenses and claims, and all estate, inheritance and death taxes, excluding any generation-skipping transfer tax, resulting from the death of a Founder shall be paid without apportionment and without reimbursement from any person.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in our trust, no death taxes payable as a result of the death of the first Founder to die shall be allocated to or paid from the Survivor's Trust or from any assets passing to the surviving Founder and qualifying for the federal estate tax marital deduction unless our Trustee has first used all other assets available to our Trustee.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in our trust declaration, estate, inheritance and death taxes assessed with regard to property passing outside

# Article VII

# Upon the Death of One of Us

# Section A. Settlement of Affairs

Upon the death of the first Founder to die, our Trustee is authorized, but not directed, to pay the following expenses, claims and liabilities which are attributable to the first Founder to die:

Funeral, burial and expenses of last illness

Statutory or court-ordered allowances for qualifying family members

Expenses of administration of the estate

Legally enforceable claims against the deceased Founder or the deceased Founder's estate

Taxes occasioned by death

Any payment authorized above is discretionary. No claim or right to payment may be enforced against this trust by virtue of such discretionary authority.

## 1. Deceased Founder's Probate Estate

Payments authorized under this Section shall be paid only to the extent that the probate assets (other than real estate, tangible personal property or property that, in our Trustee's judgment, is not readily marketable) are insufficient to make these payments. However, if our trust holds United States Treasury Bonds which are eligible for redemption at par in payment of the federal estate tax, our Trustee shall redeem such bonds to the extent necessary to pay federal estate tax as a result of a death.

Payments authorized under this Section may be made by our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, either directly to the appropriate persons or institutions or to the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate. If our Trustee makes payments directly to the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate, our Trustee shall not have any duty to see to the application of such payments. Any written statement of the deceased Founder's personal representative regarding material facts relating to these payments may be relied upon by our Trustee.

As an addition to our trust, our Trustee is authorized to purchase and retain in the form received any property which is a part of the deceased Founder's probate estate. In addition, our Trustee may make loans to the deceased Founder's probate estate with or without security. Our Trustee shall not be liable for any loss suffered by our trust as a result of the exercise of the powers granted in this paragraph.

Our Trustee shall be under no obligation to examine the records or accounts of the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate and is authorized to accept distributions from the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate without audit.

## 2. Exempt Property Excluded

11

Our Trustee shall not use any property in making any payments pursuant to this Section to the extent that such property is not included in the deceased Founder's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes. However, if our Trustee makes the determination, in its sole and absolute discretion, that other non-exempt property is not available for payments authorized under this Section, it may then use such exempt property where it is not economically prudent to use non-exempt property for the payment of such expenses.

#### **3.** Apportionment of Payments

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this trust declaration, all expenses and claims, and all estate, inheritance and death taxes, excluding any generation-skipping transfer tax, resulting from the death of a Founder shall be paid without apportionment and without reimbursement from any person.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in our trust, no death taxes payable as a result of the death of the first Founder to die shall be allocated to or paid from the Survivor's Trust or from any assets passing to the surviving Founder and qualifying for the federal estate tax marital deduction unless our Trustee has first used all other assets available to our Trustee.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in our trust declaration, estate, inheritance and death taxes assessed with regard to property passing outside

(

(

of our trust or outside of our probate estates, but included in the gross estate of a Founder for federal estate tax purposes, shall be chargeable against the persons receiving such property.

# Section B. Division and Distribution of Trust Property

ĺ

Our Trustee shall divide the remaining trust property into two separate trusts upon the death of the first one of us to die. The resulting trusts shall be known as the Survivor's Trust and the Decedent's Trust.

# 1. Creation of the Survivor's Trust

The Survivor's Trust shall consist of the surviving Founder's interest in the community portion of the trust property, if any, and his or her separate portion of the trust property. In addition, the Survivor's Trust shall be the fractional share of the deceased Founder's trust property as follows:

# a. Numerator of the Fractional Share

The numerator of the fractional share shall be the smallest amount which, if allowed as a marital deduction, would result in the least possible federal estate tax being payable as a result of the deceased Founder's death, after allowing for the unified credit against federal estate tax (after taking into account adjusted taxable gifts, if any) as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, and the credit for state death taxes (but only to the extent that the use of this credit does not require an increase in the state death taxes paid).

The numerator shall be reduced by the value, for federal estate tax purposes, of any interest in property that qualifies for the federal estate tax marital deduction and which passes or has passed from the deceased Founder to the surviving Founder other than under this Article.

# b. Denominator of the Fractional Share

The denominator of the fractional share shall consist of the value, as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, of all of the deceased Founder's trust property under this agreement.

# 2. Creation of the Decedent's Trust

. . . 4

The Decedent's Trust shall consist of the balance of the trust property.

## Section C. Valuation of Property Distributed to the Survivor's Trust

Our Trustee shall use those values as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes in making any computation which is necessary to determine the amount distributed to the Survivor's Trust. On the dates of distribution, the fair market value of all of the deceased Founder's property shall in no event be less than the amount of the Survivor's Trust as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes.

## Section D. Conversion of Nonproductive Property

The surviving Founder shall at any time have the absolute right to compel our Trustee to convert nonproductive property held as an asset of the Survivor's Trust to productive property. Such right exists notwithstanding any contrary term in this agreement. The surviving Founder shall exercise this right by directing our Trustee in writing to convert such property.

### Section E. Survivor's Right to Refuse Property or Powers Granted

With respect to property passing to the surviving Founder or for the surviving Founder's benefit, any portion of any interest in such property or power may be disclaimed by the surviving Founder within the time and under the conditions permitted by law with regard to disclaimers.

Any interest disclaimed by the surviving Founder with respect to any portion of the Survivor's Trust shall be added to the Decedent's Trust. Any interest disclaimed by the surviving Founder with respect to any portion of the Decedent's Trust shall be disposed of under the appropriate provisions of this agreement as though the surviving Founder had predeceased the first Founder to die.

Any disclaimer exercised must be an irrevocable and unqualified refusal to accept any portion of such interest in the property or power disclaimed. Such disclaimer must be delivered to our Trustee in writing.

of our trust or outside of our probate estates, but included in the gross estate of a Founder for federal estate tax purposes, shall be chargeable against the persons receiving such property.

# Section B. Division and Distribution of Trust Property

ĺ

Our Trustee shall divide the remaining trust property into two separate trusts upon the death of the first one of us to die. The resulting trusts shall be known as the Survivor's Trust and the Decedent's Trust.

# 1. Creation of the Survivor's Trust

The Survivor's Trust shall consist of the surviving Founder's interest in the community portion of the trust property, if any, and his or her separate portion of the trust property. In addition, the Survivor's Trust shall be the fractional share of the deceased Founder's trust property as follows:

# a. Numerator of the Fractional Share

The numerator of the fractional share shall be the smallest amount which, if allowed as a marital deduction, would result in the least possible federal estate tax being payable as a result of the deceased Founder's death, after allowing for the unified credit against federal estate tax (after taking into account adjusted taxable gifts, if any) as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, and the credit for state death taxes (but only to the extent that the use of this credit does not require an increase in the state death taxes paid).

The numerator shall be reduced by the value, for federal estate tax purposes, of any interest in property that qualifies for the federal estate tax marital deduction and which passes or has passed from the deceased Founder to the surviving Founder other than under this Article.

## b. Denominator of the Fractional Share

The denominator of the fractional share shall consist of the value, as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, of all of the deceased Founder's trust property under this agreement.

# 2. Creation of the Decedent's Trust

The Decedent's Trust shall consist of the balance of the trust property.

## Section C. Valuation of Property Distributed to the Survivor's Trust

Our Trustee shall use those values as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes in making any computation which is necessary to determine the amount distributed to the Survivor's Trust. On the dates of distribution, the fair market value of all of the deceased Founder's property shall in no event be less than the amount of the Survivor's Trust as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes.

# Section D. Conversion of Nonproductive Property

The surviving Founder shall at any time have the absolute right to compel our Trustee to convert nonproductive property held as an asset of the Survivor's Trust to productive property. Such right exists notwithstanding any contrary term in this agreement. The surviving Founder shall exercise this right by directing our Trustee in writing to convert such property.

### Section E. Survivor's Right to Refuse Property or Powers Granted

With respect to property passing to the surviving Founder or for the surviving Founder's benefit, any portion of any interest in such property or power may be disclaimed by the surviving Founder within the time and under the conditions permitted by law with regard to disclaimers.

Any interest disclaimed by the surviving Founder with respect to any portion of the Survivor's Trust shall be added to the Decedent's Trust. Any interest disclaimed by the surviving Founder with respect to any portion of the Decedent's Trust shall be disposed of under the appropriate provisions of this agreement as though the surviving Founder had predeceased the first Founder to die.

Any disclaimer exercised must be an irrevocable and unqualified refusal to accept any portion of such interest in the property or power disclaimed. Such disclaimer must be delivered to our Trustee in writing.

# Section F. Allocation of Trust Property

(

ĺ

Subject to the conditions of Section B.1 of this Article, our Trustee shall have the complete authority to make allocations of the deceased Founder's trust property between the Survivor's and Decedent's Trusts.

Our Trustee may make allocations in cash or its equivalent, in kind, in undivided interests, or in any proportion thereof between the two trusts. Our Trustee may also, in its sole discretion, allocate such assets in kind based on the date of distribution values, rather than an undivided interest in each and every asset.

Our Trustee shall not allocate any property or assets, or proceeds from such property or assets, to the Survivor's Trust which would not qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction in the deceased Founder's estate.

Our Trustee shall not allocate any policies of life insurance insuring the life of the surviving Founder to the Survivor's Trust that are the sole and separate property of the deceased Founder.

To the extent that there are insufficient assets qualifying for the marital deduction to fully fund this Survivor's Trust, the amount of the funding to the Survivor's Trust shall be reduced accordingly.

Our Trustee shall consider the tax consequences of allocating property subject to foreign death tax, property on which a tax credit is available, or property which is income in respect of a decedent under applicable tax laws prior to allocating the deceased Founder's property to the Survivor's Trust.

## Section G. Distributions from Retirement Plan to the Survivor's Trust

If Retirement Plan distributions are included in the Survivor's Trust, or in any Survivor's Trust Share, our Trustee shall comply with the following guidelines.

# 1. Form of Distribution

Our Trustee may elect to receive distributions from any pension, profit sharing, individual retirement account, or other retirement plan ("Retirement Plan") for which our Trust, or any subtrust provided for herein, is named as beneficiary, in installments or in a lump sum.

7-5

# 2. Income Requirement

Our Trustee shall elect to receive distributions from a Retirement Plan payable to the Survivor's Trust or any Survivor's Trust Share in compliance with the minimum distribution rules of the Internal Revenue Code if applicable and also so that at least all income earned by the Retirement Plan each calendar year is distributed to the Trust and allocated to trust income during the year. If distributions from the Retirement Plan total less than all income earned by the Retirement Plan for a calendar year, our Trustee shall demand additional distributions equal to at least the shortfall so that the surviving Founder will receive all income earned by the Retirement Plan at least annually. The surviving Founder shall have full power, in such surviving Founder's discretion, to compel our Trustee to demand such distributions and to compel the Retirement Plan Trustee to convert any nonproductive property to productive property.

## 3. Retirement Plan Expenses

In calculating "all income earned by the Retirement Plan," our Trustee shall allocate all Retirement Plan expenses, including income taxes and Trustee's fees, that are attributable to principal distributions so that all income distributions from the Retirement Plan are not reduced.

# Section F. Allocation of Trust Property

1

(

Subject to the conditions of Section B.1 of this Article, our Trustee shall have the complete authority to make allocations of the deceased Founder's trust property between the Survivor's and Decedent's Trusts.

Our Trustee may make allocations in cash or its equivalent, in kind, in undivided interests, or in any proportion thereof between the two trusts. Our Trustee may also, in its sole discretion, allocate such assets in kind based on the date of distribution values, rather than an undivided interest in each and every asset.

Our Trustee shall not allocate any property or assets, or proceeds from such property or assets, to the Survivor's Trust which would not qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction in the deceased Founder's estate.

Our Trustee shall not allocate any policies of life insurance insuring the life of the surviving Founder to the Survivor's Trust that are the sole and separate property of the deceased Founder.

To the extent that there are insufficient assets qualifying for the marital deduction to fully fund this Survivor's Trust, the amount of the funding to the Survivor's Trust shall be reduced accordingly.

Our Trustee shall consider the tax consequences of allocating property subject to foreign death tax, property on which a tax credit is available, or property which is income in respect of a decedent under applicable tax laws prior to allocating the deceased Founder's property to the Survivor's Trust.

# Section G. Distributions from Retirement Plan to the Survivor's Trust

If Retirement Plan distributions are included in the Survivor's Trust, or in any Survivor's Trust Share, our Trustee shall comply with the following guidelines.

### 1. Form of Distribution

Our Trustee may elect to receive distributions from any pension, profit sharing, individual retirement account, or other retirement plan ("Retirement Plan") for which our Trust, or any subtrust provided for herein, is named as beneficiary, in installments or in a lump sum.

# 2. Income Requirement

Our Trustee shall elect to receive distributions from a Retirement Plan payable to the Survivor's Trust or any Survivor's Trust Share in compliance with the minimum distribution rules of the Internal Revenue Code if applicable and also so that at least all income earned by the Retirement Plan each calendar year is distributed to the Trust and allocated to trust income during the year. If distributions from the Retirement Plan total less than all income earned by the Retirement Plan for a calendar year, our Trustee shall demand additional distributions equal to at least the shortfall so that the surviving Founder will receive all income earned by the Retirement Plan at least annually. The surviving Founder shall have full power, in such surviving Founder's discretion, to compel our Trustee to demand such distributions and to compel the Retirement Plan Trustee to convert any nonproductive property to productive property.

#### 3. Retirement Plan Expenses

( • ;

In calculating "all income earned by the Retirement Plan," our Trustee shall allocate all Retirement Plan expenses, including income taxes and Trustee's fees, that are attributable to principal distributions so that all income distributions from the Retirement Plan are not reduced.

P14403

# Article XII

# **Our Trustees' Powers and Authority**

# Section A. Applicability of Texas Trust Code and Other Statutes

The Trustee shall have the powers, duties, and liabilities set forth in this declaration and as more specifically stated in this Article, as well as such powers, duties and liabilities set forth in the Texas Trust Code, and all other applicable state and federal statutes, as now enacted and as hereafter amended, except to the extent the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this declaration, in which case the provisions of this declaration shall govern.

# Section B. Powers to Be Exercised in the Best Interests of the Beneficiaries

The Trustee shall exercise the following administrative and investment powers without the order of any court, as the Trustee determines in its sole and absolute discretion to be in the best interests of the beneficiaries.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this agreement, the Trustee shall not exercise any power in a manner inconsistent with the beneficiaries' right to the beneficial enjoyment of the trust property in accordance with the general principles of the law of trusts.

The Trustee may perform every act reasonably necessary to administer each and every share or trust created under this agreement.

# Section C. General Investment and Management Powers

The Trustee is authorized to invest in such investments as the Trustee deems proper and prudent, even if such investments fail to constitute properly diversified trust investments or for any other reason could be considered to be improper trust investments. The Trustee's investment authority is intended to be quite broad, and shall include, but is not limited to, all authority that follows.

In addition, the Trustee is granted the authority to exercise any managerial powers of an individual with respect to matters affecting a trust, it being our intention to grant broad managerial discretion to the Trustee that is consistent with the management and administration of a trust, including the following managerial authorities.

12-1

# **Originally Contributed Properties**

The Trustee may continue to hold and maintain all assets originally contributed to any trust.

### Additional Properties

The Trustee is authorized to receive additional trust property, whether by gift, will, or otherwise, either from us, from either of us, or from any other person, corporation, or entity.

Upon receipt of any additional property, the Trustee shall administer and distribute the same as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may retain, without liability for depreciation or loss resulting from such retention, all property constituting the trust estate at the time of its creation or thereafter received from other sources.

The foregoing shall be acceptable even though such property may not be of the character prescribed by law for the investment of trust funds or may result in inadequate diversification of the trust property.

#### Securities Powers

The Trustee may invest and reinvest in such classes of stocks, bonds, securities, commodities, options, metals, or other property real or personal, as it shall determine.

The Trustee is authorized to buy, sell, and trade in securities of any nature, including short sales on margin. The Trustee may maintain and operate margin accounts with brokers, and may pledge any securities held or purchased by other Trustees with such brokers as securities for loans and advances made to the Trustee.

The Trustee may retain, exercise, or sell rights of conversion or subscription with respect to any securities held as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may vote or refrain from voting at corporate meetings either in person or by proxy, whether general or limited, and with or without substitutions.

#### Investment of Cash Assets

A corporate entity serving as Trustee may deposit trust funds with itself as either a permanent or temporary investment, and may place trust funds under its administration in common trust funds established and maintained by such corporate trustee or its affiliate. In

# Article XII

# Our Trustees' Powers and Authority

# Section A. Applicability of Texas Trust Code and Other Statutes

The Trustee shall have the powers, duties, and liabilities set forth in this declaration and as more specifically stated in this Article, as well as such powers, duties and liabilities set forth in the Texas Trust Code, and all other applicable state and federal statutes, as now enacted and as hereafter amended, except to the extent the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this declaration, in which case the provisions of this declaration shall govern.

### Section B. Powers to Be Exercised in the Best Interests of the Beneficiaries

The Trustee shall exercise the following administrative and investment powers without the order of any court, as the Trustee determines in its sole and absolute discretion to be in the best interests of the beneficiaries.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this agreement, the Trustee shall not exercise any power in a manner inconsistent with the beneficiaries' right to the beneficial enjoyment of the trust property in accordance with the general principles of the law of trusts.

The Trustee may perform every act reasonably necessary to administer each and every share or trust created under this agreement.

# Section C. General Investment and Management Powers

The Trustee is authorized to invest in such investments as the Trustee deems proper and prudent, even if such investments fail to constitute properly diversified trust investments or for any other reason could be considered to be improper trust investments. The Trustee's investment authority is intended to be quite broad, and shall include, but is not limited to, all authority that follows.

In addition, the Trustee is granted the authority to exercise any managerial powers of an individual with respect to matters affecting a trust, it being our intention to grant broad managerial discretion to the Trustee that is consistent with the management and administration of a trust, including the following managerial authorities.

12-1

# Originally Contributed Properties

The Trustee may continue to hold and maintain all assets originally contributed to any trust.

#### Additional Properties

The Trustee is authorized to receive additional trust property, whether by gift, will, or otherwise, either from us, from either of us, or from any other person, corporation, or entity.

Upon receipt of any additional property, the Trustee shall administer and distribute the same as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may retain, without liability for depreciation or loss resulting from such retention, all property constituting the trust estate at the time of its creation or thereafter received from other sources.

The foregoing shall be acceptable even though such property may not be of the character prescribed by law for the investment of trust funds or may result in inadequate diversification of the trust property.

#### Securities Powers

The Trustee may invest and reinvest in such classes of stocks, bonds, securities, commodities, options, metals, or other property real or personal, as it shall determine.

The Trustee is authorized to buy, sell, and trade in securities of any nature, including short sales on margin. The Trustee may maintain and operate margin accounts with brokers, and may pledge any securities held or purchased by other Trustees with such brokers as securities for loans and advances made to the Trustee.

The Trustee may retain, exercise, or sell rights of conversion or subscription with respect to any securities held as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may vote or refrain from voting at corporate meetings either in person or by proxy, whether general or limited, and with or without substitutions.

#### Investment of Cash Assets

A corporate entity serving as Trustee may deposit trust funds with itself as either a permanent or temporary investment, and may place trust funds under its administration in common trust funds established and maintained by such corporate trustee or its affiliate. In

determining where to invest cash resources, the Trustee may consider all factors, including facility of access and security of funds invested, as well as the stated rate of return.

### Unproductive or Wasting Assets

Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, the Trustee may receive, acquire and maintain assets that may constitute unproductive, underproductive or wasting assets if the Trustee believes it is reasonable to do so. Upon the sale or disposition of any such asset, the Trustee need not make an allocation of any portion of the principal element of such sale proceeds to the income beneficiaries of the trust.

### Personal Residence and Furnishings of Personal Residence

To the extent that the personal residence that we occupied at the date of the death of the first of us to die and any furnishings of such residence become part of a trust estate, the Trustee is authorized to continue to retain and use, to distribute in kind, or to sell any such assets should the Trustee believe the retention, use, distribution or sale of such assets would be beneficial to the survivor of us.

# Mineral Properties

The Trustee shall have the power to acquire, exchange, maintain or sell mineral interests, and to make oil, gas and mineral leases covering any lands or mineral interests forming a part of a trust estate, including leases for periods extending beyond the duration of the trust.

The Trustee may pool or unitize any or all of the lands, mineral leaseholds or mineral interests of a trust with others for the purpose of developing and producing oil, gas or other minerals, and may make leases or assignments containing the right to pool or unitize.

The Trustee may enter into contracts and agreements relating to the installation or operation of absorption, repressuring and other processing plants, may drill or contract for the drilling of wells for oil, gas or other minerals, may enter into, renew and extend operating agreements and exploration contracts, may engage in secondary and tertiary recovery operations, may make "bottom hole" or "dry hole" contributions, and may deal otherwise with respect to mineral properties as an individual owner might deal with his own properties.

The Trustee may enter into contracts, conveyances and other agreements or transfers deemed necessary or desirable to carry out these powers, including division orders, oil, gas or other hydrocarbon sales contracts, processing agreements, and other contracts relating to the processing, handling, treating, transporting and marketing of oil, gas or other mineral production. Any lease or other agreement may have a duration that the Trustee deems reasonable, even though extending beyond the duration of any trust created in this agreement.

The Trustee may drill, test, explore, mine, develop, and otherwise exploit any and all oil, gas, coal, and other mineral interests, and may select, employ, utilize, or participate in any business form, including partnerships, joint ventures, co-owners' groups, syndicates, and corporations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, exploiting, developing, operating, or disposing of oil, gas, coal, and other mineral interests.

The Trustee may employ the services of consultants or outside specialists in connection with the evaluation, management, acquisition, disposition, or development of any mineral interests, and may pay the cost of such services from the principal or income of the trust property.

The Trustee may use the general assets of the trusts created under this agreement for the purposes of acquiring, holding, managing, developing, pooling, unitizing, repressuring, or disposing of any mineral interests.

The term "mineral" shall mean minerals of whatever kind and wherever located, whether surface or subsurface deposits, including (without limitation) coal, lignite and other hydrocarbons, iron ore, and uranium.

# Power to Enter Into or Continue Business Activities

The Trustee shall have the authority to enter into, engage in, expand, carry on, terminate and liquidate any and all business activities, whether in proprietary, general or limited partnership, joint venture or corporate form, with such persons and entities as the Trustee deems proper. This power pertains to business activities in progress at the date of our deaths, and to business opportunities arising thereafter. Business activities conducted by the Trustee should be related to the administration and investment of the trust estate, for it is not our intention to convert any trust into an entity that would be taxable as an association for federal tax purposes.

#### **Banking Authority**

The Trustee is authorized to establish and maintain bank accounts of all types in one or more banking institutions that the Trustee may choose.

#### **Corporate Activities**

The Trustee may form, reorganize or dissolve corporations, and may exercise all rights of a stockholder, including the right to vote for or against mergers, consolidations and

(

determining where to invest cash resources, the Trustee may consider all factors, including facility of access and security of funds invested, as well as the stated rate of return.

# Unproductive or Wasting Assets

Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, the Trustee may receive, acquire and maintain assets that may constitute unproductive, underproductive or wasting assets if the Trustee believes it is reasonable to do so. Upon the sale or disposition of any such asset, the Trustee need not make an allocation of any portion of the principal element of such sale proceeds to the income beneficiaries of the trust.

# Personal Residence and Furnishings of Personal Residence

To the extent that the personal residence that we occupied at the date of the death of the first of us to die and any furnishings of such residence become part of a trust estate, the Trustee is authorized to continue to retain and use, to distribute in kind, or to sell any such assets should the Trustee believe the retention, use, distribution or sale of such assets would be beneficial to the survivor of us.

#### Mineral Properties

The Trustee shall have the power to acquire, exchange, maintain or sell mineral interests, and to make oil, gas and mineral leases covering any lands or mineral interests forming a part of a trust estate, including leases for periods extending beyond the duration of the trust.

The Trustee may pool or unitize any or all of the lands, mineral leaseholds or mineral interests of a trust with others for the purpose of developing and producing oil, gas or other minerals, and may make leases or assignments containing the right to pool or unitize.

The Trustee may enter into contracts and agreements relating to the installation or operation of absorption, repressuring and other processing plants, may drill or contract for the drilling of wells for oil, gas or other minerals, may enter into, renew and extend operating agreements and exploration contracts, may engage in secondary and tertiary recovery operations, may make "bottom hole" or "dry hole" contributions, and may deal otherwise with respect to mineral properties as an individual owner might deal with his own properties.

The Trustee may enter into contracts, conveyances and other agreements or transfers deemed necessary or desirable to carry out these powers, including division orders, oil, gas or other hydrocarbon sales contracts, processing agreements, and other contracts relating to the processing, handling, treating, transporting and marketing of oil, gas or other mineral production.

11

Any lease or other agreement may have a duration that the Trustee deems reasonable, even though extending beyond the duration of any trust created in this agreement.

The Trustee may drill, test, explore, mine, develop, and otherwise exploit any and all oil, gas, coal, and other mineral interests, and may select, employ, utilize, or participate in any business form, including partnerships, joint ventures, co-owners' groups, syndicates, and corporations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, exploiting, developing, operating, or disposing of oil, gas, coal, and other mineral interests.

The Trustee may employ the services of consultants or outside specialists in connection with the evaluation, management, acquisition, disposition, or development of any mineral interests, and may pay the cost of such services from the principal or income of the trust property.

The Trustee may use the general assets of the trusts created under this agreement for the purposes of acquiring, holding, managing, developing, pooling, unitizing, repressuring, or disposing of any mineral interests.

The term "mineral" shall mean minerals of whatever kind and wherever located, whether surface or subsurface deposits, including (without limitation) coal, lignite and other hydrocarbons, iron ore, and uranium.

Power to Enter Into or Continue Business Activities

The Trustee shall have the authority to enter into, engage in, expand, carry on, terminate and liquidate any and all business activities, whether in proprietary, general or limited partnership, joint venture or corporate form, with such persons and entities as the Trustee deems proper. This power pertains to business activities in progress at the date of our deaths, and to business opportunities arising thereafter. Business activities conducted by the Trustee should be related to the administration and investment of the trust estate, for it is not our intention to convert any trust into an entity that would be taxable as an association for federal tax purposes.

# **Banking Authority**

The Trustee is authorized to establish and maintain bank accounts of all types in one or more banking institutions that the Trustee may choose.

#### **Corporate Activities**

The Trustee may form, reorganize or dissolve corporations, and may exercise all rights of a stockholder, including the right to vote for or against mergers, consolidations and

(

liquidations, and to act with or without substitution. An individual serving as Trustee may elect himself as an officer or director of a corporation owned in part or in whole by a trust created by this declaration, and a corporate entity serving as Trustee may elect one of its officers to such a position, and in each such instance the person so elected may be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered to such corporation in such capacity. The Trustee may retain, exercise or sell rights of conversion or subscription to any securities held as part of the trust property.

# Agricultural Powers

The Trustee may retain, sell, acquire, and continue any farm or ranching operation whether as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation.

The Trustee may engage in the production, harvesting, and marketing of both farm and ranch products either by operating directly or with management agencies, hired labor, tenants, or sharecroppers.

The Trustee may engage and participate in any government farm program, whether state or federally sponsored.

The Trustee may purchase or rent machinery, equipment, livestock, poultry, feed, and seed.

The Trustee may improve and repair all farm and ranch properties; construct buildings, fences, and drainage facilities; acquire, retain, improve, and dispose of wells, water rights, ditch rights, and priorities of any nature.

The Trustee may, in general, do all things customary or desirable to operate a farm or ranch operation for the benefit of the beneficiaries of the various trusts created under this agreement.

# Real Estate

The Trustee may purchase or sell real property, and may exchange, partition, subdivide, develop, manage, and improve real property. The Trustee may grant or acquire easements, may impose deed restrictions, may adjust boundaries, may raze existing improvements, and may dedicate land or rights in land for public use. The Trustee may construct, repair, alter, remodel, demolish or abandon improvements. The Trustee may take any other action reasonably necessary for the preservation of real estate and fixtures comprising a part of the trust property or the income therefrom.

# Authority to Sell or Lease and Other Dispositive Powers

The Trustee may sell, lease or grant options to lease trust property without the consent or ratification of any court, remainderman, or third party, including the authority to lease beyond the anticipated term of a trust, upon such terms and for such consideration as the Trustee deems appropriate. The Trustee may make such contracts, deeds, leases, and other instruments it deems proper under the circumstances, and may deal with the trust property in all other ways in which a natural person could deal with his or her property.

# Warranties and Covenants

The Trustee may convey properties with such covenants and warranties of title (general or special) as the Trustee deems appropriate.

# **Trustee's Compensation**

The Trustee shall pay itself reasonable compensation for its services as fiduciary as provided in this agreement.

# Employment and Delegation of Authority to Agents

The Trustee may employ and compensate, and may discharge, such advisors and agents as the Trustee deems proper, and may delegate to an agent such authorities (including discretionary authorities) as the Trustee deems appropriate, by duly executed powers of attorney or otherwise.

# Power to Release or Abandon Property or Rights, and to Pursue Claims

The Trustee may release, compromise or abandon claims or rights to property for such consideration (including no consideration) as the Trustee determines to be appropriate when the Trustee determines it is prudent to do so. The Trustee is authorized to institute suit on behalf of and to defend suits brought against a trust estate, and to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosure.

# Nominal Title and Use of Nominees

With or without disclosing fiduciary capacity, the Trustee may acquire title to property in the name of the Trustee or in the name of one or more nominees, and may allow its nominees to take possession of trust assets with or without direct custodial supervision by the Trustee.

2 .

liquidations, and to act with or without substitution. An individual serving as Trustee may elect himself as an officer or director of a corporation owned in part or in whole by a trust created by this declaration, and a corporate entity serving as Trustee may elect one of its officers to such a position, and in each such instance the person so elected may be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered to such corporation in such capacity. The Trustee may retain, exercise or sell rights of conversion or subscription to any securities held as part of the trust property.

. (

#### Agricultural Powers

The Trustee may retain, sell, acquire, and continue any farm or ranching operation whether as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation.

The Trustee may engage in the production, harvesting, and marketing of both farm and ranch products either by operating directly or with management agencies, hired labor, tenants, or sharecroppers.

The Trustee may engage and participate in any government farm program, whether state or federally sponsored.

The Trustee may purchase or rent machinery, equipment, livestock, poultry, feed, and seed.

The Trustee may improve and repair all farm and ranch properties; construct buildings, fences, and drainage facilities; acquire, retain, improve, and dispose of wells, water rights, ditch rights, and priorities of any nature.

The Trustee may, in general, do all things customary or desirable to operate a farm or ranch operation for the benefit of the beneficiaries of the various trusts created under this agreement.

#### Real Estate

The Trustee may purchase or sell real property, and may exchange, partition, subdivide, develop, manage, and improve real property. The Trustee may grant or acquire easements, may impose deed restrictions, may adjust boundaries, may raze existing improvements, and may dedicate land or rights in land for public use. The Trustee may construct, repair, alter, remodel, demolish or abandon improvements. The Trustee may take any other action reasonably necessary for the preservation of real estate and fixtures comprising a part of the trust property or the income therefrom.

12-5

4 . 4 . . .

# Authority to Sell or Lease and Other Dispositive Powers

The Trustee may sell, lease or grant options to lease trust property without the consent or ratification of any court, remainderman, or third party, including the authority to lease beyond the anticipated term of a trust, upon such terms and for such consideration as the Trustee deems appropriate. The Trustee may make such contracts, deeds, leases, and other instruments it deems proper under the circumstances, and may deal with the trust property in all other ways in which a natural person could deal with his or her property.

# Warranties and Covenants

The Trustee may convey properties with such covenants and warranties of title (general or special) as the Trustee deems appropriate.

## Trustee's Compensation

The Trustee shall pay itself reasonable compensation for its services as fiduciary as provided in this agreement.

# Employment and Delegation of Authority to Agents

The Trustee may employ and compensate, and may discharge, such advisors and agents as the Trustee deems proper, and may delegate to an agent such authorities (including discretionary authorities) as the Trustee deems appropriate, by duly executed powers of attorney or otherwise.

# Power to Release or Abandon Property or Rights, and to Pursue Claims

The Trustee may release, compromise or abandon claims or rights to property for such consideration (including no consideration) as the Trustee determines to be appropriate when the Trustee determines it is prudent to do so. The Trustee is authorized to institute suit on behalf of and to defend suits brought against a trust estate, and to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosure.

# Nominal Title and Use of Nominees

With or without disclosing fiduciary capacity, the Trustee may acquire title to property in the name of the Trustee or in the name of one or more nominees, and may allow its nominees to take possession of trust assets with or without direct custodial supervision by the Trustee.

(

# Power to Lend Money and Guarantee Obligations

The Trustee may lend money to any person, to any business entity, to an estate, or to any trust, if the Trustee deems the loan to be in the best interests of the trust beneficiaries, provided that any such loan (except loans to beneficiaries) shall be adequately secured and shall bear a reasonable rate of interest.

The Trustee, in the Trustee's discretion, may endorse, guarantee, become the surety of or otherwise become obligated for or with respect to the debts or other obligations of any person or legal entity, whether with or without consideration, when the Trustee believes such actions advance the purposes of any trust created hereunder.

The Trustee may make loans from a beneficiary's trust share to or for the benefit of such a beneficiary on an unsecured basis, and for such rate of interest as the Trustee deems appropriate, when in the Trustee's judgment, such loan would be consistent with the purposes of such trust.

# Power to Borrow

The Trustee may assume the payment of and renew and extend any indebtedness previously created by either or both Founders, and the Trustee may create new indebtedness and raise money by any means, including margin trading in securities, when the Trustee believes such borrowing will be beneficial to the trust estate.

The Trustee is authorized to secure the payment of each such indebtedness, and all renewals, extensions and refinancing of same, by pledge, mortgage, deed of trust or other encumbrance covering and binding all or any part of the trust estate of a trust.

The Trustee may loan its own monies to a trust and may charge and recover the then usual and customary rate of interest thereon when, in the discretion of Trustee, it is prudent to do so.

# Payment of Indebtedness and Settlement Costs

The Trustee may in its sole discretion pay the funeral and burial expenses, expenses of the last illness, and valid claims and expenses of an income beneficiary of any trust created under this agreement.

Funeral and burial expenses shall include, but not be limited to, the cost of memorials of all types and memorial services of such kind as the Trustee shall approve. Valid claims and expenses shall include, but not be limited to, all state and federal death taxes.

The payments shall be paid from the assets of the trust or trusts from which the beneficiary was receiving income.

Transactions Between the Trustee and Our Personal Representatives

The Trustee is authorized to accept from our personal representatives, upon the termination or during the administration of our respective probate estates, if any, assets delivered by our personal representatives to the Trustee on the basis of the accounting submitted by the personal representatives, without requiring an audit or other independent accounting of the acts of our personal representatives, and the Trustee shall not have liability for the acts or omissions of our personal representatives. The foregoing shall not limit the right of our Trustee to request an accounting from our personal representatives and our personal representatives shall, upon request from the Trustee, furnish a complete accounting for their actions.

The Trustee shall have the power to purchase property from our estates at its fair market value, as determined by our personal representatives and by our Trustee, and to the extent required to permit such purchase of assets and to permit loans from the Trustee to our estate, we specifically waive application of the provisions of Section 352 of the Texas Probate Code and Sections 113.053 and 113.054 of the Texas Trust Code.

## Commingling Trust Estates

For the purpose of convenience with regard to the administration and investment of the trust property, the Trustee may hold the several trusts created under this agreement as a common fund.

The Trustee may make joint investments with respect to the funds comprising the trust property.

The Trustee may enter into any transaction authorized by this Article with fiduciaries of other trusts or estates in which any beneficiary hereunder has an interest, even though such fiduciaries are also Trustees under this agreement.

# Addition of Accumulated Income to Principal

The Trustee shall, on a convenient periodic basis, add the accumulated undistributed income of any trust which does not provide for mandatory income distributions to specified beneficiaries, and which does not require that any undistributed income be maintained separately for ultimate distribution to specified beneficiaries, to the principal of such trust. (

# Power to Lend Money and Guarantee Obligations

The Trustee may lend money to any person, to any business entity, to an estate, or to any trust, if the Trustee deems the loan to be in the best interests of the trust beneficiaries, provided that any such loan (except loans to beneficiaries) shall be adequately secured and shall bear a reasonable rate of interest.

The Trustee, in the Trustee's discretion, may endorse, guarantee, become the surety of or otherwise become obligated for or with respect to the debts or other obligations of any person or legal entity, whether with or without consideration, when the Trustee believes such actions advance the purposes of any trust created hereunder.

The Trustee may make loans from a beneficiary's trust share to or for the benefit of such a beneficiary on an unsecured basis, and for such rate of interest as the Trustee deems appropriate, when in the Trustee's judgment, such loan would be consistent with the purposes of such trust.

### Power to Borrow

The Trustee may assume the payment of and renew and extend any indebtedness previously created by either or both Founders, and the Trustee may create new indebtedness and raise money by any means, including margin trading in securities, when the Trustee believes such borrowing will be beneficial to the trust estate.

The Trustee is authorized to secure the payment of each such indebtedness, and all renewals, extensions and refinancing of same, by pledge, mortgage, deed of trust or other encumbrance covering and binding all or any part of the trust estate of a trust.

The Trustee may loan its own monies to a trust and may charge and recover the then usual and customary rate of interest thereon when, in the discretion of Trustee, it is prudent to do so.

#### Payment of Indebtedness and Settlement Costs

The Trustee may in its sole discretion pay the funeral and burial expenses, expenses of the last illness, and valid claims and expenses of an income beneficiary of any trust created under this agreement.

Funeral and burial expenses shall include, but not be limited to, the cost of memorials of all types and memorial services of such kind as the Trustee shall approve. Valid claims and expenses shall include, but not be limited to, all state and federal death taxes.

12-7

The payments shall be paid from the assets of the trust or trusts from which the beneficiary was receiving income.

Transactions Between the Trustee and Our Personal Representatives

The Trustee is authorized to accept from our personal representatives, upon the termination or during the administration of our respective probate estates, if any, assets delivered by our personal representatives to the Trustee on the basis of the accounting submitted by the personal representatives, without requiring an audit or other independent accounting of the acts of our personal representatives, and the Trustee shall not have liability for the acts or omissions of our personal representatives. The foregoing shall not limit the right of our Trustee to request an accounting from our personal representatives and our personal representatives shall, upon request from the Trustee, furnish a complete accounting for their actions.

The Trustee shall have the power to purchase property from our estates at its fair market value, as determined by our personal representatives and by our Trustee, and to the extent required to permit such purchase of assets and to permit loans from the Trustee to our estate, we specifically waive application of the provisions of Section 352 of the Texas Probate Code and Sections 113.053 and 113.054 of the Texas Trust Code.

# Commingling Trust Estates

For the purpose of convenience with regard to the administration and investment of the trust property, the Trustee may hold the several trusts created under this agreement as a common fund.

The Trustee may make joint investments with respect to the funds comprising the trust property.

The Trustee may enter into any transaction authorized by this Article with fiduciaries of other trusts or estates in which any beneficiary hereunder has an interest, even though such fiduciaries are also Trustees under this agreement.

# Addition of Accumulated Income to Principal

The Trustee shall, on a convenient periodic basis, add the accumulated undistributed income of any trust which does not provide for mandatory income distributions to specified beneficiaries, and which does not require that any undistributed income be maintained separately for ultimate distribution to specified beneficiaries, to the principal of such trust.

# Distributions Not Treated as Advancements

No distributions to a beneficiary of any trust created hereunder shall be treated as an advancement against the beneficiary's share of such trust unless the distribution is specially so treated on the Trustee's records at the time of the distribution or unless the Trustee gives notice of such fact to the beneficiary at the time of the distribution. If the Trustee has the discretion to make distributions from a trust to more than one beneficiary, the Trustee ordinarily should not treat distributions to any particular beneficiary as an advancement of that beneficiary's share of the trust unless an event has occurred causing the termination of such trust.

#### Tax Elections

The Trustee may exercise any available elections regarding state or federal income, inheritance, estate, succession or gift tax law including the right to elect any alternate valuation date for federal estate or inheritance tax purposes, the right to elect whether all or any parts of the administration of a deceased Founder's estate are to be used as estate tax deductions or income tax deductions, the right to make compensating adjustments between income and principal as a result of such elections if necessary, and the right to elect to have trust property qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction as qualified terminable interest property under the appropriate provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations. The Trustee may also sign tax returns; pay any taxes, interest or penalties with regard to taxes; apply for and collect tax refunds thereon.

The Trustee is authorized to make elections available under applicable tax laws as the Trustee determines, in its discretion, to be advisable even though such elections may affect the interests of trust beneficiaries. The Trustee need not, but may, in its sole discretion, make equitable adjustments of the interests of the trust beneficiaries in light of the effect of such elections.

(

# Transactions in Which the Trustee Has A Direct or Indirect Interest

We expressly waive prohibitions existing under the common law and the Texas Trust Code that might otherwise prohibit a person or entity who is serving as a Trustee from engaging in transactions with himself or itself personally, so long as the consideration exchanged in any such transaction is fair and reasonable to the trust created by this declaration. Specifically, we authorize the Trustee (a) to buy or sell trust property from or to an individual or entity serving as a Trustee, or from or to a relative, employee, business associate or affiliate of such individual serving as Trustee; (b) to sell or exchange and to transact other business activities involving properties of one trust with another trust under

the control of the Trustee; and (c) to sell or purchase from a trust the stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of the Trustee or its affiliate.

Notwithstanding the general powers conferred upon the Trustee, or anything to the contrary contained in this agreement, no individual Trustee shall exercise or participate in the exercise of discretion with respect to the distribution of trust income or principal to or for the benefit of such Trustee.

No individual Trustee shall exercise or participate in the exercise of such discretionary power with respect to distributions to any person or persons such Trustee is legally obligated to support as to that support obligation.

#### Section D. Apportionment of Receipts and Expenses Between Income and Principal

The Trustee shall have the power, exercisable in such Trustee's reasonable and sole discretion, to determine what is principal or income of a trust or trust share. The Trustee shall pay from income or principal all of the reasonable expenses attributable to the administration of the respective trusts created in this agreement. The Trustee shall have the power to establish a reasonable reserve for depreciation or depletion and to fund the same by appropriate charges against income of the trust estate. For purposes of determining an appropriate reserve for depreciable or depletable assets, the Trustee may (but need not) adopt the depreciation or depletion allowance available for federal income tax purposes.

#### Section E. Records, Books of Account and Reports

. 1

The Trustee shall promptly set up and thereafter maintain, or cause to be set up and maintained, proper books of account which shall accurately reflect the true financial condition of the trust estate. Such books of account shall at all reasonable times be open for inspection or audit only by current, mandatory income beneficiaries, their parent or court appointed guardians, and the duly authorized agents, attorneys, representatives and auditors of each, at the expense of the beneficiary making such inspection or audit.

The Trustee shall make a written financial report, at least semi-annually, to each beneficiary of the trust who is entitled to receive a present, mandatory income distribution, unless such beneficiary, or such beneficiary's parent or legal guardian, has executed a written waiver of the right to receive such a report. The Trustee shall not be obligated to provide financial reports to a beneficiary who is less than eighteen years old if such reports are being provided to a parent of such beneficiary. Such reports shall be submitted to the parent or guardian of a minor beneficiary, or to the guardian or other legal representative of any incapacitated beneficiary.

# Section M. Termination and Distribution of Small Trust

(

ĺ

(

If, in the discretionary judgment of the person(s) or entity serving as Trustee, other than a surviving Founder acting as Trustee, any trust shall at any time be a size which, in the Trustee's sole judgment, shall make it inadvisable or unnecessary to continue such trust, then the Trustee may distribute the trust estate of such trust to its beneficiaries in proportion to their respective presumptive interests in such trust at the time of such termination.

If either or both of us are a beneficiary of a trust terminated pursuant to this paragraph and are surviving at the date of such termination, the Trustee (other than a surviving Founder acting as Trustee) shall distribute the assets of such terminated trust to both of us or the survivor of us. The Trustee shall not be liable either for terminating or for refusing to terminate a trust as authorized by this paragraph.

# Section N. Elimination of Duty to Create Identical Trusts

If the provisions of this trust direct the Trustee to hold any portion of its trust estate at its termination as the trust estate of a new trust for the benefit of any person or persons who already are beneficiaries of an existing identical trust, that portion of the terminating trust shall be added to the existing identical trust, and no new trust shall be created.

# Section O. Powers of Trustee Subsequent to an Event of Termination

The Trustee shall have a reasonable period of time after the occurrence of an event of termination in which to wind up the administration of a trust and to make a distribution of its assets. During this period of time the Trustee shall continue to have and shall exercise all powers granted herein to the Trustee or conferred upon the Trustee by law until all provisions of this declaration are fully executed.

## Section P. Requesting Financial Information of Trust Beneficiaries

In exercising its discretion to make any discretionary distributions to the beneficiaries of any trust created hereunder, the Trustee is authorized to request any financial information, including prior federal income tax returns, from the respective beneficiaries that the Trustee deems necessary in order to exercise its discretion in accordance with the provisions for making such distributions under this declaration.

12-15

# Section Q. Retirement Plan Elections

Except as otherwise provided in this trust declaration, the Trustee may receive or disclaim any and all proceeds from retirement plans, including, but not limited to, qualified pension, profit sharing, Keogh, individual retirement accounts, or any other form or type of plan. The Trustee may make such elections and exercise options as provided in such plan, without liability to any beneficiary for the election made or option elected. Any disclaimed proceeds or benefits shall be paid in accordance with the terms, conditions, and directives set forth in the subject plan.

# Section R. Qualification as a Qualified Subchapter S Trust

If any stock of an S corporation becomes distributable to a trust created under this agreement, and such trust is not a qualified Subchapter S trust, the Trustee may implement any of the following alternatives with respect to the S corporation stock:

# 1. A Sole Beneficiary

Where the original trust is for a sole beneficiary, the Trustee may create for that beneficiary a separate trust that qualifies as a Subchapter S trust, and then distribute such stock to the newly created trust.

### 2. Multiple Beneficiaries

Where the original trust is for multiple beneficiaries, the Trustee may divide the trust into separate trusts for each of the beneficiaries. Each newly created trust shall hold that beneficiary's pro rata share of the S corporation stock, and shall qualify as a Subchapter S trust.

### 3. Outright Distribution

If circumstances prevent the Trustee from accomplishing the first two alternatives under this paragraph, the Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, distribute such stock to the beneficiaries as if the trust had terminated, while continuing to hold any other non-S corporation property in trust.

Each newly created S corporation trust shall have mandatory distributions of income and shall not provide for powers of appointment that can be exercised by the beneficiary during the beneficiary's lifetime. In all other respects, the
newly created trusts shall be as consistent as possible with the original trusts and still qualify as Subchapter S trusts.

(

The Trustee may take any action necessary with regard to S corporations, including making any elections required to qualify stock as S corporation stock, and may sign all required tax returns and forms.

#### Section S. **Elective Deductions**

A Trustee will have the discretionary authority to claim any obligation, expense, cost or loss as a deduction against either estate tax or income tax, or to make any election provided by Texas law, the Internal Revenue Code, or other applicable law, and the Trustee's decision will be conclusive and binding upon all interested parties and shall be effective without obligation to make an equitable adjustment or apportionment between or among the beneficiaries of this trust or the estate of a deceased beneficiary.

We, ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, attest that we execute this trust declaration and the terms thereof will bind us, our successors and assigns, our heirs and personal representatives, and any Trustee of this trust. This instrument is to be effective upon the date recorded immediately below.

Dated: January 12, 2005

ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Founder

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founder

ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Trustee

Delia 5. Breened

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee

newly created trusts shall be as consistent as possible with the original trusts and still qualify as Subchapter S trusts.

ĺ

The Trustee may take any action necessary with regard to S corporations, including making any elections required to qualify stock as S corporation stock, and may sign all required tax returns and forms.

. <

ċ,

.

,

(

#### Section S. **Elective Deductions**

A Trustee will have the discretionary authority to claim any obligation, expense, cost or loss as a deduction against either estate tax or income tax, or to make any election provided by Texas law, the Internal Revenue Code, or other applicable law, and the Trustee's decision will be conclusive and binding upon all interested parties and shall be effective without obligation to make an equitable adjustment or apportionment between or among the beneficiaries of this trust or the estate of a deceased beneficiary.

We, ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, attest that we execute this trust declaration and the terms thereof will bind us, our successors and assigns, our heirs and personal representatives, and any Trustee of this trust. This instrument is to be effective upon the date recorded immediately below.

Dated: January 12, 2005

ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Founder

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founder

ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Trustee

Dina 6. Brune NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee

14-6

P14427

# THE STATE OF TEXAS

# COUNTY OF HARRIS

(

On January 12, 2005, before me, a Notary Public of said State, personally appeared ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as Founders and Trustees.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal.

<u>Malarte Ellman</u> Notary Public, State of Texas

(a) A set of the se en alle state set i

P14429

# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## COUNTY OF HARRIS

On January 12, 2005, before me, a Notary Public of said State, personally appeared ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as Founders and Trustees.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal.

Charlerie Gel

Notary Public, State of Texas

...

.

ĺ

(

# Distributions Not Treated as Advancements

No distributions to a beneficiary of any trust created hereunder shall be treated as an advancement against the beneficiary's share of such trust unless the distribution is specially so treated on the Trustee's records at the time of the distribution or unless the Trustee gives notice of such fact to the beneficiary at the time of the distribution. If the Trustee has the discretion to make distributions from a trust to more than one beneficiary, the Trustee ordinarily should not treat distributions to any particular beneficiary as an advancement of that beneficiary's share of the trust unless an event has occurred causing the termination of such trust.

# **Tax Elections**

The Trustee may exercise any available elections regarding state or federal income, inheritance, estate, succession or gift tax law including the right to elect any alternate valuation date for federal estate or inheritance tax purposes, the right to elect whether all or any parts of the administration of a deceased Founder's estate are to be used as estate tax deductions or income tax deductions, the right to make compensating adjustments between income and principal as a result of such elections if necessary, and the right to elect to have trust property qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction as qualified terminable interest property under the appropriate provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations. The Trustee may also sign tax returns; pay any taxes, interest or penalties with regard to taxes; apply for and collect tax refunds thereon.

The Trustee is authorized to make elections available under applicable tax laws as the Trustee determines, in its discretion, to be advisable even though such elections may affect the interests of trust beneficiaries. The Trustee need not, but may, in its sole discretion, make equitable adjustments of the interests of the trust beneficiaries in light of the effect of such elections.

ĺ

'>

# Transactions in Which the Trustee Has A Direct or Indirect Interest

We expressly waive prohibitions existing under the common law and the Texas Trust Code that might otherwise prohibit a person or entity who is serving as a Trustee from engaging in transactions with himself or itself personally, so long as the consideration exchanged in any such transaction is fair and reasonable to the trust created by this declaration. Specifically, we authorize the Trustee (a) to buy or sell trust property from or to an individual or entity serving as a Trustee, or from or to a relative, employee, business associate or affiliate of such individual serving as Trustee; (b) to sell or exchange and to transact other business activities involving properties of one trust with another trust under the control of the Trustee; and (c) to sell or purchase from a trust the stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of the Trustee or its affiliate.

Notwithstanding the general powers conferred upon the Trustee, or anything to the contrary contained in this agreement, no individual Trustee shall exercise or participate in the exercise of discretion with respect to the distribution of trust income or principal to or for the benefit of such Trustee.

No individual Trustee shall exercise or participate in the exercise of such discretionary power with respect to distributions to any person or persons such Trustee is legally obligated to support as to that support obligation.

### Section D. Apportionment of Receipts and Expenses Between Income and Principal

The Trustee shall have the power, exercisable in such Trustee's reasonable and sole discretion, to determine what is principal or income of a trust or trust share. The Trustee shall pay from income or principal all of the reasonable expenses attributable to the administration of the respective trusts created in this agreement. The Trustee shall have the power to establish a reasonable reserve for depreciation or depletion and to fund the same by appropriate charges against income of the trust estate. For purposes of determining an appropriate reserve for depreciable or depletable assets, the Trustee may (but need not) adopt the depreciation or depletion allowance available for federal income tax purposes.

#### Section E. Records, Books of Account and Reports

The Trustee shall promptly set up and thereafter maintain, or cause to be set up and maintained, proper books of account which shall accurately reflect the true financial condition of the trust estate. Such books of account shall at all reasonable times be open for inspection or audit only by current, mandatory income beneficiaries, their parent or court appointed guardians, and the duly authorized agents, attorneys, representatives and auditors of each, at the expense of the beneficiary making such inspection or audit.

The Trustee shall make a written financial report, at least semi-annually, to each beneficiary of the trust who is entitled to receive a present, mandatory income distribution, unless such beneficiary, or such beneficiary's parent or legal guardian, has executed a written waiver of the right to receive such a report. The Trustee shall not be obligated to provide financial reports to a beneficiary who is less than eighteen years old if such reports are being provided to a parent of such beneficiary. Such reports shall be submitted to the parent or guardian of a minor beneficiary, or to the guardian or other legal representative of any incapacitated beneficiary. The first financial report shall identify all property initially received by the Trustee. The first report and each subsequent report shall include a statement of all property on hand at the end of such accounting period, of all property that has come to the knowledge or possession of the Trustee that has not been previously listed as property of the trust, of all known liabilities, of all receipts and disbursements during such period (including a statement as to whether the receipt or disbursement is of income or principal), and of such other facts as the Trustee deems necessary to furnish in order to provide adequate information as to the condition of the trust estate.

Except as otherwise provided in this declaration, should any person interested in a trust estate request an accounting for the Trustee's actions that is more extensive or more frequent than the accounting normally to be rendered, the Trustee may require such person to pay the additional costs incurred in preparing the same before complying with such request.

# Section F. Trustee's Liability

(

No person or entity serving as Trustee without compensation shall be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of fact or law or for ordinary negligence, but shall be liable for acts involving willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith.

Unless otherwise provided, no person or entity serving as Trustee who is receiving compensation for his or its services hereunder shall be liable for any loss which may occur as a result of any actions taken or not taken by the Trustee if such person or entity has exercised the reasonable care, skill and prudence generally exercised by a compensated fiduciary with respect to the administration, investment, and management of similar estates.

No person or entity serving as Trustee shall be liable for the acts, omissions or defaults of any other person or entity serving as Trustee, agent or other person to whom duties may be properly delegated hereunder (except that each corporate trustee shall be liable for the acts, omissions and defaults of its officers and regular employees) if such agent or other person was engaged with reasonable care.

Unless a Trustee shall expressly contract and bind himself or itself individually, no Trustee shall incur any personal liability to any person or legal entity dealing with the Trustee in the administration of a trust. The Trustee shall be entitled to reimbursement from the properties of a trust for any liability or expense, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, incurred by the Trustee in the proper administration of a trust.

The Trustee shall be indemnified from the trust property for any damages sustained by the Trustee as a result of its exercising, in good faith, any of the authorities granted it under this trust declaration.

12-11

And the second

Sec. 1

# Section G. Duty of Third Parties Dealing with Trustee

No person dealing with the Trustee shall be responsible for the application of any assets delivered to the Trustee, and the receipt of the Trustee shall be a full discharge to the extent of the property delivered. No purchaser from or other person dealing with the Trustee, and no issuer or transfer agent of any securities to which any dealing with the Trustee shall relate, shall be under any duty to ascertain the power of the Trustee to purchase, sell, exchange, transfer, encumber or otherwise in any manner deal with any property held by the Trustee. No person dealing with the Trustee in good faith shall be under any duty to see that the terms of a trust are complied with or to inquire into the validity or propriety of any act of the Trustee.

# Section H. Division and Distribution of Trust Estate

When the Trustee is required to divide or make distribution from a trust estate, in whole or in part, such division or distribution may be made by the Trustee in cash or in kind, or partly in cash and partly in kind, and the Trustee may assign or apportion to the distributees undivided interests in any assets then constituting a part of such trust estate. The Trustee may encumber property, may sell property, and may make non-pro-rata distributions when the Trustee believes it is practical or desirable and equitable to do so in order to effectuate a trust distribution regardless of the income tax basis of any asset.

If non-pro-rata distributions are to be made, the Trustee should attempt to allocate the tax basis of the assets distributed in an equitable manner among the beneficiaries of the trust, but the Trustee may at all times rely upon the written agreement of the trust beneficiaries as to the apportionment of assets. To the extent non-pro-rata distributions are made and the tax basis of the assets so distributed is not uniformly apportioned among beneficiaries, the Trustee may, but need not, make any equitable adjustments among such beneficiaries as a result of such nonuniformity in basis.

# Section I. Life Insurance

. 65

The Trustee shall have the powers with regard to life insurance as set forth in this Section I, except as otherwise provided in this agreement.

The Trustee may purchase, accept, hold, and deal with as owner, policies of insurance on both Founders' individual or joint lives, the life of any trust beneficiary, or on the life of any person in whom any trust beneficiary has an insurable interest.

12-12

The first financial report shall identify all property initially received by the Trustee. The first report and each subsequent report shall include a statement of all property on hand at the end of such accounting period, of all property that has come to the knowledge or possession of the Trustee that has not been previously listed as property of the trust, of all known liabilities, of all receipts and disbursements during such period (including a statement as to whether the receipt or disbursement is of income or principal), and of such other facts as the Trustee deems necessary to furnish in order to provide adequate information as to the condition of the trust estate.

Except as otherwise provided in this declaration, should any person interested in a trust estate request an accounting for the Trustee's actions that is more extensive or more frequent than the accounting normally to be rendered, the Trustee may require such person to pay the additional costs incurred in preparing the same before complying with such request.

### Section F. Trustee's Liability

1 (

(

No person or entity serving as Trustee without compensation shall be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of fact or law or for ordinary negligence, but shall be liable for acts involving willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith.

Unless otherwise provided, no person or entity serving as Trustee who is receiving compensation for his or its services hereunder shall be liable for any loss which may occur as a result of any actions taken or not taken by the Trustee if such person or entity has exercised the reasonable care, skill and prudence generally exercised by a compensated fiduciary with respect to the administration, investment, and management of similar estates.

No person or entity serving as Trustee shall be liable for the acts, omissions or defaults of any other person or entity serving as Trustee, agent or other person to whom duties may be properly delegated hereunder (except that each corporate trustee shall be liable for the acts, omissions and defaults of its officers and regular employees) if such agent or other person was engaged with reasonable care.

Unless a Trustee shall expressly contract and bind himself or itself individually, no Trustee shall incur any personal liability to any person or legal entity dealing with the Trustee in the administration of a trust. The Trustee shall be entitled to reimbursement from the properties of a trust for any liability or expense, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, incurred by the Trustee in the proper administration of a trust.

The Trustee shall be indemnified from the trust property for any damages sustained by the Trustee as a result of its exercising, in good faith, any of the authorities granted it under this trust declaration.

# Section G. Duty of Third Parties Dealing with Trustee

No person dealing with the Trustee shall be responsible for the application of any assets delivered to the Trustee, and the receipt of the Trustee shall be a full discharge to the extent of the property delivered. No purchaser from or other person dealing with the Trustee, and no issuer or transfer agent of any securities to which any dealing with the Trustee shall relate, shall be under any duty to ascertain the power of the Trustee to purchase, sell, exchange, transfer, encumber or otherwise in any manner deal with any property held by the Trustee. No person dealing with the Trustee in good faith shall be under any duty to see that the terms of a trust are complied with or to inquire into the validity or propriety of any act of the Trustee.

# Section H. Division and Distribution of Trust Estate

When the Trustee is required to divide or make distribution from a trust estate, in whole or in part, such division or distribution may be made by the Trustee in cash or in kind, or partly in cash and partly in kind, and the Trustee may assign or apportion to the distributees undivided interests in any assets then constituting a part of such trust estate. The Trustee may encumber property, may sell property, and may make non-pro-rata distributions when the Trustee believes it is practical or desirable and equitable to do so in order to effectuate a trust distribution regardless of the income tax basis of any asset.

If non-pro-rata distributions are to be made, the Trustee should attempt to allocate the tax basis of the assets distributed in an equitable manner among the beneficiaries of the trust, but the Trustee may at all times rely upon the written agreement of the trust beneficiaries as to the apportionment of assets. To the extent non-pro-rata distributions are made and the tax basis of the assets so distributed is not uniformly apportioned among beneficiaries, the Trustee may, but need not, make any equitable adjustments among such beneficiaries as a result of such nonuniformity in basis.

### Section I. Life Insurance

The Trustee shall have the powers with regard to life insurance as set forth in this Section I, except as otherwise provided in this agreement.

The Trustee may purchase, accept, hold, and deal with as owner, policies of insurance on both Founders' individual or joint lives, the life of any trust beneficiary, or on the life of any person in whom any trust beneficiary has an insurable interest.

12-12

The Trustee shall have the power to execute or cancel any automatic premium loan agreement with respect to any policy, and shall have the power to elect or cancel any automatic premium loan provision in a life insurance policy.

The Trustee may borrow money with which to pay premiums due on any policy either from the company issuing the policy or from any other source and may assign any such policy as security for the loan.

The Trustee shall have the power to exercise any option contained in a policy with regard to any dividend or share of surplus apportioned to the policy, to reduce the amount of a policy or convert or exchange the policy, or to surrender a policy at any time for its cash value.

The Trustee may elect any paid-up insurance or any extended-term insurance nonforfeiture option contained in a policy.

The Trustee shall have the power to sell policies at their fair market value to the insured or to anyone having an insurable interest in the policies.

The Trustee shall have the right to exercise any other right, option, or benefit contained in a policy or permitted by the insurance company issuing that policy.

Upon termination of any trust created under this agreement, the Trustee shall have the power to transfer and assign the policies held by the trust as a distribution of trust property.

## Section J. Insured Trustee's Authority

Any individual Trustee under this agreement, other than either Founder, is prohibited from exercising any power conferred on the owner of any policy which insures the life of such individual Trustee and which is held as part of the trust property.

If the Trustee holds any such policy or policies as a part of the trust property, the powers conferred on the owner of such a policy shall be exercised only by the other then acting Trustee.

If the insured Trustee is the only then acting Trustee, then such powers shall be exercised by a substitute Trustee designated pursuant to the provisions of this agreement dealing with the trusteeship.

If any rule of law or court decision construes the ability of the insured Trustee to name a substitute Trustee as an incident of ownership, the substitution process shall be implemented

12-13

by a majority of the then current mandatory and discretionary income beneficiaries, excluding the insured Trustee if the insured Trustee is a beneficiary.

# Section K. Estimated Income Tax Payment Allocation

The Trustee, in its sole discretion, may elect or not elect to treat all or any portion of federal estimated taxes paid by any trust to be treated as a payment made by any one or more beneficiaries of such trust who are entitled to receive current distributions of income or principal from such trust. The election need not be made in a pro rata manner among all beneficiaries of the trust.

If there is an individual serving as a co-trustee who is a beneficiary of a trust created by this declaration, that individual may not take part in any decision to treat any trust estimated income tax payment as a payment by such individual.

In exercising or choosing not to exercise the discretion granted in this paragraph, the Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary or to any other persons directly or indirectly for any action or inaction so taken except for its willful fraud or gross negligence.

# Section L. Merger of Trusts

If at any time the Trustee determines it would be in the best interest of the beneficiary or beneficiaries of any trust created by this declaration to transfer or merge all of the assets held in such trust with any other trust created either by trust instrument or by will for the benefit of the same beneficiary or beneficiaries and under substantially similar trusts, terms and conditions, the Trustee under this declaration, after giving not less than thirty days advance written notice to its beneficiaries, is authorized to transfer to or merge all of the assets held under the trust created by this declaration to such other substantially similar trust, and to terminate the trust created under this declaration regardless of whether the Trustee under this declaration also is acting as the trustee of such other trust.

The Trustee under this declaration shall not be subject to liability for delegation of its duties for any such transfer to a substantially similar trust having a different person or entity serving as trustee, and shall have no further liability with respect to trust assets properly delivered to the trustee of any such other substantially similar trust. Similarly, the Trustee of any trust created by this declaration is authorized to receive from the trustee of any other substantially similar trust.

(

The Trustee shall have the power to execute or cancel any automatic premium loan agreement with respect to any policy, and shall have the power to elect or cancel any automatic premium loan provision in a life insurance policy.

The Trustee may borrow money with which to pay premiums due on any policy either from the company issuing the policy or from any other source and may assign any such policy as security for the loan.

The Trustee shall have the power to exercise any option contained in a policy with regard to any dividend or share of surplus apportioned to the policy, to reduce the amount of a policy or convert or exchange the policy, or to surrender a policy at any time for its cash value.

The Trustee may elect any paid-up insurance or any extended-term insurance nonforfeiture option contained in a policy.

The Trustee shall have the power to sell policies at their fair market value to the insured or to anyone having an insurable interest in the policies.

The Trustee shall have the right to exercise any other right, option, or benefit contained in a policy or permitted by the insurance company issuing that policy.

Upon termination of any trust created under this agreement, the Trustee shall have the power to transfer and assign the policies held by the trust as a distribution of trust property.

#### Section J. Insured Trustee's Authority

í

Any individual Trustee under this agreement, other than either Founder, is prohibited from exercising any power conferred on the owner of any policy which insures the life of such individual Trustee and which is held as part of the trust property.

If the Trustee holds any such policy or policies as a part of the trust property, the powers conferred on the owner of such a policy shall be exercised only by the other then acting Trustee.

If the insured Trustee is the only then acting Trustee, then such powers shall be exercised by a substitute Trustee designated pursuant to the provisions of this agreement dealing with the trusteeship.

If any rule of law or court decision construes the ability of the insured Trustee to name a substitute Trustee as an incident of ownership, the substitution process shall be implemented

by a majority of the then current mandatory and discretionary income beneficiaries, excluding the insured Trustee if the insured Trustee is a beneficiary.

# Section K. Estimated Income Tax Payment Allocation

The Trustee, in its sole discretion, may elect or not elect to treat all or any portion of federal estimated taxes paid by any trust to be treated as a payment made by any one or more beneficiaries of such trust who are entitled to receive current distributions of income or principal from such trust. The election need not be made in a pro rata manner among all beneficiaries of the trust.

If there is an individual serving as a co-trustee who is a beneficiary of a trust created by this declaration, that individual may not take part in any decision to treat any trust estimated income tax payment as a payment by such individual.

In exercising or choosing not to exercise the discretion granted in this paragraph, the Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary or to any other persons directly or indirectly for any action or inaction so taken except for its willful fraud or gross negligence.

# Section L. Merger of Trusts

If at any time the Trustee determines it would be in the best interest of the beneficiary or beneficiaries of any trust created by this declaration to transfer or merge all of the assets held in such trust with any other trust created either by trust instrument or by will for the benefit of the same beneficiary or beneficiaries and under substantially similar trusts, terms and conditions, the Trustee under this declaration, after giving not less than thirty days advance written notice to its beneficiaries, is authorized to transfer to or merge all of the assets held under the trust created by this declaration to such other substantially similar trust, and to terminate the trust created under this declaration regardless of whether the Trustee under this declaration also is acting as the trustee of such other trust.

The Trustee under this declaration shall not be subject to liability for delegation of its duties for any such transfer to a substantially similar trust having a different person or entity serving as trustee, and shall have no further liability with respect to trust assets properly delivered to the trustee of any such other substantially similar trust. Similarly, the Trustee of any trust created by this declaration is authorized to receive from the trustee of any other substantially similar trust the assets held under such other trust.

ĺ

# Section M. Termination and Distribution of Small Trust

ĺ

(

If, in the discretionary judgment of the person(s) or entity serving as Trustee, other than a surviving Founder acting as Trustee, any trust shall at any time be a size which, in the Trustee's sole judgment, shall make it inadvisable or unnecessary to continue such trust, then the Trustee may distribute the trust estate of such trust to its beneficiaries in proportion to their respective presumptive interests in such trust at the time of such termination.

If either or both of us are a beneficiary of a trust terminated pursuant to this paragraph and are surviving at the date of such termination, the Trustee (other than a surviving Founder acting as Trustee) shall distribute the assets of such terminated trust to both of us or the survivor of us. The Trustee shall not be liable either for terminating or for refusing to terminate a trust as authorized by this paragraph.

# Section N. Elimination of Duty to Create Identical Trusts

If the provisions of this trust direct the Trustee to hold any portion of its trust estate at its termination as the trust estate of a new trust for the benefit of any person or persons who already are beneficiaries of an existing identical trust, that portion of the terminating trust shall be added to the existing identical trust, and no new trust shall be created.

### Section O. Powers of Trustee Subsequent to an Event of Termination

The Trustee shall have a reasonable period of time after the occurrence of an event of termination in which to wind up the administration of a trust and to make a distribution of its assets. During this period of time the Trustee shall continue to have and shall exercise all powers granted herein to the Trustee or conferred upon the Trustee by law until all provisions of this declaration are fully executed.

# Section P. Requesting Financial Information of Trust Beneficiaries

In exercising its discretion to make any discretionary distributions to the beneficiaries of any trust created hereunder, the Trustee is authorized to request any financial information, including prior federal income tax returns, from the respective beneficiaries that the Trustee deems necessary in order to exercise its discretion in accordance with the provisions for making such distributions under this declaration.

## Section Q. Retirement Plan Elections

Except as otherwise provided in this trust declaration, the Trustee may receive or disclaim any and all proceeds from retirement plans, including, but not limited to, qualified pension, profit sharing, Keogh, individual retirement accounts, or any other form or type of plan. The Trustee may make such elections and exercise options as provided in such plan, without liability to any beneficiary for the election made or option elected. Any disclaimed proceeds or benefits shall be paid in accordance with the terms, conditions, and directives set forth in the subject plan.

### Section R. Qualification as a Qualified Subchapter S Trust

If any stock of an S corporation becomes distributable to a trust created under this agreement, and such trust is not a qualified Subchapter S trust, the Trustee may implement any of the following alternatives with respect to the S corporation stock:

#### 1. A Sole Beneficiary

Where the original trust is for a sole beneficiary, the Trustee may create for that beneficiary a separate trust that qualifies as a Subchapter S trust, and then distribute such stock to the newly created trust.

#### 2. Multiple Beneficiaries

Where the original trust is for multiple beneficiaries, the Trustee may divide the trust into separate trusts for each of the beneficiaries. Each newly created trust shall hold that beneficiary's pro rata share of the S corporation stock, and shall qualify as a Subchapter S trust.

# 3. Outright Distribution

If circumstances prevent the Trustee from accomplishing the first two alternatives under this paragraph, the Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, distribute such stock to the beneficiaries as if the trust had terminated, while continuing to hold any other non-S corporation property in trust.

Each newly created S corporation trust shall have mandatory distributions of income and shall not provide for powers of appointment that can be exercised by the beneficiary during the beneficiary's lifetime. In all other respects, the

From:Anita BrunstingTo:at.home3@yahoo.com; cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net; CandyDate:Saturday, October 23, 2010 10:50:37 AMAttachments:20101022123259398.pdf<br/>20101022123244071.pdf

•

4.000

• •

This is the last 3

~~~

#### DUTY TO INFORM AND ACCOUNT Texas Probate Code Section 489B

The attorney-in-fact or agent is a fiduciary and has a duty to inform and to account for actions taken pursuant to the power of attorney.

The attorney-in-fact or agent shall timely inform the principal of all actions taken pursuant to the power of attorney. Failure of the attorney-in-fact or agent to inform timely, as to third parties, shall not invalidate any action of the attorney-in-fact or agent.

The attorney-in-fact or agent shall maintain records of each action taken or decision made by the attorney-in-fact or agent.

The principal may demand an accounting by the attorney-in-fact or agent. Unless otherwise directed by the principal, the accounting shall include:

- the property belonging to the principal that has come to the attorney-in-fact's or agent's 1. knowledge or into the attorney-in-fact's or agent's possession; all actions taken or decisions made by the attorney-in-fact or agent;
- 2.
- a complete account of receipts, disbursements, and other actions of the attorney-in-fact or 3. agent, including their source and nature, with receipts of principal and income shown separately;
- a listing of all property over which the attorney-in-fact or agent has exercised control, with 4. an adequate description of each asset and its current value if known to the attorney-in-fact or agent:
- 5. the cash balance on hand and the name and location of the depository where the balance is kept;
- 6. all known liabilities; and,

(

such other information and facts known to the attorney-in-fact or agent as may be necessary 7. to a full and definite understanding of the exact condition of the property belonging to the principal.

Unless directed otherwise by the principal, the attorney-in-fact or agent shall also provide to the principal all documentation regarding the principal's property.

The attorney-in-fact or agent shall maintain all records until delivered to the principal, released by the principal, or discharged by a court.

If the attorney-in-fact or agent fails or refuses to inform the principal, provide documentation, or deliver the accounting within 60 days (or such longer or shorter time that the principal demands or a court may order), the principal may file suite to compel the attorney-in-fact or agent to deliver the accounting, to deliver the assets, or to terminate the power of attorney.

This section shall not limit the right of the principal to terminate the power of attorney or make additional

Wherever in this chapter a principal is given an authority to act, that shall include not only the principal but also any person designated by the principal, a guardian of the estate of the principal, or other personal representative of the principal.

The rights set out in this section and chapter are cumulative of any other rights or remedies the principal may have at common law or other applicable statutes and not in derogation of those rights.

# QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION AND EXERCISE OF TESTAMENTARY POWERS OF APPOINTMENT UNDER LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT

# Section 1. Exercise of General Power of Appointment and Qualified Beneficiary Designation

I, NELVA E. BRUNSTING, the surviving Founder (herein also referred to as "Trustor" and "Founder") of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended, am the holder of a general power of appointment over the principal and accrued and undistributed net income of a trust named the NELVA E. BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST (pursuant to Article VIII, Section B.4 of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996), (hereinafter called "The Survivor's Trust") the full legal name of which is as follows:

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee, or the successor Trustees, of the NELVA E. BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST dated April 1, 2009, as established under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

The NELVA E. BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST was created pursuant to Article VII of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended. Article VIII of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST contains the administrative provisions of the NELVA E. BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST. All property in the NELVA E. BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST is allocated to "Share One" under Article VIII of the said BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended. Article III further allows a qualified beneficiary designation as to the ownership interest of NELVA E. BRUNSTING in the trust property.

In the exercise of the general power of appointment, which is to take effect at my death, and as a qualified beneficiary designation as to the ownership interest of NELVA E. BRUNSTING in the subject trust property, I direct my Trustee, at the time of my death, to administer and distribute the balance of the principal and undistributed income from the NELVA E. BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST as set forth in Section 3 of this document.

The BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes (herein sometimes referred to as "the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996," and the "Trust Agreement").

# Section 2. Exercise of Limited Power of Appointment and Qualified Beneficiary Designation

I, NELVA E. BRUNSTING, the surviving Founder of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended, am the holder of a limited power of appointment over the principal and accrued and undistributed net income of a trust named

the ELMER H. BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST (pursuant to Article IX, Section D of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996), the full legal name of which is as follows:

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee, or the successor Trustees, of the ELMER H. BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST dated April 1, 2009, as established under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

The ELMER H. BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST was created pursuant to Article VII of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, dated October 10, 1996, as amended. Article IX of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST contains the administrative provisions of the ELMER H. BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST.

In the exercise of this limited power of appointment, which is to take effect at my death, I direct my Trustee to administer and distribute the balance of the principal and undistributed income from the ELMER H. BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST, except for any portion which has been disclaimed by me, as set forth in Section 3 of this document.

# Section 3. Provisions for Distribution and Administration of the Survivor's Trust and the Decedent's Trust

#### DISTRIBUTION OF TRUST ASSETS

#### A. Beneficiaries

ŝ

. 121

The Trustee shall divide the remainder of the Trust Estate into separate shares hereinafter individually referred to as Personal Asset Trusts, as follows:

| Beneficiaries         | <u>Share</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS | 1/5          |
| CAROL ANN BRUNSTING   | 1/5          |
| AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART   | 1/5          |
| CARL HENRY BRUNSTING  | 1/5          |
| ANITA KAY BRUNSTING   | 1/5          |

### B. <u>Division into Separate Shares</u>

13

My Trustee shall distribute the share for each of my beneficiaries in a separate Personal Asset Trust for the benefit of each beneficiary as provided in this Section 3. If a named beneficiary fails to survive me, then that share shall be distributed as set forth below as if it had been an original part thereof. The decisions of the Trustee as to the assets to constitute each such share shall be conclusive, subject to the requirement that said shares shall be of the respective values specified.

# 1. Share for CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

My Trustee shall distribute one-fifth (1/5) of the remainder of the trust property to a Personal Asset Trust for the benefit of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS, if surviving, to be held, administered and distributed as set forth in this Section 3 entitled "Personal Asset Trust Provisions." If CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS fails to survive, then this share shall be held, administered and distributed to said individual's descendants, per stirpes, as set forth in Section H of the Personal Asset Trust provisions entitled "Final Disposition of Trust." If there are no then living descendants of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS, such share shall be distributed to my then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event I have no then living descendants, such share shall be distributed according to Section G of Article X of the Brunsting Family Living Trust dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

# 2. Share for CAROL ANN BRUNSTING

My Trustee shall distribute one-fifth (1/5) of the remainder of the trust property to a Personal Asset Trust for the benefit of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING, if surviving, to be held, administered and distributed as set forth in this Section 3 entitled "Personal Asset Trust Provisions." If CAROL ANN BRUNSTING fails to survive, then this share shall be held, administered and distributed to said individual's descendants, per stirpes, as set forth in Section H of the Personal Asset Trust provisions entitled "Final Disposition of Trust." If there are no then living descendants of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING, such share shall be distributed to my then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event I have no then living descendants, such share shall be distributed according to Section G of Article X of the Brunsting Family Living Trust dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

### 3. Share for AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

My Trustee shall distribute one-fifth (1/5) of the remainder of the trust property to a Personal Asset Trust for the benefit of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, if surviving, to be held, administered and distributed as set forth in this Section 3 entitled "Personal Asset Trust Provisions." If AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART fails to survive, then this share shall be held, administered and distributed to said individual's descendants, per stirpes, as set forth in Section H of the Personal Asset Trust provisions entitled "Final Disposition of Trust." If there are no then living descendants of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, such share shall be distributed to my then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event I have no then living descendants, such share shall be distributed according to Section G of Article X of the Brunsting Family Living Trust dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

### 4. Share for CARL HENRY BRUNSTING

1. 1. 18.

My Trustee shall distribute one-fifth (1/5) of the remainder of the trust property to a Personal Asset Trust for the benefit of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING, if surviving, to be held, administered and distributed as set forth in this Section 3 entitled "Personal Asset Trust Provisions." If CARL HENRY BRUNSTING fails to survive, then this share shall be held, administered and distributed to said individual's descendants, per stirpes, as set forth in Section H of the Personal Asset Trust provisions entitled "Final Disposition of Trust." If there are no then living descendants of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING, such share shall be distributed to my then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event I have no then living descendants, such share shall be distributed according to Section G of Article X of the Brunsting Family Living Trust dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

# 5. Share for ANITA KAY BRUNSTING

My Trustee shall distribute one-fifth (1/5) of the remainder of the trust property to a Personal Asset Trust for the benefit of ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, if surviving, to be held, administered and distributed as set forth in this Section 3 entitled "Personal Asset Trust Provisions." If ANITA KAY BRUNSTING fails to survive, then this share shall be held, administered and distributed to said individual's descendants, per stirpes, as set forth in Section H of the Personal Asset Trust provisions entitled "Final Disposition of Trust." If there are no then living descendants of ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, such share shall be distributed to my then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event I have no then living descendants, such share shall be distributed according to Section G of Article X of the Brunsting Family Living Trust dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

#### PERSONAL ASSET TRUST PROVISIONS

#### A. Establishment of the Personal Asset Trust:

A Personal Asset Trust shall be created for a beneficiary of the Trust when, under any other provision of this Trust Agreement, a distribution of the Trust Estate specified

to be made to said beneficiary's Personal Asset Trust first occurs. The Personal Asset Trust shall be held, administered and distributed as set forth under this Agreement. After a beneficiary's Personal Asset Trust is established, any further distribution specified to be made to said beneficiary's Personal Asset Trust under any other provisions of this Agreement shall be added to and become a part of said existing Personal Asset Trust, to be held, administered and distributed as if it had been an original part thereof. The Personal Asset Trust may be referred to by either using the name of the beneficiary for whom such trust is created or such other name as is designated by the Trustee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Trustee exercises his or her right to create a separate and distinct Personal Asset Trust for said beneficiary (pursuant to the paragraph of this Agreement entitled "Trustee's Discretion to Hold, Manage and Distribute Separate Trusts in Different Manners"), any further distributions specified to be made to said beneficiary's Personal Asset Trust may, in the Trustee's sole and absolute discretion, instead be partly or entirely made to such newly created Personal Asset Trust.

- B. <u>Trustor's Intent in Establishing Personal Asset Trusts</u>: The Trustor's intended purposes in creating a Personal Asset Trust for a beneficiary are as follows:
  - 1. To protect and conserve trust principal;
  - 2. To eliminate and reduce income taxes, generation skipping transfer taxes and estate and death taxes on trust assets and on assets in the estate of the beneficiary;
  - 3. To benefit and provide for the financial needs of the beneficiary and his or her descendants;
  - 4. To protect trust assets and income from claims of and interference from third parties;
  - 5. To invest in non-consumables, such as a principal residence, in order to provide the beneficiary with the liberal use and enjoyment of such property, without charge, rather than make a distribution of trust assets to the beneficiary or purchase them in the name of the beneficiary. It is the Trustor's desire in this regard that the beneficiary, to the extent possible, use his or her own resources to pay for living expenses and consumables in order to reduce the size of such beneficiary's estate subject to estate taxes and claims of third parties;
  - 6. To invest in reasonable business ventures, including business start-ups, where the beneficiary is a principal or otherwise involved in such ventures or start-ups;

- 7. To give the beneficiary the ability to direct the distribution of wealth (during life or at death) to other individuals or charitable organizations (subject to any limitation provided elsewhere herein);
- 8. To allow for the prudent management of property if the beneficiary is incapacitated or otherwise unable to handle his or her own financial affairs because of alcohol or drug abuse or other reasons;
- 9. To protect the beneficiary from the unreasonable or negative influence of others, divorce claims, paternity or maternity suits or claims, and other lawsuits; and
- 10. To protect the beneficiary against claims of third parties.

.....

- C. <u>Duty to Inform Beneficiary of Trust Benefits and Protections</u>: Immediately prior to a Personal Asset Trust being established for a beneficiary hereunder, the then acting Trustee of the Trust shall, if at all practicable, have a private meeting or telephone call with such beneficiary to explain the above stated long-term purposes and benefits of the Personal Asset Trust and to advise such beneficiary how he or she may maintain the benefits and protections that such trust provides. The Trustee is directed to have an attorney assist the Trustee in conducting this meeting or call and the Trustor hereby authorizes the Trustee to employ the services of VACEK & FREED, PLLC, formerly the Vacek Law Firm, PLLC, for such purpose and waive any potential conflict that may otherwise deter them from acting; however, the Trustee is free to hire any other attorney, provided such attorney is an experienced estate planning specialist.
- D. Designation of Trustee: Except for the Personal Asset Trusts created for CARL HENRY BRUNSTING and CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS, each beneficiary for whom a Personal Asset Trust is created shall act as sole Trustee of said trust. ANITA KAY BRUNSTING and AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall act as Co-Trustees for the Personal Asset Trusts for CARL HENRY BRUNSTING and CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS. If either ANITA KAY BRUNSTING or AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART cannot serve for any reason, the remaining Co-Trustee shall serve alone. Both ANITA KAY BRUNSTING and AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall have the right to appoint their own successor Trustee in writing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each beneficiary who is acting as his or her own Trustee of his or her said trust shall have the right, at such time as said beneficiary is acting as sole Trustee and in said beneficiary's sole and absolute discretion, to appoint an independent bank or trust company to act jointly with said beneficiary as Co-Trustee of said trust. Said beneficiary shall also have the right, at any time and in said beneficiary's sole and absolute discretion, to remove said independent bank or trust company acting as Co-Trustee provided said beneficiary appoints another independent bank or trust company in its place. The appointment or removal of an independent bank or trust company as Co-Trustee shall be by written instrument delivered to the Co-Trustee. Furthermore, said beneficiary shall have the right to designate by will or other written instrument, either individual(s) or an independent bank or trust company, to act as a

Sec. Sec. 19 -

successor Trustee or Co-Trustee(s) in said beneficiary's place, as the case may be, in the event of said beneficiary's death, incompetency, inability or unwillingness to act; but, if said beneficiary is still living, the majority of acting Trustees must be independent within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 674(c) and said beneficiary shall not have the right to remove the successor Trustee or Co-Trustee so designated and appoint another in its place. Should said beneficiary fail to so designate a successor Trustee or Co-Trustees of such trust, then the FROST NATIONAL BANK shall act as successor Trustee, notwithstanding any other provisions contained in the trust agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the ability of said beneficiary to appoint a successor Trustee may be limited as set forth in the Sections of the Trust entitled "Special Co-Trustee Provisions" and "Trust Protector Provisions."

- Designation of Trustee for Primary Beneficiary's Issue: Notwithstanding the E. foregoing, upon attaining age thirty five (35) each of the descendants of a Primary Beneficiary (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "issue") shall act as sole Trustee of the Personal Asset Trust created for such issue. Said issue shall have the right, at such time as said issue is acting as sole Trustee and in said issue's sole and absolute discretion, to appoint an independent bank or trust company to act jointly with said issue as Co-Trustee of said trust. Said issue shall also have the right, at any time and in said issue's sole and absolute discretion, to remove said independent bank or trust company acting as Co-Trustee provided said issue appoints another independent bank or trust company in its place. The appointment or removal of an independent bank or trust company as Co-Trustee shall be by written instrument delivered to the Co-Trustee. Furthermore, said issue shall have the right to designate by will or other written instrument, either individual(s) or an independent bank or trust company, to act as a successor Trustee or Co-Trustee(s) in said issue's place, as the case may be, in the event of said issue's death, incompetency, inability or unwillingness to act; but, if said issue is still living, the majority of acting Trustees must be independent within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 674(c)) and said issue shall not have the right to remove the successor Trustee or Co-Trustee so designated and appoint another in its place. Should said issue fail to so designate a successor Trustee or Co-Trustees of such trust, then the FROST NATIONAL BANK shall act as successor Trustee, notwithstanding any other provisions contained in the trust agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the ability of said issue to appoint a successor Trustee may be limited as set forth in the Sections of the Trust entitled "Special Co-Trustee Provisions" and "Trust Protector Provisions."
- F. <u>Administration of Personal Asset Trust</u>: The Personal Asset Trust shall be held, administered and distributed by the Trustee appointed under this Section of the Trust Agreement as follows:
  - 1. <u>Discretionary Distributions of Income and/or Principal</u>: The Trustee, shall have the power, in such Trustee's sole and absolute discretion, binding on all persons interested now or in the future in this trust, to distribute or apply for

the benefit of the beneficiary for whom the trust was created (hereinafter the "primary beneficiary") and the primary beneficiary's issue or to a trust for their benefit, so much of the income and/or principal of the Trust Estate, and at such time or times as such Trustee shall deem appropriate for such distributees' health, support, maintenance and education. Any income not distributed shall be accumulated and added to principal. In exercising the discretions conferred in this paragraph, the Trustee may pay more to or apply more for some beneficiaries to the exclusion of others, if such Trustee deems this necessary or appropriate in light of the circumstances, the size of the Trust Estate and the probable future needs of the beneficiaries. The Trustee shall, before making any such distributions, consider the Trustor's intent in creating the trust, as set forth above in paragraph B.

wetween .

- 2. <u>Additional Guidelines for Distributions</u>: In addition to the provisions set forth above for making discretionary distributions of income and/or principal, the Trustee shall be further guided as follows in making such distributions. Any such distributions shall be made in the sole and absolute discretion of the Trustee and shall be binding on all persons howsoever interested now or in the future in this trust.
  - Primary Beneficiary's Needs Considered First; Broad Interpretation of a. "Health, Education, Maintenance and Support": In exercising the discretionary powers to provide benefits under this trust, the Trustee shall take into consideration that the primary purpose in establishing this trust is to provide for the present and future welfare of the primary beneficiary, and secondly, the present and future welfare of the primary beneficiary's issue. Furthermore, the Trustee may take into account any beneficiary's character and habits and his or her willingness and action to support himself or herself in light of his or her particular abilities and disabilities, and the needs of other beneficiaries, if any, of the same Finally, the Trustor requests that the Trustee be liberal in trust. determining the needs of a beneficiary for health, support, maintenance and education and in conferring benefits hereunder. The term "health" need not take into account any private or governmental medical insurance or other medical payments to which a beneficiary may be entitled, and the Trustee may pay for the expense of providing health The term and medical insurance coverage for the beneficiary. "education" may include but is not limited to, all expenses incurred in connection with or by reason of a beneficiary's attendance at public or private elementary or high school, college, university or vocational, technical or other educational institution or specialized training programs (whether or not any such institution or program provider shall be a fully accredited educational institution), graduate or post-graduate education expenses, and all expenses incurred in providing such beneficiary with an education in a non-institutional setting; including,

P14453

but not limited to, the expense of travel and charges for tutoring, tuition, room and board (whether or not charged by an educational institution at which such beneficiary shall be a student), laboratory fees, classroom fees, clothing, books, supplies, laboratory or other equipment or tools (including computer hardware and software) or other material or activities that the Trustee shall determine to be of educational benefit or value to such beneficiary. In determining the need for funds for education, the Trustee shall consider all direct and indirect expenses, including living expenses of the beneficiary and those persons who may be dependent upon said beneficiary. The terms "support" and "maintenance" may include but are not limited to investment in a family business, purchase of a primary residence, entry into a business, vocation or profession commensurate with a beneficiary's abilities and interests; recreational or educational travel; expenses incident to marriage or childbirth; and for the reasonably comfortable (but not luxurious) support of the beneficiaries. When exercising the powers to make discretionary distributions from the trust, the Trustee shall maintain records detailing the amount of each distribution made to any beneficiary from trust income and/or principal and the reasons for such distribution. The distributions made to a beneficiary shall not be allocated to or charged against the ultimate distributable share of that beneficiary (unless so provided in the primary beneficiary's exercise of his or her limited power of appointment).

- Ъ. Consider the Situation of the Beneficiary: In determining whether or not it is in the best interest of a beneficiary for any payment to be made to that beneficiary, the Trustee shall consider the financial responsibility, judgment and maturity of such beneficiary, including whether or not, at the time of such determination, such beneficiary: (i) is suffering from any physical, mental, emotional or other condition that might adversely affect the beneficiary's ability to properly manage, invest and conserve property of the value that would be distributed to said beneficiary; (ii) is at such time, or previously has been, a substantial user of or addicted to a substance the use of which might adversely affect the beneficiary's ability to manage, invest and conserve property of such a value; (iii) has demonstrated financial instability and/or inability to manage, invest and conserve the beneficiary's property; or (iv) is going through a period of emotional, marital or other stress that might affect the beneficiary's ability to manage, invest and conserve such property.
- c. <u>Consider Any Written Letter of Instructions from the Trustor</u>: The Trustor may from time to time by written letter or other instrument, not constituting a holographic will or codicil or amendment to any trust, set forth instructions to the Trustee as to how the Trustor wishes the

Trustee's discretion to be exercised. The Trustor recognizes and intends that such instructions shall only be directive in nature and not binding on the Trustee or any beneficiary hereunder; however, the Trustor requests, to the extent possible, that the Trustee be mindful of these instructions when administering the trust.

as he was

- d. <u>Loans, Use of Trust Property and Joint Purchases Preferred Over</u> <u>Distributions</u>: The Trustee is directed, prior to making any distributions directly to or for the benefit of a beneficiary, to consider the alternatives of making a loan to the beneficiary, allowing the beneficiary the use of property of the Trust Estate (or such property to be acquired) and/or making a joint purchase of property with the beneficiary, pursuant to the paragraph below entitled "Special Trustee Powers."
- e. <u>Restrictions on Distributions That Discharge Legal Obligations of a</u> <u>Beneficiary</u>: The primary beneficiary is expressly prohibited from making any distributions from the trust, either as Trustee or under any limited power of appointment, either directly or indirectly, in favor of anyone to whom the primary beneficiary owes a legal obligation, to satisfy, in whole or in part, such legal obligation. Any such distributions may only be made by the Trust Protector.
- Primary Beneficiary's Limited Power of Appointment: The primary beneficiary shall G. have the following Limited Powers of Appointment. During the lifetime of the primary beneficiary, said beneficiary may appoint and distribute the accumulated income and/or principal to any one or more of said beneficiary's issue, either outright or in trust upon such terms and conditions, and in such amounts or proportions as said beneficiary wishes. Upon the death of the primary beneficiary, the Trustee shall distribute any remaining balance, including accumulated income and principal, to any one or more of said beneficiary's issue, either outright or in trust upon such terms and conditions and in such amounts or proportions as said beneficiary shall appoint by said beneficiary's last unrevoked Will, codicil or other written instrument executed prior to said beneficiary's death and specifically referring to this power of appointment. In the event there should be a failure of disposition of all or any portion of said income or principal, either in connection with the exercise or as a result of the nonexercise of the above testamentary limited power of appointment, all of said income and principal not disposed of shall be administered and distributed as set forth below in the paragraph entitled "Final Disposition of Trust." The terms of this paragraph may be limited by the Section of this Trust Agreement entitled "Trust Protector Provisions."
- H. <u>Final Disposition of Trust</u>: If the primary beneficiary for whom the Personal Asset Trust has been created should die before complete distribution of said trust, and the beneficiary's above powers of appointment have not been fully exercised, said trust shall terminate and the remaining principal (including accumulated income added

and a second

thereto) in said trust shall be held, administered and distributed for the benefit of the succeeding or contingent beneficiaries named, if any, pursuant to the respective paragraph set forth in Section 3.B. of this Qualified Beneficiary Designation and Exercise of Testamentary Power of Appointment establishing said beneficiary's share as if such beneficiary had been an original part thereof. Any share or portion thereof of any trust administered hereunder which is not disposed of under any of the foregoing provisions (or the provisions of the Article entitled "Trust Protector Provisions") shall be distributed pursuant to the paragraph of the Trust Agreement entitled "Ultimate Distribution."

- I. <u>Special Trustee Powers</u>: With respect to each Personal Asset Trust created under this Section, and in addition to or in lieu of the powers and authority granted to the Trustee under any other provisions of the Trust Agreement, during the existence of the Personal Asset Trust and until such time of its termination the Trustee, in his or her sole and absolute discretion, shall have the powers and authority to do the following.
  - 1. Permit Beneficiaries to Use Trust Assets: The Trustor desires that the beneficiaries of the trust be given the liberal use and enjoyment of trust property. To the extent deemed practical or advisable in the sole and absolute discretion of the Trustee, the primary beneficiary (or other beneficiaries) of each trust hereunder may have the right to the use, possession and enjoyment of (a) all of the tangible personal property at any time held by such trust, including but not limited to artwork, jewelry, coin or stamp collections and other collectible assets, and (b) all real property that may at any time constitute an asset of such trust. Such use, possession and enjoyment may be without rent or other financial obligation. To the extent of the trust assets and unless the Trustee is relieved of such obligation by such beneficiary (or beneficiaries), which the Trustee may agree to do, the Trustee shall see to the timely payment of all taxes, insurance, maintenance and repairs, safeguarding and other charges related to the preservation and maintenance of each and every such property. The Trustor requests, but do not require, that any such use, possession or enjoyment by a beneficiary other than the primary beneficiary be subject to veto at any time by the primary beneficiary.
    - a. <u>Hold and Maintain a Residence for the Use of Beneficiaries</u>: The Trustee is specifically authorized to hold and maintain any residence (whether held as real property, condominium or cooperative apartment) for the use and benefit of any beneficiary of any trust. If the Trustee, in the Trustee's sole and absolute discretion, determines that it would be in the best interests of any beneficiary of any trust to maintain a residence for their use, but that the residence owned by the Trustee should not be used for such purpose, the Trustee is authorized to sell said residence and to apply the net proceeds of the sale to the purchase of such other residence or to make such other arrangements as the Trustee, in such Trustee's sole and absolute discretion, deems suitable

for the purpose. Any proceeds of sale not needed for reinvestment in a residence as provided above shall be added to the principal of the trust and thereafter held, administered and disposed of as a part thereof. The Trustee is authorized to pay all carrying charges of such residence, including, but not limited to, any taxes, assessments and maintenance thereon, and all expenses of the repair and operation thereof, including the employment of domestic servants and other expenses incident to the running of a household for the benefit of any beneficiary of the trust; the Trustee may alternatively provide, by agreement with the beneficiary, that such charges and expenses, or a portion of them, are to be paid by the beneficiary. Having in mind the extent to which funds will be available for future expenditure for the benefit of the beneficiaries, the Trustee is authorized under this paragraph to expend such amounts as such Trustee shall, in his or her sole and absolute discretion, determine to maintain the current lifestyle of the beneficiaries and their personal care and comfort; the Trustor does not, however, desire that the Trustee assist the beneficiaries in maintaining a luxurious lifestyle.

- 2. <u>Special Investment Authority</u>: Notwithstanding any investment limitations placed on the Trustee under the Trust Agreement or the provisions of any state law governing this trust which may contain limitations such as the prudent investor rule, the Trustee is authorized to make the following types of investments of trust assets:
  - <u>Closely Held Businesses</u>: To continue to hold and operate, to acquire, a. to make investments in, to form, to sell, or to liquidate, at the risk of the Trust Estate, any closely held partnership, corporation or other business that a beneficiary is involved in as an owner, partner, employee, officer or director, as long as the Trustee deems it advisable. The Trustee shall not be liable in any manner for any loss, should such loss occur, resulting from the retention or investment in such business. In the absence of actual notice to the contrary, the Trustee may accept as correct and rely on financial or other statements rendered by any accountant for any such business. Any such business shall be regarded as an entity separate from the trust and no accounting by the Trustee as to the operation of such business shall be required to be made. The Trustee shall have these powers with respect to the retention and purchase of such business, notwithstanding any rule or law requiring diversification of assets. Additionally, the foregoing shall not be limited by the fact that the Trustee or related parties, or any of them, shall be owners, partners, employees, officers or directors of the business. This paragraph, however, shall not be deemed to be a limitation upon the right of the Trustee to sell the investment in any

4. ••• 4.5 - 5 - 5 - 5 business if in the Trustee's sole and absolute discretion such sale is deemed advisable.

b. <u>Tangible Personal Property</u>: To acquire and/or continue to hold as an asset of the trust such items of tangible personal property as an investment or for the use of a beneficiary, including but not limited to artwork, jewelry, coin or stamp collections and other collectible assets, home furniture and furnishings.

- 3. Permit Self-Dealing: Financial transactions, both direct and indirect, between any trust and any beneficiary and/or Trustee who is also a beneficiary of that trust (including, for example, the sole or joint purchase, sale or leasing of property, investments in mortgages, acquisitions of life insurance policies, employment in any capacity, lending, etc.), whether or not specifically described in the Trust Agreement as permitted between such parties, except to the extent expressly prohibited hereunder, are expressly authorized, notwithstanding any rule of law relating to self-dealing, provided only that the Trustee, in thus acting either on behalf of or with or for such trust, shall act in good faith to assure such trust receives in such transaction adequate and full consideration in money or money's worth. Furthermore, the Trustee shall have the power to employ professionals or other individuals to assist such Trustee in the administration of any trust as may be deemed advisable (and as more particularly described in the paragraph of the Trust Agreement entitled "Trustee Powers"), notwithstanding such person or entity may be, or is affiliated in business with, any Trustee or beneficiary hereunder. The compensation to which a Trustee who is also a beneficiary is entitled under the Trust Agreement shall not be reduced or offset by any employment compensation paid to such Trustee for services rendered outside the scope of such Trustee's ordinary fiduciary duties and responsibilities, or for reason of receiving sales or other fees or commissions on property sold to the trust by such Trustee (directly or indirectly), which sales are hereby authorized.
- 4. <u>Make Loans</u>: Loan money to any beneficiary, or to any estate, trust or company in which such person or any trust hereunder has an interest, or had an interest while living, for any purpose whatsoever (including but not limited to purchasing, improving, repairing and remodeling a principal residence or entering into, purchasing or engaging in a trade or business or professional career), with or without security and at such rate of interest as the Trustee shall determine in the exercise of reasonable fiduciary discretion, and, with respect to such loans and/or security interests, to renew, extend, modify and grant waivers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without limiting the ability of the Trustee to act in such Trustee's discretion under this paragraph, the Trustor hereby expresses his preference that, whenever economically feasible, any and all loans made pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph be adequately secured and bear interest at least at the higher of the "applicable federal rate"

and the second

as set forth by the Internal Revenue Service for loans with similar payment terms and length or a fair market rate for such loans.

- 5. Take Actions With Respect to Properties and Companies Owned in Common With a Beneficiary or Others: The Trustee is specifically authorized, with or without the joinder of other owners of the property or securities that may be held in trust (and notwithstanding that one or more such other owners may be, directly or indirectly, a beneficiary or a fiduciary hereunder), to enter upon and carry out any plan (a) for the foreclosure, lease or sale of any trust property, (b) for the consolidation or merger, dissolution or liquidation, incorporation or reincorporation, recapitalization, reorganization, or readjustment of the capital or financial structure of any corporation, company or association, the securities of which, whether closely held or publicly traded, may form a part of such trust, or (c) for the creation of one or more holding companies to hold any such securities and/or properties (even if it leaves, following the termination of such trust, a trust beneficiary as a minority shareholder in such holding company), all as such Trustee may deem expedient or advisable for the furtherance of the interests of such trust and the carrying out of the Trustor's original intent as to such trust, its beneficiaries and as to those properties and/or securities. In carrying out such plan, such Trustee may deposit any such securities or properties, pay any assessments, expenses and sums of money, give investment letters and other assurances, receive and retain as investments of such trust any new properties or securities transferred or issued as a result thereof, and generally do any act with reference to such holdings as might be done by any person owning similar securities or properties in his own right, including the exercise of conversion, subscription, purchase or other rights or options, the entrance into voting trusts, etc., all without obtaining authority therefor from any court.
- 6. <u>Right to Distribute to Entities</u>: Any distribution from the trust, including a distribution upon trust termination (whether made by the Trustee or Trust Protector) may be made directly to an entity, such as a trust, "S" corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership, whether existing or newly created, rather than directly to the beneficiary (and if it is a newly created entity or one in which the Trust Estate holds an interest, the interest in the entity may be distributed to such beneficiary).
- 7. <u>Trustee's Discretion to Hold, Manage and Distribute Separate Trusts in</u> <u>Different Manners</u>: Without in any manner limiting any other power or right conferred upon the Trustee hereunder, the Trustee may divide a trust into separate trusts, and if a trust is held as, or divided into, separate trusts, the Trustee may, at any time prior to combining such trusts, treat the trusts in substantially different manners, including, without limitation, the right to: (a) make different tax elections (including the disproportionate allocation of the generation skipping tax exemption) with respect to each separate trust; (b)
make disproportionate principal distributions; (c) exercise differently any other discretionary powers with respect to such separate trusts; (d) invest the property of such separate trusts in different investments, having different returns, growth potentials, or bases for income tax purposes; and (e) take any and all other actions consistent with such trusts being separate entities. Furthermore, the holder of any power of appointment with respect to any trust so divided may exercise such power differently with respect to the separate trusts created by the division of a trust.

#### TRUST PROTECTOR PROVISIONS

1 mile in

- A. <u>Purpose of Trust Protector</u>: The Trustor has established the position of Trust Protector for the reasons and purposes set forth below, which are intended as general guidelines only and in no way shall limit any other provisions relating to the Trust Protector.
  - 1. <u>Insulate the Trustee from Negative Influences</u>: To protect the Trustee from the negative, or potentially negative, influences of third parties and to protect the Trust Estate and its beneficiaries from damaging, or potentially damaging, conduct by the Trustee.
  - 2. <u>Carry Out the Purposes of the Trust</u>: To help ensure that the Trustor's purpose in establishing the Trust Agreement, as defined elsewhere herein, will be properly carried out.
  - 3. <u>Adapt to Changing Laws and Conditions</u>: To adapt the provisions of the Trust Agreement to law changes, changes in interpretation of the law or other changing conditions that threaten to harm the Trust or its beneficiaries, keeping in mind the dispositive wishes of the Trustor and the Trustor's desires as expressed in the Trust Agreement.
- B. <u>Designation of Trust Protector</u>: In addition to the Trustee and Special Co-Trustee provided in the Trust Agreement, there shall, from time to time, be a Trust Protector whose limited powers and duties are defined below. The order of succession of Trust Protector shall be as follows:
  - 1. <u>Initial Trust Protector</u>: The Special Co-Trustee, at any time and in his sole and absolute discretion, may appoint a Trust Protector of the entire Trust or of any separate trust established hereunder (hereinafter the trust for whom a Trust Protector is appointed shall be referred to as "the affected trust") by a writing delivered to the Trustee of the affected trust. The Trustor requests that the Special Co-Trustee, prior to making the appointment, meet (in person or by telephone) with VACEK & FREED, PLLC, formerly the Vacek Law Firm,

a dama.

PLLC of Houston, Texas, to help ensure the appropriate selection of the initial Trust Protector.

- 2. <u>Successor Trust Protector</u>: Upon the removal, death, incompetency, inability or unwillingness to act of the initial Trust Protector (including a written resignation delivered to the Trustee of the affected trust), the next succeeding Trust Protector shall be appointed either by the Special Co-Trustee or by the initial Trust Protector (except as limited by paragraph 4 below) in writing delivered to the Trustee of the affected trust (the first such writing delivered to the Trustee shall control). All further successor Trust Protectors shall be appointed in the same manner, except that where the word "initial" is used in the foregoing sentence there shall be substituted the words "last appointed."
- 3. <u>Qualifications to Act as Trust Protector</u>: A Trust Protector may act once he has accepted, in writing, his appointment and, other than the case of the initial Trust Protector, has delivered a copy of his appointment and acceptance to the last appointed Trust Protector. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at no time may a Trust Protector be appointed or otherwise act if such person or entity is a currently acting Trustee or Special Co-Trustee or is a current beneficiary of the affected trust or is related to any such beneficiary in any of the following ways: as spouse, ancestor or issue, brother, sister, employee of such beneficiary or of any corporation, firm or partnership in which such beneficiary is an executive or has stock or other holdings which are significant from the viewpoint of control, or is otherwise "related or subordinate to" such beneficiary under IRC Sections 674(a) and (c) and the Regulations thereunder or any similar succeeding Sections or Regulations.
- 4. <u>Removal of Trust Protector</u>: The primary beneficiaries of the affected trust may by majority vote, and at any time and for any reason, remove the current Trust Protector by delivering to said Trust Protector and to the Special Co-Trustee a signed instrument setting forth the intended effective time and date of such removal. The Special Co-Trustee shall then appoint a successor Trust Protector in accordance with paragraph 2 above (the Trust Protector removed shall no longer have the power under paragraph 2 to appoint his successor). The powers of removal under this paragraph may be limited by the paragraph of the Trust Agreement entitled "Compelled Exercise of Powers Not Effective."
- 5. <u>Temporarily Filling a Trust Protector Vacancy</u>: If at any time a vacancy in the office of Trust Protector has not yet been filled as otherwise provided above (including the time before the initial Trust Protector is appointed), such office may be filled promptly, on a temporary basis, by a bank or trust company experienced in trust administration or an attorney (or law firm) who is an experienced tax and/or estate planning specialist provided they meet the qualifications set forth in paragraph 3 above. The Trustor requests, but do not

require, that VACEK & FREED, PLLC, formerly the Vacek Law Firm, PLLC, or its successors or assigns, act as such temporary Trust Protector and the Trustor hereby waives any conflict of interest that may arise if VACEK & FREED, PLLC, or its successors or assigns, is also representing the Trustee of the affected trust and/or the Trustor. Any Trust Protector acting under this paragraph shall first notify the Trustee of the affected trust and only serve as Trust Protector until such time as a successor Trust Protector is appointed by the Special Co-Trustee in accordance with paragraph 2 above and there is delivered to the Trust Protector acting under this paragraph a written acceptance of such appointment signed by the successor Trust Protector.

C. <u>Limited Powers of the Trust Protector</u>: The Trust Protector shall not have all the broad powers of a Trustee; rather, the powers of the Trust Protector shall be limited to the powers set forth below. The Trustor directs the Trust Protector, prior to exercising any power, to consult with VACEK & FREED, PLLC, formerly the Vacek Law Firm, PLLC, or another law firm or attorney specializing in estate planning and/or asset protection planning in order to be fully informed of the consequences of exercising such power.

mi · · ·

1. <u>Give Advance Notice to Affected Beneficiaries</u>: Within a reasonable time prior to the exercise of any power under this paragraph C, the Trust Protector shall provide to the Trustee and the primary beneficiary or beneficiaries of the affected trust a written notice, setting forth the power intended to be exercised, the intended date of exercise and the reasons for exercise. The Trust Protector shall, in his sole and absolute discretion, determine what is "a reasonable time," as the Trustor recognizes that emergency situations may arise which may permit little or no time for advance notice or, as a practical matter, it may be too difficult to notify the beneficiary; the Trustor specifically waives this advance notice requirement when the particular beneficiary is "incapacitated" as defined below. Once notice is given, the Trust Protector shall not exercise the power prior to the date specified in the notice, unless the Trust Protector in his sole and absolute discretion determines that an emergency so warrants.

A person shall be deemed "incapacitated" if in the Trustee's sole and absolute discretion, it is impracticable for said person to give prompt, rational and prudent consideration to financial matters, whether by reason of accident, illness, advanced age, mental deterioration, alcohol, drug or other substance abuse, or similar cause.

A person shall be conclusively deemed "incapacitated" if a guardian of the person or his or her estate, or both, has been appointed by a court having jurisdiction over such matters or two (2) licensed physicians who are not related by blood or marriage to such person have examined said person and stated in writing that such incapacity exists; the Trust Protector may, but shall not be under any duty to, institute any inquiry into a person's possible incapacity (such as, but not limited to, by drug testing) or to obtain physician statements; and if he does, then the expense may be paid from the Trust Estate of said person's trust.

2. <u>Postpone Distributions</u>: Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Trust Agreement, except the paragraph herein entitled "Rule Against Perpetuities," the Trust Protector shall have the power to postpone any distribution of income and/or principal otherwise required to be made from the affected trust to any one or more of its beneficiaries (including as the result of exercise of a power of appointment or withdrawal right) and to postpone the termination of such trust which might otherwise be required if the Trust Protector, in his or her sole and absolute discretion, determines, after taking into consideration the Trustor's overall intent as expressed in the Trust Agreement, that there is a compelling reason to do so.

A "compelling reason" may include but is not limited to: the beneficiary requesting in writing that distributions be retained by the trust; the beneficiary being "incapacitated" as defined in paragraph 1 immediately above; the beneficiary contemplating, or in the process of filing for or has a pending bankruptcy; a pending or threatened divorce, paternity or maternity claim or other lawsuit; a creditor claim (including for unpaid taxes or reimbursement of government benefits); an existing judgment or lien; the fact the beneficiary is receiving (or may in the near future receive) government or other benefits that may be jeopardized; the beneficiary having demonstrated financial instability and/or inability to manage, invest or conserve the beneficiary's own property; the beneficiary being under the negative influence of third parties, such that the beneficiary's good judgement may be impaired; a serious tax disadvantage in making such distribution; or any other substantially similar reasons.

Any such postponement of distribution or termination may be continued by the Trust Protector, in whole or in part and from time to time, up to and including the entire lifetime of the beneficiary. While such postponement continues, all of the other provisions previously applicable to such trust shall continue in effect, except (a) any power of appointment or withdrawal shall be exercisable only with the approval of the Trust Protector and (b) distributions of income and/or principal shall only be made to or for the benefit of the beneficiary from time to time and in such amounts as the Trust Protector, in his or her sole and absolute discretion, deems appropriate for the best interests of the beneficiary; provided, however, the Trust Protector may, in his or her sole and absolute discretion, determine that the beneficiary's situation is extreme enough to warrant the establishment of a special needs trust pursuant to other provisions of this Section of the Trust Agreement.

(

The Trust Protector may also, from time to time, make certain distributions which cannot be made by the primary beneficiary because of limits imposed in this Section entitled "Restrictions on Distributions That Discharge Legal Obligations of the Beneficiary."

ب بارت

3. <u>Terminate a Trust Due to Unforeseen Conditions</u>: The Trustor recognizes that some or all of the following conditions may arise in the future, although they cannot be foreseen at the time of creation of this Trust: (a) a radical, substantial and negative change in the political, economic or social order in the United States of America; (b) legislation or IRS or court decisions highly detrimental to a trust or beneficiary hereunder (including, for example, if the federal estate tax or IRA required minimum distribution rules are modified, repealed or no longer applicable and the non-tax reasons for the trust no longer justify the trust's existence); (c) a beneficiary's capability to prudently manage his own financial affairs or a radical, positive change in his situation regarding possible third party claims; (d) a beneficiary no longer has a need for (or the availability of) government benefits; and (e) other events that may greatly impair the carrying out of the intent and purposes of the Trust Agreement.

If any of the foregoing conditions occur, the Trust Protector may, in addition to the other powers granted him or her, in his sole and absolute discretion, and keeping in mind the Trustor's wishes and dispositive provisions of the Trust Agreement, terminate the affected trust, or a portion thereof, and distribute same to or for the benefit of the primary beneficiary thereof (notwithstanding any other provisions of the Trust Agreement), or to a newly created or existing Personal Asset Trust for that beneficiary.

Revise or Terminate a Trust So It Can Qualify as a "Designated Beneficiary" 4. of an IRA or Retirement Plan: In the event that the affected trust does not qualify as a "designated beneficiary" of an IRA or other retirement plan as that term is used in IRC Section 401(a)(9), the Regulations thereunder and any successor Section and Regulations, the Trust Protector may, keeping in mind the Trustor's wishes and the dispositive provisions of the Trust Agreement: (a) revise or reform the terms of the Trust Agreement in any manner so that the affected trust will qualify as a "designated beneficiary" (any such revision or reformation may by its terms apply retroactively to the inception of the Trust Agreement or creation of any separate trust established hereunder); or (b) deem it to have been dissolved in part or in whole as of September 30 of the year following the year of the Trustor's death, with fee simple interest vesting outright in the primary beneficiary and the rights of all other persons who might otherwise have an interest as succeeding life income beneficiaries or as remaindermen shall cease.

If the beneficiary is still a minor, the Trustee may designate a custodian and transfer the principal and accrued income of the beneficiary's trust to the custodian for the benefit of the minor under the Texas Uniform Transfers to Minors Act until such beneficiary attains age 21. A receipt from the custodian shall be a complete discharge of the Trustee as to the amount so paid.

Notwithstanding any provisions of the Trust Agreement to the contrary, after the Trustor's death this Trust or any separate trust established hereunder shall not terminate and be distributed in full prior to September 30 of the year following the year of the Trustor's death pursuant to this paragraph if this will result in this Trust or any separate trust established hereunder not qualifying as a "designated beneficiary."

- 5. <u>Modify Certain Other Trust Provisions</u>: The Trust Protector shall have the power, in his or her sole and absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time, to delete, alter, modify, amend, change, add to or subtract from all or any part of the various paragraphs and provisions of the Trust Agreement and any trust created thereunder, effective (even retroactively) as of the date determined by the Trust Protector, for the following purposes.
  - a. <u>Change Income Tax Treatment of the Trust</u>: The Trust Protector may, at any time, and from time to time, create, terminate and/or reinstate a power granted to a beneficiary, either prospectively or retroactively, enabling trust income to be income taxable to a beneficiary, even as income accumulates in the trust, if the Trust Protector deems this to be in the best interests of the affected trust and its beneficiaries.
  - b. <u>Protect a Disabled Beneficiary's Government Benefit by Establishing</u> <u>a Special Needs Trust</u>: The Trust Protector may take any such actions he or she deems appropriate or necessary in connection with a beneficiary's qualification for, receipt of and/or possible future liability to reimburse government benefits (whether income, medical, disability or otherwise) from any agency (state, federal or otherwise), such as but not limited to Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, SSI and state supplemental programs. In particular, but not by way of limitation, the Trust Protector may add new trust provisions to govern administration and distribution of assets for the benefit of the beneficiary (such as would create a "special needs trust").
  - c. <u>Protect a Beneficiary from Himself or from Creditors by Establishing</u> <u>a Spendthrift Trust or Eliminating Any General Power of Appointment</u>: In the event there is a compelling reason to postpone distributions to a beneficiary pursuant to the paragraph of this Section entitled "Postpone Distributions," the Trust Protector may alternatively, in his or her sole discretion, add new trust provisions to govern administration and distribution of assets for the benefit of said beneficiary (such as would create a "spendthrift trust" in the form recognized by the laws of the

state(s) in which trust assets are located). Furthermore, the Trust Protector may, in his or her sole discretion, in order to protect the beneficiaries of a Trust beneficiary, terminate and/or reinstate said Trust beneficiary's testamentary general power of appointment, if any, under the Section of this Trust Agreement entitled "Generation Skipping Tax Provisions."

6. <u>Change Legal Jurisdiction of the Trust</u>: The Trust Protector may change the situs of the affected trust to another jurisdiction by any such means deemed appropriate by the Trust Protector. This paragraph shall in no way limit the Trustee's power and authority to change the situs of this Trust or any separate trust established hereunder.

- 7. <u>Remove and Reinstate a Trustee</u>: The Trust Protector shall have the power at any time to remove the acting Trustee of the affected trust (but not the Special Co-Trustee) for any reason which he believes to be in the best interests of the beneficieries. Such removal shall be stated in writing and delivered to the Trustee. The successor Trustee shall then be determined and appointed in accordance with the Section of the Trust Agreement entitled "Successor Trustees." At any time after the Trust Protector removes a Trustee, the Trust Protector may reinstate the previously removed Trustee and the order of successor Trustees shall be thereafter determined as if such reinstated Trustee was never removed.
- 8. <u>Eliminate Own Powers</u>: The Trust Protector shall have the power, on his own behalf and/or on behalf of all successor Trust Protectors, to release, renounce, suspend, reduce, limit and/or eliminate any or all of his enumerated powers and to make the effective date any date he wishes, including ab initio to the date of establishment of a trust hereunder or retroactively to the date of death of the Trustor, by a writing delivered to the Trustee of the affected trust.
- 9. <u>Limitations on Above Powers</u>: The Trust Protector may not exercise any power if he is compelled by a court or other governmental authority or agency to do so or is otherwise acting under the duress or undue influence of an outside force; if the Trust Protector is so compelled, or under such duress or influence, his powers shall become void prior to exercise; these limitations are in addition to those contained in the paragraph of the Trust Agreement entitled "Compelled Exercise of Powers Not Effective." The Trust Protector is directed not to exercise any of the foregoing powers if such exercise will result in any substantial, direct or indirect financial benefit to anyone who at the time of exercise is not an ancestor, spouse or issue of a primary beneficiary or is not already a present or contingent beneficiary of this Trust. The Trust Protector shall not exercise any power that may be construed as a general power of appointment to himself, his creditors, his estate or the creditors of his estate under IRC Sections 2041 and 2514, or that would otherwise cause the

and the second

inclusion of any of the Trust Estate in the Trust Protector's taxable estate for estate, inheritance, succession or other death tax purposes.

D. Limited Liability of the Trust Protector: The Trust Protector shall not be held to the fiduciary duties of a Trustee. The Trust Protector shall not be liable to anyone, howsoever interested in this Trust either now or in the future, merely by reason of his appointment as Trust Protector and shall not have any affirmative duty to monitor, investigate and learn of any circumstances or acts or omissions of others, relating to this Trust, its beneficiaries or otherwise that may warrant the Trust Protector to act. Furthermore, the Trust Protector shall not be liable to anyone, howsoever interested in this Trust either now or in the future, by reason of any act or omission and shall be held harmless by the Trust and its beneficiaries and indemnified by the Trust Estate from any liability unless (a) the Trustee and/or a beneficiary has brought directly to the attention of the Trust Protector a circumstance that may warrant his action and (b) such act or omission is the result of willful misconduct or bad faith. Any action taken or not taken in reliance upon the opinion of legal counsel shall not be considered the result of willful misconduct or bad faith, provided such counsel was selected with reasonable care. In the event a lawsuit against the Trust Protector fails to result in a judgment against him, the Trust Protector shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Trust for any and all costs and expenses related to his defense against such lawsuit.

.

- E. <u>Compensation</u>: The Trust Protector shall not be entitled to compensation merely as the result of his appointment. The Trust Protector shall only be entitled to reasonable compensation for his actual time spent and services rendered in carrying out his duties and powers hereunder, at the hourly rate commensurate with that charged by professional Trustees for similar services. The Trust Protector shall, in addition, be entitled to prompt reimbursement of expenses properly incurred in the course of fulfilling his duties and powers, including but not limited to the employment of legal counsel or other professionals to advise him regarding his decisions.
- F. <u>Waiver of Bond</u>: No bond shall be required of any individual or entity acting as Trust Protector.

### **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

A. <u>Prohibition Against Contest</u>: If any devisee, legatee or beneficiary under the Trust Agreement or any amendment to it, no matter how remote or contingent such beneficiary's interest appears, or any legal heir of the Trustor, or either of them, or any legal heir of any prior or future spouse of the Trustor (whether or not married to the Trustor at the time of the Trustor's death), or any person claiming under any of them, directly or indirectly does any of the following, then in that event the Trustor specifically disinherits each such person, and all such legacies, bequests, devises and interests given to that person under the Trust Agreement or any amendment to it shall be forfeited and shall be distributed as provided elsewhere herein as though he or she had predeceased the Trustor without issue:

. .

- 1. unsuccessfully challenges the appointment of any person named as a Trustee, Special Co-Trustee or Trust Protector pursuant to the Trust Agreement or any amendment to it, or unsuccessfully seeks the removal of any person acting as a Trustee, Special Co-Trustee or Trust Protector;
- 2. objects in any manner to any action taken or proposed to be taken in good faith by the Trustee, Special Co-Trustee or Trust Protector pursuant to the Trust Agreement or any amendment to it, whether the Trustee, Special Co-Trustee or Trust Protector is acting under court order, notice of proposed action or otherwise, and said action or proposed action is later adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been taken in good faith;
- 3. objects to any construction or interpretation of the Trust Agreement or any amendment to it, or the provisions of either, that is adopted or proposed in good faith by the Trustee, Special Co-Trustee or Trust Protector, and said objection is later adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to be an invalid objection;
- 4. claims entitlement to (or an interest in) any asset alleged by the Trustee to belong to the Trustor's estates (whether passing through the Trustor's probate estate, or by way of operation of law or through the Trustor's Living Trust, IRA Inheritance Trust, if any, or otherwise), whether such claim is based upon a community or separate property right, right to support or allowance, a contract or promise to leave something by will or trust (whether written or oral and even if in exchange for personal or other services to the Trustor), "quantum meruit," constructive trust, or any other property right or device, and said claim is later adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid;
- 5. files a creditor's claim against the assets of the Trustor's estate (whether passing through the Trustor's probate estate, or by way of operation of law or through the Trustor's Living Trust, IRA Inheritance Trust, if any, or otherwise) and such claim is later adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid;
- 6. anyone other than the Trustor attacks or seeks to impair or invalidate (whether or not any such attack or attempt is successful) any designation of beneficiaries for any insurance policy on the Trustor's life or any designation of beneficiaries for any bank or brokerage account, pension plan, Keogh, SEP or IRA account, employee benefit plan, deferred compensation plan, retirement plan, annuity or other Will substitute of the Trustor;
- 7. in any other manner contests this Trust or any amendment to it executed by the Trustor (including its legality or the legality of any provision thereof, on the basis of incapacity, undue influence, or otherwise), or in any other manner,

attacks or seeks to impair or invalidate this Trust, any such amendment or any of their provisions;

8. conspires with or voluntarily assists anyone attempting to do any of the above acts;

f .....

9. refuses a request of the Trustee to assist in the legal defense against any of the above actions.

Expenses to legally defend against or otherwise resist any above contest or attack of any nature shall be paid from the Trust Estate as expenses of administration. If, however, a person taking any of the above actions is or becomes entitled to receive any property or property interests included in the Trustor's estate (whether passing through the Trustor's probate estate, or by way of operation of law or through the Trustor's Living Trust, IRA Inheritance Trust, if any, or otherwise), then all such expenses shall be charged dollar-for-dollar against and paid from the property or property interests that said person would be entitled to receive under the Trust Agreement or the Trustor's Will, whether or not the Trustee (or Executor under the Trustor's Will) was successful in the defense against such person's actions.

The Trustor cautions the Trustee against settling any contest or attack or any attempt to obtain an adjudication that would interfere with the Trustor's estate plan and direct that, prior to the settlement of any such action short of a trial court judgment or jury verdict, the Trustee seek approval of any such settlement from the appropriate court having jurisdiction over this Trust by way of declaratory judgment or any other appropriate proceeding under applicable Texas law. In ruling on any such petition for settlement, the Trustor requests the Court to take into account the Trustor's firm belief that no person contesting or attacking the Trustor's estate plan should take or receive any benefit from the Trust Estate or from the Trustor's estate (whether passing through the Trustor's probate estate, or by way of operation of law or through the Trustor's Living Trust, IRA Inheritance Trust, if any, or otherwise) under any theory and, therefore, no settlement should be approved by the Court unless it is proved by clear and convincing evidence that such settlement is in the best interest of the Trust Estate and the Trustor's estate plan.

In the event that any provision of this Section is held to be invalid, void or illegal, the same shall be deemed severable from the remainder of the provisions in this paragraph and shall in no way affect, impair or invalidate any other provision in this paragraph. If such provision shall be deemed invalid due to its scope and breadth, such provision shall be deemed valid to the extent of the scope or breadth permitted by law.

The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any disclaimer (or renunciation) by any person of any benefit (or right or power) under the Trust Agreement or any amendment to it.

محمد مرجوعي

- Β. Compelled Exercise of Powers Not Effective: It is the Trustor's intent that the terms of the Trust Agreement be carried out free from outside interference. Therefore, notwithstanding any other provisions of the Trust Agreement, the purported exercise of any power granted under the Trust Agreement, whether by a Trustee, Special Co-Trustee, Trust Protector or a beneficiary, including a power of appointment, withdrawal, substitution or distribution, shall be of no force and effect if such purported exercise was the result of compulsion. The purported exercise of a power shall be deemed to be the result of compulsion if such exercise is (i) in response to or by reason of any order or other direction of any court, tribunal or like authority having jurisdiction over the individual holding the power, the property subject to the power or the trust containing such property or (ii) the result of an individual not acting of his or her own free will. An individual's agent may not exercise a power given to such individual under the Trust Agreement if such purported exercise is in response to or by reason of any such order or direction unless the order or direction was obtained by the agent in a proceeding in which the agent was the moving party or voluntarily acquiesced. Notwithstanding the above, if a Trustee's failure to exercise a power or to acquiesce in a beneficiary's exercise of a power may result in exposing a Trustee to serious personal liability (such as contempt of court or other sanctions), a Trustee may: (a) withdraw and permit the Special Co-Trustee to act instead in relation to such purported exercise of a power; (b) if the Special Co-Trustee would also be exposed to such liability, then the Trustee may notify the Trust Protector who may, in his discretion, act if permitted under the Trust Agreement; or (c) if neither the Special Co-Trustee nor the Trust Protector acts, then the Trustee may exercise or acquiesce in a beneficiary's exercise of a power.
- C. <u>Creditor's Rights Spendthrift Provisions</u>: Subject to the express grant herein of certain rights to withdraw or substitute assets and/or powers of appointment, if any, no beneficiary under the trusts created herein shall assign, transfer, alienate or convey, anticipate, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise encumber his or her interest in principal or income hereunder prior to actual receipt. To the fullest extent permitted by law:

(1) neither the principal of these trusts nor any income of these trusts shall be liable for any debt of any beneficiary, any beneficiary's spouse, ex-spouse or others, or be subject to any bankruptcy proceedings or claims of creditors of said persons (including said persons' spouses or ex-spouses), or be subject to any attachment, garnishment, execution, lien, judgment or other process of law; (2) no interest of any beneficiary shall be subject to claims of alimony, maternity, paternity, maintenance or support; and (3) no power of appointment or withdrawal or substitution shall be subject to involuntary exercise. Should the Trustee so desire, the Trustee may as a condition precedent, withhold payments of principal or interest under this Trust until personal order for payment is given or personal receipt furnished by each such beneficiary as to his or her share. The Trustee may, alternatively in the Trustee's sole and absolute discretion, deposit in any bank designated in writing by a beneficiary to his or her credit, income or principal payable to such beneficiary. The Trustee may, alternatively in the Trustee's sole and absolute discretion, hold and accumulate any income and/or principal so long as it may be subject to the claims, control or interference of third parties, up to and until the beneficiary's death, at which time it shall be distributed in accordance with the beneficiary's exercise of his or her power of appointment, if any, and/or pay to or for the benefit of the beneficiary only such sums as the Trustee deems necessary for said beneficiary's reasonable health, support, maintenance and education.

- D. Trustee Power to Determine Principal and Income: The Trustee shall determine what is principal or income of the Trust Estate, and apportion and allocate any and all receipts and expenses between these accounts, in any manner the Trustee determines, regardless of any applicable state law to the contrary including any Principal and Income Act of Texas, or similar laws then in effect. In particular (but not by way of limitation), the Trustee shall have sole and absolute discretion to apportion and allocate all receipts and expenses between principal and income in whole or in part, including the right to: allocate capital gains; elect whether or not to set aside a reserve for depreciation, amortization or depletion, or for repairs, improvement or upkeep of any real or personal property, or for repayments of debts of the Trust Estate; and charge Trustee's fees, attorney's fees, accounting fees, custodian fees and other expenses incurred in the collection, care, management, administration, and protection of the Trust Estate against income or principal, or both. The exercise of such discretion shall be conclusive on all persons interested in the Trust Estate. The powers herein conferred upon the Trustee shall not in any event be so construed as allowing an individual to exercise the Trustee's sole and absolute discretion except in a fiduciary capacity.
- E. Broad Trustee Power to Invest: It is the Trustor's express desire and intention that the Trustee shall have full power to invest and reinvest the Trust Estate without being restricted to forms and investments that the Trustee may otherwise be permitted to make by law. The Trustee is empowered to invest and reinvest all or any part of the Trust Estate in such property as the Trustee in his discretion may select including but not limited to bank accounts, money market funds, certificates of deposit, government bonds, annuity contracts, common or preferred stocks, closely held businesses, shares of investment trusts and investment companies, corporate bonds, debentures, mortgages, deeds of trust, mortgage participations, notes, real estate, put and call options, commodities, commodities futures contracts and currency trading. When selecting investments, the Trustee may take into consideration the circumstances then prevailing, including but not limited to the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the Trust Estate and its beneficiaries, the amount and nature of all assets available to beneficiaries from sources outside the Trust and the beneficiaries' economic circumstances as a whole, and shall exercise the judgment that a reasonable person would if serving in a like capacity under the same circumstances and having the same objectives. In addition to the investment powers conferred above, the Trustee is authorized (but not directed) to acquire and retain investments not regarded as traditional for trusts, including investments that would

be forbidden by the "prudent person" (or "prudent investor") rule. In making investments, the Trustee may disregard any or all of the following factors: (i) whether a particular investment, or the trust investments collectively, will produce a reasonable rate of return or result in the preservation of principal; (ii) whether the acquisition or retention of a particular investment, or the trust investments collectively, is consistent with any duty of impartiality as to the different beneficiaries (the Trustor intends no such duty shall exist); (iii) whether the trust is diversified (the Trustor intends that no duty to diversify shall exist); and (iv) whether any or all of the trust investments would traditionally be classified as too risky or speculative for trusts (the Trustor intends the Trustee to have sole and absolute discretion in determining what constitutes acceptable risk and what constitutes proper investment strategy). The Trustor's purpose in granting the foregoing broad authority is to modify the prudent person rule insofar as the rule would prohibit an investment or investments because of one or more factors listed above, or any other factor relating to the nature of the investment itself. Accordingly, the Trustee shall not be liable for any loss in value of an investment merely because of the nature, class or type of the investment or the degree of risk presented by the investment, but shall be liable if the Trustee fails to meet the "reasonable person" standard set forth above or if the Trustee's procedures in selecting and monitoring the particular investment are proven by affirmative evidence to have been negligent, and such negligence was the proximate cause of the loss.

F. <u>Special Co-Trustee Provisions</u>: Notwithstanding anything in the Trust Agreement to the contrary, the powers, duties or discretionary authority granted hereunder to any Trustee shall be limited as follows:

Prohibited and Void Trustee Powers: Except where a beneficiary shall act as 1. sole Trustee of his or her share, or unless limited by an ascertainable standard as defined in Code Section 2041, no Trustee shall participate in the exercise of any discretionary authority to allocate receipts and expenses to principal or income, any discretionary authority to distribute principal or income, or any discretionary authority to terminate any trust created hereunder, if distributions could then be made to the Trustee or the Trustee has any legal obligation for the support of any person to whom distributions could then be made. Any other power, duty or discretionary authority granted to a Trustee shall be absolutely void to the extent that either the right to exercise such power, duty or discretionary authority or the exercise thereof shall in any way result in a benefit to or for such Trustee which would cause such Trustee to be treated as the owner of all or any portion of any of the trusts created herein for purposes of federal or state income tax, gift, estate or inheritance tax laws, or cause any disclaimer of an interest or benefit hereunder to be disqualified under Code Section 2518. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a beneficiary serving as Trustee may have and exercise a power, duty or discretionary authority that causes any Personal Asset Trust created hereunder to be a grantor trust with said beneficiary being treated as the owner for income tax purposes.

X and a

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this paragraph shall not apply during the lifetime of the Trustor, nor shall it apply when the exercise of any power, duty, or discretionary authority relates to any provisions herein directed towards preserving the trust estate for beneficiaries named in the Trust Agreement in the event the Trustor should require long-term health care and/or nursing home care. Should a Trustee be prohibited from participating in the exercise of any power, duty, or discretionary authority, or should a power, duty or discretionary authority granted to a Trustee be absolutely void, as a result of the foregoing, then such power, duty or discretionary authority may be exercised in accordance with the following paragraphs.

- 2. <u>Exercise of Power by an Existing Independent Co-Trustee</u>: In the event that the right to exercise or the exercise of any power, duty or discretionary authority is prohibited or void as provided above, or is prohibited elsewhere in this Trust Agreement with respect to "incidents of ownership" of life insurance, or the Special Co-Trustee is given any other powers or authority under this paragraph "Special Co-Trustee Provisions," the remaining Co-Trustee, if any, shall have the right to exercise and may exercise said power, duty or discretionary authority, provided the Co-Trustee is independent within the meaning set forth in Section 674(c) of the Code, or any successor statute or regulations thereunder.
- 3. <u>Exercise of Power if No Existing Independent Co-Trustee</u>: In the event there is no independent Co-Trustee capable of exercising any power, duty or discretionary authority which is prohibited or void as provided above, or which is given to the Special Co-Trustee elsewhere herein, then the following procedure shall apply:
  - a. <u>Appointment of Special Co-Trustee</u>: The next succeeding, Trustee or Co-Trustees, as the case may be, of the Trust (or, if only a particular, separate trust created under this Trust Agreement is affected by the exercise of such power, duty or authority, then the next succeeding Trustee or Co-Trustees of said separate trust) who is not disqualified under paragraph "2" above, shall serve as Special Co-Trustee of the Trust herein created.
- 4. <u>Protect the Trust Estate by Appointment and Removal of an Independent Co-Trustee</u>: In addition to any other powers granted to the Special Co-Trustee under the Trust Agreement, in the event that the Special Co-Trustee named above, in his sole and absolute discretion, determines that it is necessary in order to protect the Trust Estate and/or the Trustee and/or the beneficiaries of any trust established under the Trust Agreement from the negative influence of outside third parties, including but not limited to a spouse or creditors, then the Special Co-Trustee may appoint a Co-Trustee (to immediately act with the then existing Trustee) who is independent from the party to be protected within

the meaning set forth in IRC Section 674(c). The Special Co-Trustee may appoint himself to act as such Co-Trustee if he is independent within the meaning of IRC Section 674(c). In addition, if the Special Co-Trustee, in his sole and absolute discretion, determines that it is no longer necessary for an independent Co-Trustee to act in order to protect the Trust Estate and/or the Trustee and/or the beneficiaries from the negative influence of outside third parties, including but not limited to a spouse or creditors, then the Special Co-Trustee may remove any independent Co-Trustee whom was either appointed by another acting Trustee of the Trust pursuant to other provisions of the Trust Agreement (if any) or appointed by the Special Co-Trustee, and shall not be required to replace such removed independent Co-Trustee with another.

- 5. <u>Limited Responsibilities of Special Co-Trustee</u>: The responsibilities of the Special Co-Trustee shall be limited to the exercise of the Trustee power, duty or discretionary authority prohibited or void as provided in the Trust Agreement, and the Special Co-Trustee powers regarding the appointment and removal of an independent Co-Trustee as permitted above, and appointment of a Trust Protector as permitted in the Section of the Trust Agreement entitled "Trust Protector Provisions," and said Special Co-Trustee shall not be concerned with, nor shall have, any power, duty or authority with respect to any other aspects of administration of the Trust Estate.
- Limited Liability of the Special Co-Trustee: The Special Co-Trustee shall not 6. be held to the fiduciary duties of a Trustee. The Special Co-Trustee shall not be liable to anyone, howsoever interested in this Trust, merely by reason of his appointment as Special Co-Trustee and shall not have any affirmative duty to monitor, investigate and learn of any circumstances or acts or omissions of others, relating to this Trust, its beneficiaries or otherwise that may warrant the Special Co-Trustee to act. The Special Co-Trustee shall not be liable to anyone, howsoever interested in this Trust either now or in the future, for failing to properly or timely appoint a Trust Protector or to properly or timely advise a Trust Protector of any circumstances or facts that might impact a Trust Protector's decisions. Furthermore, the Special Co-Trustee shall not be liable to anyone, howsoever interested in this Trust, by reason of any act or omission and shall be held harmless by the Trust and its beneficiaries and indemnified by the Trust Estate from any liability unless (a) the Trustee and/or a beneficiary has brought directly to the attention of the Special Co-Trustee a circumstance that may warrant his action and (b) such act or omission is the result of willful misconduct or bad faith. Any action taken or not taken in reliance upon the opinion of legal counsel shall not be considered the result of willful misconduct or bad faith, provided such counsel was selected with reasonable care and in good faith. In the event a lawsuit against the Special Co-Trustee fails to result in a judgment against him, the Special Co-Trustee shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Trust for any and all costs and expenses related to his defense against such lawsuit.

- 7. <u>Compensation</u>: The Special Co-Trustee shall not be entitled to compensation merely as the result of his appointment. The Special Co-Trustee shall only be entitled to reasonable compensation for his actual time spent and services rendered in carrying out his duties and powers hereunder, at the hourly rate commensurate with that charged by professional Trustees for similar services. The Special Co-Trustee shall, in addition, be entitled to prompt reimbursement of expenses properly incurred in the course of fulfilling his duties and powers, including but not limited to the employment of legal counsel or other professionals to advise him regarding his decisions.
- 8. <u>Waiver of Bond</u>: No bond shall be required of any individual or entity acting as Special Co-Trustee.

# **GENERATION SKIPPING TAX PROVISIONS**

Article XIV, Section R of the said Trust entitled "Generation Skipping Transfers" is hereby amended so that from henceforth Article XIV, Section R is replaced in its entirety with the provisions which follow.

- A. <u>Explanation of this Section</u>: The purpose of this Section of the Trust Agreement and the desire of the Trustor is to eliminate or reduce the burden on the Trustor's family and issue resulting from the application of the federal generation skipping transfer tax under Chapter 13 of the Code, including any future amendments thereto (hereinafter referred to as the "GST Tax"). The Trustor directs the Trustee and any court of competent jurisdiction to interpret the provisions of this Section in accordance with the Trustor's desires stated above, since the Trustor, when creating this Trust, is aware that the provisions of said GST Tax are very complex and as yet there are few court rulings to aid in their interpretation. The Trustor requests that, before the Trustee or any beneficiary acts in accordance with the provisions of this Section, they seek professional advice from an attorney who specializes in estate planning, in order that they may avoid any unintentional triggering of negative GST Tax consequences.
- B. <u>Allocation of Trustor's GST Tax Exemptions</u>: The Trustee (or such other person or persons whom Code provisions, Treasury Regulations or court rulings authorize to make elections or allocations with regard to the Trustor's GST Tax exemptions) is instructed to allocate such exemptions in good faith, without a requirement that such allocation be proportionate, equal or in any particular manner equitably impact any or all of the various transferees or beneficiaries of property subject to or affected by such allocations. When allocating such exemptions, the Trustee may include or exclude any property of which the Trustor is the transferor for GST Tax purposes, including property transferred before the Trustor's death, and may take into account prior transfers, gift tax returns and other relevant information known to the Trustee. It is recommended that, to the extent possible, any such trust allocated an inclusion ratio of zero shall contain any and all Roth IRAs. The Trustee is also directed, when allocating Trustor's GST Tax exemptions, to coordinate with the Executor of Trustor's estate and/or the Trustee of Trustor's revocable Living Trusts regarding the

most appropriate use of said exemption; however, the Trustee's final determination shall be made in his or her sole and absolute discretion and shall be binding upon all parties howsoever interested in this Trust.

- 1. Trustee's Power to Combine and Divide Trusts: If a trust hereunder would be partially exempt from GST Tax by reason of an allocation of GST Tax exemption to it, before the allocation the Trustee in his discretion may divide the trust into two separate trusts of equal or unequal value, to permit allocation of the exemption solely to one trust which will be entirely exempt from GST Tax. The Trustee of any trust shall have authority, in the Trustee's sole discretion, to combine that trust with any other trust or trusts having the same exempt or nonexempt character, including trusts established (during life or at death) by the Trustor or any of his issue; and the Trustee may establish separate shares in a combined trust if and as needed to preserve the rights and protect the interests of the various beneficiaries if the trusts being combined do not have identical terms or if separate shares are otherwise deemed desirable by the Trustee. These powers to combine and divide trusts may be exercised from time to time, and may be used to modify or reverse their prior exercise." In deciding whether and how to exercise this authority the Trustee may take account of efficiencies of administration, generation-skipping and other transfer tax considerations, income tax factors affecting the various trusts and beneficiaries (including determination of life expectancy to be used for Retirement Assets required minimum distribution purposes), the need or desirability of having the same or different trustees for various trusts or shares, and any other considerations the Trustee may deem appropriate to these decisions. Prior to exercising any power to combine trusts under this paragraph, the Trustee shall take into consideration that, where possible and appropriate (keeping in mind the dispositive provisions of the Trust Agreement and the situation of the beneficiary), separate trusts should be maintained so that the trust beneficiaries may enjoy the benefit of distributions from any Retirement Assets being stretched out over their separate life expectancies; in particular, the Trustee shall not merge trusts when one provides for the payout to or for the beneficiary of all withdrawals from IRAs and other Retirement Assets, net of trust expenses, and another provides for the accumulation of income (including IRA and Retirement Asset withdrawals).
- 2. <u>Same Terms and Provisions for Divided Trusts</u>: Except as expressly provided in the Trust Agreement, when a trust otherwise to be established is divided under the foregoing provisions into exempt and non-exempt trusts or otherwise into separate trusts, each trust shall have the same provisions as the original trust from which it is established, and references in the Trust Agreement to the original trust shall collectively refer to the separate trusts derived from it.
- 3. <u>Exempt (and Non-Exempt) Character of Property to be Preserved</u>: On termination, partial termination, subdivision or distribution of any of the

separate trusts created by the Trust Agreement, or when it is provided that separate trusts are to be combined, the exempt (zero inclusion ratio) or the non-exempt (inclusion ratio of one) generation-skipping character of the property of the trusts shall be preserved. Accordingly, when property is to be added to or combined with the property of another trust or trusts, or when additional trusts are to be established from one or more sources, non-exempt property or trusts shall not be added to or combined with exempt property or trusts, even if this requires the establishment of additional separate trusts with the same terms and provisions, unless the Trustee believes that economic efficiency or other compelling considerations justify sacrificing their separate generation-skipping characteristics.

- Trustee's Investment Power; Distributions: Without limiting the foregoing, 4. the Trustor specifically authorizes (but do not require) the Trustee, in administering different trusts wholly or in part for the benefit of a particular beneficiary or group of beneficiaries, to adopt different investment patterns and objectives for different trusts based on whether they are funded by Roth IRAs or other assets and on their generation-skipping ratios, and to prefer making distributions from Retirement Assets other than Roth IRAs and from non-exempt trusts to beneficiaries who are non-skip persons for generationskipping purposes and from exempt trusts to those who are skip persons. Upon division or distribution of an exempt trust and a nonexempt trust hereunder, the Trustee may allocate property from the exempt trust first to a share from which a generation-skipping transfer is more likely to occur. It is further recommended that to the extent that distributions would be made for the benefit of skip persons and such distributions would be exempt from GST Tax because such distributions are for the payment of medical expenses exempt under IRC Section 2503(e)(2)(B) or for the payment of tuition or educational expenses exempt under IRC Section 2503 (e)(2)(A), such payments to the extent possible be first made from a trust which has an inclusion ratio of one.
- 5. <u>Trustee's Exoneration</u>: The Trustor expressly exonerates the Trustee from any liability arising from any exercise or failure to exercise these powers, provided the actions (or inactions) of the Trustee are taken in good faith.
- C. <u>Beneficiary's General Power of Appointment</u>: Should a beneficiary die prior to the creation of his or her separate share of the Trust Estate or die subsequent to the creation of such share but before complete distribution of such share, and as a result of said death a portion of the Trust Estate would be subject to GST Tax but for the provisions of this paragraph, the beneficiary may, pursuant to a general power of appointment exercised in his or her last Will (but not in a codicil) or other writing delivered to the Trustee prior to his or her death and specifically referring to the Trust Agreement, provide for such share to pass to the creditors of that beneficiary's estate, in accordance with the terms set forth below. The asset value subject to such general power of appointment shall be the maximum amount, if any, which, when added to

•

the beneficiary's net taxable estate (computed prior to said power), will cause the federal estate tax marginal rate to increase until it equals the GST Tax marginal rate; but in no case shall such general power of appointment exceed the asset value of such beneficiary's share. This general power of appointment may be subject to termination and reinstatement by the Trust Protector. To the extent the beneficiary does not effectively exercise the general power of appointment, the unappointed asset value shall be held, administered and distributed in accordance with the other provisions of the Trust Agreement.

#### TRUSTEES ENVIRONMENTAL POWERS

A. <u>Trustee Authorized to Inspect Property Prior to Acceptance</u>:

4

- 1. <u>Actions at Expense of Trust Estate</u>: Prior to acceptance of this Trust by any proposed or designated Trustee (and prior to acceptance of any asset by any proposed, designated or acting Trustee), such Trustee or proposed or designated Trustee shall have the right to take the following actions at the expense of the Trust Estate:
  - a. <u>Enter Property</u>: To enter and inspect any existing or proposed asset of the Trust (or of any partnership, limited liability company or corporation in which the Trust holds an interest) for the purpose of determining the existence, location, nature, and magnitude of any past or present release or threatened release of any hazardous substance; and
  - b. <u>Review Records</u>: To review records of the currently acting Trustee or of the Trustor (or of any partnership, limited liability company or corporation in which the Trust holds an interest) for the purpose of determining compliance with environmental laws and regulations, including those records relating to permits, licenses, notices, reporting requirements, and governmental monitoring of hazardous waste.
- 2. <u>Rights Equivalent to Partner, Member or Shareholder</u>: The right of the proposed or designated Trustee to enter and inspect assets and records of a partnership, limited liability company or corporation under this provision is equivalent to the right under state law of a partner, member or shareholder to inspect assets and records under similar circumstances.
- 3. <u>Right to Still Refuse Acceptance of Trusteeship</u>: Acts performed by the proposed or designated Trustee under this provision shall not constitute acceptance of the Trust.
- 4. <u>Right to Accept Trusteeship Over Other Assets Only</u>: If an asset of the Trust is discovered upon environmental audit by the acting Trustee or any proposed or designated Trustee to be contaminated with hazardous waste or otherwise

not in compliance with environmental law or regulation, the Trustee may decline to act as Trustee solely as to such asset, and accept the Trusteeship as to all other assets of the Trust. The Trustee, in his discretion, may petition a court to appoint a receiver or special Trustee to hold and manage the rejected asset, pending its final disposition.

- 5. <u>Right to Reject Asset</u>: Any currently acting Trustee shall have the right to reject any asset proposed to be transferred to the Trustee.
- B. <u>Termination, Bifurcation or Modification of The Trust Due to Environmental</u> <u>Liability</u>:

Nelle -

- 1. <u>Trustee's Powers over Hazardous Waste Property</u>: If the Trust Estate holds one or more assets, the nature, condition, or operation of which is likely to give rise to liability under, or is an actual or threatened violation of any federal, state or local environmental law or regulation, the Trustee may take one or more of the following actions, if the Trustee, in the Trustee's sole and binding discretion, determines that such action is in the best interests of the Trust and its beneficiaries:
  - a. <u>Modify Trust</u>: Modification of trust provisions, upon court approval, granting the Trustee such additional powers as are required to protect the Trust and its beneficiaries from liability or damage relating to actual or threatened violation of any federal, state or local environmental law or regulations, with it being the Trustors' desire that the Trustee keep in mind the Trustors' dispositive wishes expressed elsewhere in this Trust Agreement and that the Trustee consider and weigh any potentially negative federal and state income, gift, estate or inheritance tax consequences to the Trustee, Trust and its beneficiaries;
  - b. <u>Bifurcate Trust</u>: Bifurcation of the Trust to separate said asset from other assets of the Trust Estate;
  - c. <u>Appoint a Special Trustee</u>: Appointment of a special Trustee to administer said asset; and/or
  - d. <u>Abandon Property</u>: Abandonment of such asset.
- 2. <u>Terminate Trust or Distribute Other Assets</u>: With court approval, the Trustee may terminate the Trust or partially or totally distribute the Trust Estate to beneficiaries.
- 3. <u>Broad Discretion</u>: It is the intent of the Trustors that the Trustee shall have the widest discretion in identification of and response to administration problems connected to potential environmental law liability to the Trust Estate and the

Trustee, in order to protect the interests of the Trust, the Trustee and the beneficiaries of the Trust.

C. <u>Trustee's Powers Relating to Environmental Laws</u>: The Trustee shall have the power to take, on behalf of the Trust, any action necessary to prevent, abate, avoid, or otherwise remedy any actual or threatened violation of any federal, state, or local environmental law or regulation, or any condition which may reasonably give rise to liability under any federal, state, or local environmental law or regulation, including, but not limited to, investigations, audits, and actions falling within the definition of "response" as defined in 42 U.S.C. §9601 (25), or any successor statute, relating to any asset, which is or has been held by the Trustee as part of the Trust Estate.

#### D. Indemnification of Trustee from Trust Assets for Environmental Expenses:

- 1. <u>Indemnification and Reimbursement for Good Faith Actions</u>: The Trustee shall be indemnified and reimbursed from the Trust Estate for any liabilities, loss, damages, penalties, costs or expenses arising out of or relating to federal, state or local environmental laws or regulations (hereinafter "environmental expenses"), except those resulting from the Trustee's intentional wrongdoing, bad faith or reckless disregard of his fiduciary obligation.
  - a. <u>Environmental Expenses Defined</u>: Environmental expenses shall include, but not be limited to:
    - (i) Costs of investigation, removal, remediation, response, or other cleanup costs of contamination by hazardous substances, as defined under any environmental law or regulation;
    - (ii) Legal fees and costs arising from any judicial, investigative or administrative proceeding relating to any environmental law or regulation;
    - (iii) Civil or criminal fees, fines or penalties incurred under any environmental law or regulation; and
    - (iv) Fees and costs payable to environmental consultants, engineers, or other experts, including legal counsel, relating to any environmental law or regulation.
  - b. <u>Properties and Businesses Covered</u>: This right to indemnification or reimbursement shall extend to environmental expenses relating to:
    - (i) Any real property or business enterprise, which is or has been at any time owned or operated by the Trustee as part of the Trust Estate; and

- (ii) Any real property or business enterprise, which is or has been at any time owned or operated by a corporation, limited liability company or partnership, in which the Trustee holds or has held at any time an ownership or management interest as part of the Trust Estate.
- 2. <u>Right to Pay Expenses Directly from Trust</u>: The Trustee shall have the right to reimbursement for incurred environmental expenses without the prior requirement of expenditure of the Trustee's own funds in payment of such environmental expenses, and the right to pay environmental expenses directly from Trust assets.
- 3. <u>Right to Lien Trust Assets</u>: The Trustee shall have a primary lien against assets of the Trust for reimbursement of environmental expenses, which are not paid directly from Trust assets.
- E. <u>Exoneration of Trustee for Good Faith Acts Relating to Environmental Law</u>: The Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary of the Trust or to any other party for any good faith action or inaction, relating to any environmental law or regulation, or for the payment of any environmental expense (as defined above); provided, however that the Trustee shall be liable for any such action, inaction or payment which is a breach of Trust and is committed in bad faith, or with reckless or intentional disregard of his fiduciary obligations.
- F. <u>Allocation of Environmental Expenses and Receipts Between Principal and Income</u>: The Trustee may, in the Trustee's discretion, allocate between income and principal of the Trust Estate environmental expenses (as defined above) and reimbursements or other funds received from third parties relating to environmental expenses. In making such allocation, the Trustee shall consider the effect of such allocation upon income available for distribution, the value of Trust principal, and the income tax treatment of such expenses and receipts. The Trustee may, in the Trustee's discretion, create a reserve for payment of anticipated environmental expenses.

This instrument shall serve as an exercise of the Testamentary Powers of Appointment provided for in Article VIII and Article IX of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended; and, this instrument will serve as and will constitute the "valid living trust agreement" referred to in Article VIII and Article IX. This instrument shall also serve as a qualified beneficiary designation pursuant to Article III of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended, as it pertains to the interests of NELVA E. BRUNSTING.

All other provisions contained in the Brunsting Family Living Trust dated October 10, 1996, as amended, and that certain Qualified Beneficiary Designation and Exercise of Testamentary Powers of Appointment Under Living Trust Agreement dated June 15, 2010 are hereby

ratified and confirmed and shall remain in full force and effect except to the extent that any such provisions are amended hereby.

EXECUTED and effective on August 25, 2010.

Nelva E. Brune Term

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founder and Beneficiary

ACCEPTED and effective on August 25, 2010.

<u>Melva E. Brunsteren</u> NELVA E. BRUNSTING,

Trustee

### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

This instrument was acknowledged before me on August 25, 2010, by NELVA E. BRUNSTING, in the capacities stated therein.



Candace Kung Keld Notary Public, State of Texas

·

·

(

#### APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, NELVA E. BRUNSTING, is a Founder of the Brunsting Family Living Trust dated October 10, 1996, as amended (the "Trust Agreement"); and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article IV, Section B, of the Brunsting Family Living Trust entitled "Our Successor Trustees," an original Trustee will have the right to appoint his or her own successor or successors to serve as Trustees in the event that such original Trustee ceases to serve by reason of death, disability or for any other reason, as well as specify conditions relevant to such appointment; and

WHEREAS, ELMER H. BRUNSTING, died on April 1, 2009. The Brunsting Family Living Trust authorized the creation of subsequent subtrusts known as the NELVA E. BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST and the ELMER H. BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST. The full legal names of the said subtrusts are:

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee, or the successor Trustees, of the NELVA E. BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST dated April 1, 2009, as established under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee, or the successor Trustees, of the ELMER H. BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST dated April 1, 2009, as established under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

WHEREAS, the said NELVA E. BRUNSTING is desirous of exercising her right as original Trustee to designate, name and appoint her own successors to serve as Trustees in the event that she ceases to serve by reason of death, disability or for any other reason, as well as specify conditions of such appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

NELVA E. BRUNSTING makes the following appointment:

If I, NELVA E. BRUNSTING, fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any other reason, then the following individuals will serve as successor Co-Trustees:

ANITA KAY BRUNSTING and AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If a successor Co-Trustee is unable or unwilling to serve for any reason, the remaining Co-Trustee shall serve alone. However, if neither Co-Trustee is able or willing to serve, then THE FROST NATIONAL BANK shall serve as successor Trustee.

In order to maintain the integrity of the Trust Agreement and to meet my estate planning desires and goals, my Trustees shall comply with the directive set forth below to assure compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996.

### 1. Successor Trustee Required to Provide an Authorization For Release of Protected Health Information

Each successor Trustee (or Co-Trustee) shall be required to execute and deliver to the Co-Trustee (if any) or next successor Trustee an "Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information" pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and any other similarly applicable federal and state laws, authorizing the release of said successor's protected health and medical information to said successor's Co-Trustees (if any) and to all alternate successor Trustees (or Co-Trustees) named under this document or any subsequent documents signed by the Founders, to be used only for the purpose of determining in the future whether said successor has become incapacitated (as defined in the Trust Agreement).

If said successor is already acting in the capacity of Trustee (or Co-Trustee) and fails to so execute and deliver such Authorization within thirty (30) days of actual notice of said requirement, or if an event has occurred which triggers said successor's power to act but said successor has not yet begun to act in said capacity and fails to so execute and deliver such Authorization within thirty (30) days of actual notice of said requirement, then for purposes of the Trust Agreement, said successor shall be deemed incapacitated.

"Actual notice" shall occur when a written notice, signed by the Co-Trustees (if any) or next successor Trustee, informing said successor of the need to timely execute and deliver an authorization as set forth above (and, in the case where said successor has not yet begun to act, informing him or her of the event that has triggered said successor's power to act), is (i) deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last address of said successor known to the Co-Trustees or next successor Trustee or (ii) hand delivered to said successor, provided such delivery is witnessed by a third party independent from the Co-Trustees or next successor Trustee within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Sections 672(c) and 674(c) and said witness signs a statement that he or she has witnessed such delivery.

# 2. Obtain the Release of Protected Health Information

The Trustee is empowered to request, receive and review any information, verbal or written, regarding Founder's physical or mental health, including, but not limited to, protected health and medical information, and to consent to their release or disclosure. The Founder has signed on this same date or an earlier date an "Authorization For Release of Protected Health Information," in compliance with HIPAA, immediately authorizing the release of any and all health and medical information to the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting) for the purposes of determining the Founder's incapacity (or for other stated purposes therein).

In the event said authorization cannot be located, is by its own terms no longer in force or is otherwise deemed invalid in whole or in part, the Founder hereby grants the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting) the power and authority, as Founder's legal representative, to execute a new authorization on Founder's behalf, immediately authorizing the release of any and all health and medical information for the purpose of determining the Founder's incapacity (and for the purpose of carrying out any of the Trustee's powers, rights, duties and obligations under this agreement), naming the Trustee (or next successor Trustee even if not yet acting) as the Founder's "Personal Representative," "Authorized Representative" and "Authorized Recipient."

#### 3. Determination of "Incompetence" or "Incapacity"

For purposes of the Trust Agreement, and notwithstanding any other conflicting provisions contained in the Trust Agreement or any previous amendments thereto, the term "incompetency" and/or "incapacity" shall mean any physical or mental incapacity, whether by reason of accident, illness, advanced age, mental deterioration, alcohol, drug or other substance abuse, or similar cause, which in the sole and absolute discretion of the Trustee makes it impracticable for a person to give prompt, rational and prudent consideration to financial matters and, if said disabled person is a Trustee (including an appointed Trustee who has yet to act), (i) a guardian of said person or estate, or both, of said person has been appointed by a court having jurisdiction over such matters or (ii) two (2) attending physicians of said person, who are licensed to practice and who are not related by blood or marriage to such person, have stated in writing that such incompetency or incapacity exists.

If said disabled person is a Trustee (including an appointed Trustee who has yet to act), upon the court determination of the person's competency or capacity or upon the revocation of the writings of the two (2) attending physicians above or upon written determination of competency or capacity to give prompt, rational and prudent consideration to financial matters by two (2) other attending physicians, who are licensed to practice and who are not related by blood or marriage to such person, subject to written notice being given to the then acting successor Trustee, the original Trustee (including an appointed Trustee who has yet to act) removed for "incompetency" or "incapacity" shall be reinstated as Trustee.

Any third party may accept physicians' writings as proof of competency or capacity or incompetency or incapacity as set forth above without the responsibility of further investigation and shall be held harmless from any loss suffered or liability incurred as the result of good faith reliance upon such writings.

. . .

In addition to any "Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information" executed by the Founder, the Founder hereby voluntarily waives any physicianpatient privilege or psychiatrist-patient privilege and authorizes physicians and psychiatrists to examine them and disclose their physical or mental condition, or other personal health or medical information, in order to determine their competency or incompetency, or capacity or incapacity, for purposes of this document. Each person who signs this instrument or an acceptance of Trusteeship hereunder does, by so signing, waive all provisions of law relating to disclosure of confidential or protected health and medical information insofar as that disclosure would be pertinent to any inquiry under this paragraph. No Trustee shall be under any duty to institute any inquiry into a person's possible incompetency or incapacity (such as, but not limited to, by drug testing), but if the Trustee does so, the expense of any such inquiry may be paid from the Trust Estate of said person's trust or, if no such trust exists, the Trust Estate of the Trust.

It is the Founder's desire that, to the extent possible, a named successor Trustee be able to act expeditiously, without the necessity of obtaining a court determination of a Founder's incapacity or the incapacity of a preceding appointed successor Trustee (including if that preceding appointed successor Trustee has not yet acted). Therefore, if an Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information executed by a Founder, or an appointed successor Trustee (even if not yet acting), or by a "personal representative" or "authorized representative" on behalf of a Founder or such an appointed successor Trustee, is not honored in whole or in part by a third party such that physicians' writings cannot be obtained as necessitated by this subparagraph, then the Trust Protector named under the Trust Agreement (if any), or if there is no such Trust Protector provided under the Trust Agreement then the next succeeding Trustee (even if not yet acting) who is independent, that is not related to or subordinate to, said Founder or such appointed successor Trustee within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 672(c), may declare in writing said Founder or such appointed successor Trustee to be incapacitated; provided, however, the Trust Protector or next succeeding Trustee making such declaration shall have first made good faith efforts to obtain the physicians' writings described above, and the provisions above relating to reinstatement upon two (2) physicians' written determination of competency or capacity shall continue to apply.

In the event the Trust Agreement does not provide for an Independent Trustee as set forth in the above paragraph, such an Independent Trustee shall be elected by a majority vote of the then current adult income beneficiaries of the trust (or by the legal guardians of all minor or disabled current income beneficiaries) and such Independent Trustee shall not be related to nor subordinate to any of the beneficiaries participating in the said vote within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code 672(c). In the event that there are only two (2) beneficiaries, one of which is acting as Trustee, the remaining beneficiary may appoint such an Independent Trustee who is neither related to nor subordinate to such beneficiary as those terms are defined in and within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code 672(c).

a mile and

The Founder has signed on this same date or on an earlier date an "Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information," in compliance with HIPAA, immediately authorizing the release of health and medical information to the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting), so the Trustee may legally defend against or otherwise resist any contest or attack of any nature upon any provision of the Trust Agreement or amendment to it (or defend against or prosecute any other legal matter within his or her powers set forth in the Trust Agreement). In the event said authorization cannot be located, is by its own terms no longer in force or is otherwise deemed invalid or not accepted in whole or in part, the Founder hereby grants the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not vet acting) the power and authority. as the Founder's legal representative to execute a new authorization on the Founder's behalf, even after Founder's death, immediately authorizing the release of any and all health and medical information for the purpose of determining the Founder's incapacity (and for the purpose of carrying out any of the Trustee's powers, rights, duties and obligations under the Trust Agreement naming the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting) as the Founder's "Personal Representative," "Authorized Representative" and "Authorized Recipient."

This Appointment of Successor Trustees is effective immediately upon execution of this document by the Founder, with the said successor Trustees to act at such times and in such instances as provided in the said Brunsting Family Living Trust dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

All other provisions contained in the Brunsting Family Living Trust dated October 10, 1996, as amended, are hereby ratified and confirmed and shall remain in full force and effect except to the extent that any such provisions are amended hereby or by previous amendments or appointments still in effect.

WITNESS MY HAND on august 25, 2010.

CANDACE LYNNE KUNZ FREED CANDACE LYNNE KUNZ FREED NOTARY PUBLIC. STATE OF TEXAS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 27, 2011

<u>Melva E. Brunshing</u> NELVA E. BRUNSTING,

Founder and Original Trustee

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

This instrument was acknowledged before me on  $\underline{\text{August 25}}_{,}$ , 2010, by NELVA E. BRUNSTING, as Founder and Original Trustee.

Candace N Kunz Qued Notary Public, State of Texas

From:Anita BrunstingTo:at.home3@yahoo.com; cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net; CandyDate:Saturday, October 23, 2010 10:52:51 AMAttachments:20101022122103794.pdf<br/>20101022121558205.pdf<br/>20101022121937872.pdf

.

 $\mathcal{A}^{(1)}$ 

Next 3

**7**224

1

#### **CERTIFICATE OF TRUST**

The undersigned Founder hereby certifies the following:

1. This Certificate of Trust refers to a joint revocable living trust agreement executed by ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING, also known as ELMER H. BRUNSTING, and NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founders and original Trustees. The full legal name of the subject trust was:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

- 2. ELMER H. BRUNSTING, died on April 1, 2009. Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section B, of the Brunsting Family Living Trust Agreement, the remaining original Trustee, NELVA E. BRUNSTING, continues to serve alone.
- 3. For purposes of asset allocation, transfer of property into the trust, holding title to assets, and conducting business for and on behalf of the trust, the full legal name of the said trust shall now be known as:

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

The tax identification number of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST is 481-30-4685.

4. Pursuant to that certain Appointment of Successor Trustees dated August 25, 2010, if the remaining original Trustee fails or ceases to serve as Trustee by reason of death, disability or for any reason, then the following individuals will serve as successor Co-Trustees:

ANITA KAY BRUNSTING and AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If a successor Co-Trustee is unable or unwilling to serve for any reason, the remaining Co-Trustee shall serve alone. However, if neither Co-Trustee is able or willing to serve, then THE FROST NATIONAL BANK shall serve as successor Trustee.

- 5. The Trustee under the trust agreement is authorized to acquire, sell, convey, encumber, lease, borrow, manage and otherwise deal with interests in real and personal property in the trust name. All powers of the Trustee are fully set forth in Article XII of the trust agreement.
- 6. The trust has not been revoked and there have been no amendments limiting the powers of the Trustee over trust property.

No person or entity paying money to or delivering property to any Trustee shall be 7. required to see to its application. All persons relying on this document regarding the Trustees and their powers over trust property shall be held harmless for any resulting loss or liability from such reliance.

A copy of this Certificate of Trust shall be just as valid as the original.

The undersigned certifies that the statements in this Certificate of Trust are true and correct and that it was executed in the County of Harris, in the State of Texas, on August 25, 2010.

<u>Nehra E Brunat</u> NELVA E. BRUNSTING,

Founder and Trustee

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

The foregoing Certificate of Trust was acknowledged before me on August 25, 2010, by NELVA E. BRUNSTING, as Founder and Trustee.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Candace A Kuns Greed Notary Public, State of Texas

CANDACE LYNNE KUNZ FREED NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 27, 2011

. Acres

### CERTIFICATE OF TRUST FOR THE ELMER H. BRUNSTING **DECEDENT'S TRUST**

The undersigned Founder hereby certifies the following:

.....

1. This Certificate of Trust refers to a joint revocable living trust agreement executed by ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING, also known as ELMER H. BRUNSTING, and NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founders and original Trustees. The full legal name of the original trust was:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

- 2. ELMER H. BRUNSTING died on April 1, 2009. Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section B, of the Brunsting Family Living Trust agreement, the remaining original Trustee, NELVA E. BRUNSTING, continues to serve alone.
- 3. The BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST authorized the creation of the subsequent irrevocable trust known as the ELMER H. BRUNSTING **DECEDENT'S TRUST**. For purposes of asset allocation, transfer of property into the Decedent's Trust, holding title to assets, and conducting business for and on behalf of the trust, the full legal name of the Decedent's Trust shall now be known as:

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee, or the successor Trustees, of the ELMER H. BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST dated April 1, 2009, as established under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

The tax identification number of the ELMER H. BRUNSTING **DECEDENT'S TRUST** is 27-6453100. The Trust is irrevocable and no longer qualifies as a grantor trust.

An acceptable abbreviation for account titling is as follows:

- NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Tee of the ELMER H. BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TR dtd 4/1/09, as est UTD 10/10/96.
- 4. Pursuant to that certain Appointment of Successor Trustees dated August 25, 2010, if the said NELVA E. BRUNSTING, the surviving original Trustee, fails or ceases to serve as Trustee by reason of death, disability or for any reason, then the following individuals will serve as successor Co-Trustees:

ANITA KAY BRUNSTING and AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If a successor Co-Trustee is unable or unwilling to serve for any reason, the remaining Co-Trustee shall serve alone. However, if neither Co-Trustee is able or willing to serve, then THE FROST NATIONAL BANK shall serve as successor Trustee.

- 5. The Trustee under the trust agreement is authorized to acquire, sell, convey, encumber, lease, borrow, manage and otherwise deal with interests in real and personal property in trust name. All powers of the Trustee are fully set forth in Article XII of the trust agreement.
- 6. The trust has not been revoked and there have been no amendments limiting the powers of the Trustee over trust property.
- 7. No person or entity paying money to or delivering property to any Trustee shall be required to see to its application. All persons relying on this document regarding the Trustee and their powers over trust property shall be held harmless for any resulting loss or liability from such reliance.

A copy of this Certificate of Trust shall be just as valid as the original.

The undersigned certifies that the statements in this Certificate of Trust are true and correct and that it was executed in the County of Harris, in the State of Texas, on August 25, 2010.

<u>Nelver E. Bruna terr</u> NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founder and Trustee

# STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

The foregoing Certificate of Trust was acknowledged before me on August 25, 2010, by NELVA E. BRUNSTING as Founder and Trustee.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Candace & Kunz Geed Notary Public, State of Texas

CANDACE LYNNE KUNZ FREED NOTARY PUBLIC. STATE OF TEXAS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 27, 2011 

### CERTIFICATE OF TRUST FOR THE NELVA E. BRUNSTING **SURVIVOR'S TRUST**

The undersigned Founder hereby certifies the following:

1. This Certificate of Trust refers to a joint revocable living trust agreement executed by ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING, also known as ELMER H. BRUNSTING, and NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founders and original Trustees. The full legal name of the original trust was:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

- 2. ELMER H. BRUNSTING died on April 1, 2009. Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section B, of the Brunsting Family Living Trust agreement, the remaining original Trustee, NELVA E. BRUNSTING, continues to serve alone.
- 3. The BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST authorized the creation of the subsequent revocable trust known as the NELVA E. BRUNSTING **SURVIVOR'S TRUST**. For purposes of asset allocation, transfer of property into the Survivor's Trust, holding title to assets, and conducting business for and on behalf of the trust, the full legal name of the Survivor's Trust shall now be known as:

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee, or the successor Trustees, of the NELVA E. BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST dated April 1, 2009, as established under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

The tax identification number of the NELVA E. BRUNSTING **SURVIVOR'S TRUST** is 481-30-4685. The Trust still qualifies as a grantor trust and a separate tax identification number is not required.

An acceptable abbreviation for account titling is as follows:

. . . .

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Tee of the NELVA E. BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TR dtd 4/1/09, as est UTD 10/10/96.

4. Pursuant to that certain Appointment of Successor Trustees dated August 25, 2010, if the said NELVA E. BRUNSTING, the surviving original Trustee, fails or ceases to serve as Trustee by reason of death, disability or for any reason, then the following individuals will serve as successor Co-Trustees:

ANITA KAY BRUNSTING and AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If a successor Co-Trustee is unable or unwilling to serve for any reason, the remaining Co-Trustee shall serve alone. However, if neither Co-Trustee is able or willing to serve, then THE FROST NATIONAL BANK shall serve as successor Trustee.

- 5. The Trustee under the trust agreement is authorized to acquire, sell, convey, encumber, lease, borrow, manage and otherwise deal with interests in real and personal property in the trust name. All powers of the Trustee are fully set forth in Article XII of the trust agreement.
- 6. The trust has not been revoked and there have been no amendments limiting the powers of the Trustee over trust property.
- 7. No person or entity paying money to or delivering property to any Trustee shall be required to see to its application. All persons relying on this document regarding the Trustee and their powers over trust property shall be held harmless for any resulting loss or liability from such reliance.

A copy of this Certificate of Trust shall be just as valid as the original.

.......

The undersigned certifies that the statements in this Certificate of Trust are true and correct and that it was executed in the County of Harris, in the State of Texas, on August 25, 2010.

<u>Nehra E. Brumiling</u>

Founder and Trustee

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

The foregoing Certificate of Trust was acknowledged before me on August 25, 2010, by NELVA E. BRUNSTING as Founder and Trustee.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Candace & Kunz Reed Notary Public, State of Texas

| Carren and a second and a second and a second a |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S ARYPER CANDACE LYNNE KUNZ FREED S                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| NOTARY PUBLIC. STATE OF TEXAS<br>MY COMMISSION EXPIRES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| MARCH 27, 2011                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Conserver conserver and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |


il , sod

!( `````````

:( )

# THE LIVING TRUST

# 

This section contains a signed duplicate original of your Living Trust Agreement. Your Living Trust is a legal document which authorizes you, as trustee, to manage and control trust assets during your lifetime. During any period of disability and after your death, your successor trustee will manage and control the trust assets according to the specific instructions in your trust.



# THE RESTATEMENT OF THE BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST



,

Prepared By

Albert E. Vacek, Jr.

The Vacek Law Firm, PLLC

11511 Katy Freeway Suite 520 Houston, Texas 77079

Telephone: (281) 531-5800

<sup>©</sup>Albert E. Vacek, Jr. All Rights Reserved (

#### SUMMARY

#### OF

#### THE BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST

NAME OF TRUST:

1

 $\langle \langle \rangle$ 

#### THE BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST

#### DATE ESTABLISHED:

October 10, 1996

**INITIAL TRUSTEES:** 

ELMER H. BRUNSTING NELVA E. BRUNSTING

#### SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES:

First, CARL HENRY BRUNSTING Second, AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART Third, CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

TITLE TO ALL ASSETS IN THE TRUST ARE VESTED IN THE NAME OF:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT PART OF THE TRUST



# 

# IMPORTANT REMINDER

Your Living Trust will only control property which has been transferred into the name of the Trust. If property is not in the name of your Trust, it may be subject to guardianship and probate court proceedings, and may not pass according to your estate plan. All assets should be identified by listing them on the Schedules in the section entitled, "Title Transfer Documents". Copies of correspondence and documents of ownership for Trust assets should also be placed in that section.

P14501

(

(

(

# **Table of Contents**

Introduction

| Article I    | Our Family Living Trust                        |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Article II   | Transfers of Assets to Our Trust               |
| Article III  | Our Right to Amend or Revoke This Trust        |
| Article IV   | Our Trustees                                   |
|              | Distributions From Our Trust                   |
| Article V    | <b>Insurance Policies and Retirement Plans</b> |
| Article VI   | For So Long As We Both Shall Live              |
| Article VII  | Upon the Death of One of Us                    |
| Article VIII | Administration of the Survivor's Trust         |
| Article IX   | Administration of the Decedent's Trust         |
| Article X    | Upon the Death of the Survivor of Us           |

i

| Article XI  | Protection of Beneficial Interests |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Article XII | Our Trustees' Powers and Authority |
|             |                                    |

General Matters

- Article XIII Definitions
- Article XIV Miscellaneous Matters

# THE RESTATEMENT OF THE BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST

### Article I

### **Our Family Living Trust**

#### Section A. The Restatement of Our Trust

This restatement of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996 is made this day by ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING, also known as ELMER H. BRUNSTING, and wife, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, (together called "Founders") who presently reside in Harris County, Texas.

We now wish to restate that original trust agreement and any amendments thereto, in their entirety.

This restatement, dated January 12, 2005, shall replace and supersede our original trust agreement ad all prior amendments.

We shall serve together as the initial Trustees of this joint revocable living trust.

Notwithstanding anything in our trust declaration to the contrary, when we are serving as Trustees under our trust declaration, either of us may act for and conduct business on behalf of our trust as a Trustee without the consent of any other Trustee.

#### Section B. The Title of Our Trust

Although the name we have given to our trust for our own convenience is the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, the full legal name of our trust for purposes of transferring assets into the trust, holding title to assets and conducting business for and on behalf of the trust, shall be known as:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended. Our trust may also be known as:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as amended.

In addition to the above descriptions, any description for referring to this trust shall be effective to transfer title to the trust or to designate the trust as a beneficiary as long as that format includes the date of this trust, the name of at least one initial or successor Trustee, and any reference that indicates that assets are to be held in a fiduciary capacity.

#### Section C. Our Beneficiaries and Family

This trust is created for the use and the benefit of ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, and to the extent provided in this trust, for the other trust beneficiaries named herein.

The term "spouse" will refer to either of us, whichever is appropriate in context, and the term "both spouses" will mean both of us. The term "surviving spouse" or "surviving Founder" will identify the spouse who is living at the time of the other spouse's death (the "deceased spouse" or "deceased Founder").

For reference, our children are:

#### Name

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS CAROL ANN BRUNSTING CARL HENRY BRUNSTING AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART ANITA KAY RILEY

#### Birth Date

March 12, 1953 October 16, 1954 July 31, 1957 October 7, 1961 August 7, 1963

All references to our children or to our descendants are to these named children, as well as any children subsequently born to us or legally adopted by us.

The terms "trust beneficiary" or "beneficiary" will also mean any and all persons, organizations, trusts and entities who may have or may acquire a beneficial interest in this trust, whether vested or contingent in nature, including a transfer of an interest in the trust

during our lives, from either of us, or both, or from an exercise of a power of appointment by a trust beneficiary or otherwise.

4

P14507

•

•

# Article II

# **Transfers of Assets to Our Trust**

#### Section A. Our Initial Contribution

We have delivered to our Trustees certain property as the initial assets of this trust, the receipt of which is acknowledged.

#### Section B. Additions to Our Trust

Any person, trust or entity may add property of any character to this trust by a last will and testament, from another trust (regardless of whether such trust is a living trust or a trust contained in a Will), by a deed or any other legally accepted method of assignment, conveyance, delivery or transfer, subject only to the acceptance of such property or asset by the Trustee.

#### Section C. Our Separate and Community Accounts

Any contributions of separate property to the trust by, or for the benefit of, either Founder shall remain the separate property of such Founder. A separate schedule signed by both of the Founders may be maintained for purposes of identifying such separate property and its ownership.

Each of us may withdraw, remove, sell or otherwise deal with our respective separate property interests without any restrictions. Should we revoke our trust, all separate property shall be transferred, assigned, or conveyed back to the owning Founder as his or her respective separate property.

All community property, as well as the income from and proceeds of such community property, shall retain its community property characterization under the law unless we change such characterization by virtue of a duly executed marital partition agreement.

All community property withdrawn or removed from our trust shall retain its community characterization. Should we revoke our trust, all community property shall be transferred, assigned or conveyed back to us as community property.

. .

(

P14509

# Article III

### Our Right to Amend or Revoke This Trust

#### Section A. We May Revoke Our Trust

While we are both living, either of us may revoke our trust. However, this trust will become irrevocable upon the death of either of us. Any Trustee, who is serving in such capacity, may document the non-revocation of the trust with an affidavit setting forth that the trust remains in full force and effect.

The affidavit may, at the Trustee's discretion, be filed in the deed records in each county in which real property held in trust is located or in the county in which the principal assets and records of the trust are located. The public and all persons interested in and dealing with the trust and the Trustee may rely upon a certified copy of the recorded affidavit as conclusive evidence that the trust remains in full force and effect.

#### Section B. We May Amend Our Trust

This trust declaration may be amended by us in whole or in part in a writing signed by both of us for so long as we both shall live. Except as to a change of trust situs, when one of us dies, this trust shall not be subject to amendment, except by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Each of us may provide for a different disposition of our share in the trust by using a qualified beneficiary designation, as we define that term in this agreement, and the qualified beneficiary designation will be considered an amendment to this trust as to that Founder's share or interest alone.

#### Section C. Income Tax Matters

For so long as this trust remains subject to amendment or revocation in its entirety, and for so long as a Founder is a Trustee of the trust, this trust will be treated for income tax reporting purposes as a "grantor trust" as that term is used by the Internal Revenue Service, particularly in Treasury Regulation Section 1.671-4(b).

For so long as a Founder is a Trustee of the trust, the tax identification numbers will be the social security numbers of the Founders and all items of income, gain, loss, credit and

deduction are to be reported on the Founders' individual or joint income tax returns. At such time as the trust becomes irrevocable, in whole or in part, because of the death of one of us, the trust is to be treated for income tax purposes as required by Subchapter J of the Internal Revenue Code.

# Article IV

# **Our Trustees**

#### Section A. Original Trustees

Founders appoint ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING as the original Trustees of this trust. However, either of us may conduct business and act on behalf of this trust without the consent or authority of any other Trustee. Any third party may conclusively rely on the authority of either of us without the joinder of the other.

#### Section B. Our Successor Trustees

Each of the original Trustees will have the right to appoint their own successor or successors to serve as Trustees in the event that such original Trustee ceases to serve by reason of death, disability or for any reason, and may specify any conditions upon succession and service as may be permitted by law. Such appointment, together with any specified conditions, must be in writing.

If an original Trustee does not appoint a successor, the remaining original Trustee or Trustees then serving will continue to serve alone.

If both of the original Trustees fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any reason without having appointed a successor or successors, then the following individuals will serve as Co-Trustees:

#### CARL HENRY BRUNSTING and AMY-RUTH-TSCHIRHART

If a successor Co-Trustee should fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any other reason, then CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall serve as Co-Trustee in his or her place, with the remaining Co-Trustee then serving. However, if there is only one successor Co-Trustee able or willing to serve, such successor Co-Trustee shall serve alone.

Successor Trustees will have the authority vested in the original Trustees under this trust document, subject to any lawful limitations or qualifications upon the service of a successor imposed by any Trustee in a written document appointing a successor.

A successor Trustee will not be obliged to examine the records, accounts and acts of the previous Trustee or Trustees, nor will a successor Trustee in any way or manner be responsible for any act or omission to act on the part of any previous Trustee.

#### Section C. No Bond is Required of Our Trustees

No one serving as Trustee will be required to furnish a fiduciary bond as a prerequisite to service.

#### Section D. Resignation or Removal of Our Trustees

We may each remove any Trustee we may have individually named as our respective successors. Any appointee serving or entitled to serve as Trustee may resign at any time and without cause, and the instructions in this trust will determine who the successor will be. All removals or resignations must be in writing.

In the event that no Trustee is remaining who has been designated in this trust, a majority of all adult income beneficiaries and the legal guardians of all minor or disabled beneficiaries of the trust shares created hereunder shall have the power to appoint any corporate or banking institution having trust powers as the successor Trustee. Such power shall be exercised in a written instrument in recordable form which identifies this power, identifies the successor Trustee, contains an acceptance of office by such successor Trustee and identifies the effective time and date of such succession.

A majority of all adult beneficiaries and the legal guardians of all minor or disabled beneficiaries who are then entitled to receive distributions of income from the trust, or distributions of income from any separate trust created by this document, may only remove any corporate or institutional Trustee then serving, the notice of removal to be delivered in writing to the said Trustee.

If such beneficiaries shall fail to appoint a successor corporate or institutional Trustee, the selection of a successor to the Trustee will be made by a court of competent jurisdiction.

#### Section E. Affidavit of Authority to Act

Any person or entity dealing with the trust may rely upon our Affidavit of Trust, regardless of its form, or the affidavit of a Trustee or Trustees in substantially the following form:

4-2

On my oath, and under the penalties of perjury, I swear that I am the duly appointed and authorized Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST. I certify that the trust has not been revoked and remains in full force and effect, I have not been removed as Trustee and I have the authority to act for, and bind, the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST in the transaction of the business for which this affidavit is given as affirmation of my authority.

Signature Line

Sworn, subscribed and acknowledged before me, the undersigned authority, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public - State of Texas

#### Section F. Documentary Succession of Our Trustees

The successor to any Trustee may document succession with an affidavit setting forth that the preceding Trustee is unwilling to serve or has failed or ceased to serve due to death or disability and the successor has assumed the duties of the Trustee.

The affidavit may, at the Trustee's discretion, be filed in the deed records in each county in which real property held in trust is located or in the county in which the principal assets and records of the trust are located. The public and all persons interested in and dealing with the trust and the Trustee may rely upon a certified copy of the recorded affidavit as conclusive evidence of a successor's authority to serve and act as the Trustee of the trust.

#### Section G. Our Trustees' Compensation

Any person who serves as Trustee may elect to receive reasonable compensation to be measured by the time required in the administration of the trust and the responsibility assumed in the discharge of the duties of office.

A corporate or bank Trustee will be entitled to receive as its compensation such fees as are then prescribed by its published schedule of charges for trusts of a similar size and nature and additional compensation for extraordinary services performed by the corporate Trustee.

If an attorney, accountant or other professional shall be selected as Trustee, such professional shall be entitled to compensation for professional services rendered to a trust by himself or by a member of his firm in addition to compensation for services as Trustee.

A Trustee will be entitled to full reimbursement for expenses, costs or other obligations incurred as the result of service, including attorney's, accountant's and other professional fees.

#### Section H. Multiple Trustees

In the event there are two or more Trustees serving the trust, other than the Founders, the authority vested in such Trustees must be exercised by a majority of the Trustees. If only two Trustees are acting, the concurrence or joinder of both shall be required.

When more than two Trustees are acting, any dissenting or abstaining Trustee may be absolved from personal liability by registering a written dissent or abstention with the records of the trust; the dissenting Trustee shall thereafter act with the other Trustees in any manner necessary or appropriate to effectuate the decision of the majority.

#### Section I. Delegation of Authority

Añy Trustee may delegate to any other Trustee named in our trust the powers and authority vested in him or her by this declaration. A delegating Trustee may evidence such delegation in writing and may revoke it in writing at any time.

#### Section J. Successor Corporate Trustees

Any successor corporate or bank Trustee must be a United States bank or trust company vested with trust powers pursuant to state or federal law, and must have a combined capital and surplus of 20 million dollars.

Any bank or trust company succeeding to the business of any corporate or bank Trustee serving by virtue of this declaration because of change of name, reorganization, merger or any other reason shall immediately succeed as Trustee of this trust, without the necessity of court intervention or any other action whatsoever.

#### Section K. Partial and Final Distributions

The Trustee, in making or preparing to make a partial or final distribution, may prepare an accounting and may require, as a condition to payment, a written and acknowledged statement from each distributee that the accounting has been thoroughly examined and accepted as correct; a discharge of the Trustee; a release from any loss, liability, claim or question concerning the exercise of due care, skill and prudence of the Trustee in the management, investment, retention and distribution of property during the Trustee's term of service, except for any undisclosed error or omission having basis in fraud or bad faith; and an indemnity of the Trustee, to include the payment of attorney's fees, from any asserted claim of any taxing agency, governmental authority or other claimant.

#### Section L. Court Supervision Not Required

All trusts created under this agreement shall be administered free from the active supervision of any court.

Any proceedings to seek judicial instructions or a judicial determination shall be initiated by our Trustee in the appropriate state court having original jurisdiction of those matters relating to the construction and administration of trusts.

#### Section M. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 Compliance

In order to maintain the integrity of this trust declaration and to meet our estate planning desires and goals, our Trustees shall comply with the directive set forth in this Section to assure compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996.

#### 1. Successor Trustee Required to Provide an Authorization For Release of Protected Health Information

Each successor Trustee (or Co-Trustee) shall be required to execute and deliver to the Co-Trustee (if any) or next successor Trustee an "Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information" pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and any other similarly applicable federal and state laws, authorizing the release of said successor's protected health and medical information to said successor's Co-Trustees (if any) and to all alternate successor Trustees (or Co-Trustees) named under this Trust Agreement, to be used only for the purpose of determining in the future whether said successor has become incapacitated (as defined in this Trust Agreement).

If said successor is already acting in the capacity of Trustee (or Co-Trustee) and fails to so execute and deliver such Authorization within thirty (30) days of actual notice of said requirement, or if an event has occurred which triggers said successor's power to act but said successor has not yet begun to act in said capacity and fails to so execute and deliver such Authorization within thirty (30) days of actual notice of said requirement, then for purposes of the Trust Agreement, said successor shall be deemed incapacitated.

"Actual notice" shall occur when a written notice, signed by the Co-Trustees (if any) or next successor Trustee, informing said successor of the need to timely execute and



deliver an authorization as set forth above (and, in the case where said successor has not yet begun to act, informing him or her of the event that has triggered said successor's power to act), is (i) deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last address of said successor known to the Co-Trustees or next successor Trustee or (ii) hand delivered to said successor, provided such delivery is witnessed by a third party independent from the Co-Trustees or next successor Trustee within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Sections 672(c) and 674(c) and said witness signs a statement that he or she has witnessed such delivery.

#### 2. Obtain the Release of Protected Health Information

The Trustee is empowered to request, receive and review any information, verbal or written, regarding Founders' physical or mental health, including, but not limited to, protected health and medical information, and to consent to their release or disclosure. Each of the Founders have separately signed on this same date or an earlier date an "Authorization For Release of Protected Health Information," in compliance with HIPAA, immediately authorizing the release of any and all health and medical information to the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting) for the purposes of determining the Founder's incapacity (or for other stated purposes therein).

In the event said authorization cannot be located, is by its own terms no longer in force or is otherwise deemed invalid in whole or in part, each of the Founders hereby grant the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting) the power and authority, as Founder's legal representative, to execute a new authorization on Founder's behalf, immediately authorizing the release of any and all health and medical information for the purpose of determining the Founder's incapacity (and for the purpose of carrying out any of the Trustee's powers, rights, duties and obligations under this trust agreement), naming the Trustee (or next successor Trustee even if not yet acting) as the Founder's "Personal Representative," "Authorized Representative" and "Authorized Recipient."

#### 3. Determination of "Incompetence" or "Incapacity"

For purposes of this Trust, and notwithstanding any other conflicting provisions contained in this Trust Declaration or any previous amendments thereto, the term "incompetency" and/or "incapacity" shall mean any physical or mental incapacity, whether by reason of accident, illness, advanced age, mental deterioration, alcohol, drug or other substance abuse, or similar cause, which in the sole and absolute discretion of the Trustee makes it impracticable for a person to give prompt, rational and prudent consideration to financial matters and, if said disabled person is a Trustee (including an appointed Trustee who has yet to act), (i) a guardian of said person or estate, or both, of said person has been appointed by a court having jurisdiction over such matters or (ii) two (2) attending physicians of said person, who are licensed to practice and who are not related by blood or marriage to such person, have stated in writing that such incompetency or incapacity exists.

If said disabled person is a Trustee (including an appointed Trustee who has yet to act), upon the court determination of the person's competency or capacity or upon the revocation of the writings of the two (2) attending physicians above or upon written determination of competency or capacity to give prompt, rational and prudent consideration to financial matters by two (2) other attending physicians, who are licensed to practice and who are not related by blood or marriage to such person, subject to written notice being given to the then acting successor Trustee, the original Trustee (including an appointed Trustee who has yet to act) removed for "incompetency" or "incapacity" shall be reinstated as Trustee.

Any third party may accept physicians' writings as proof of competency or capacity or incompetency or incapacity as set forth above without the responsibility of further investigation and shall be held harmless from any loss suffered or liability incurred as the result of good faith reliance upon such writings.

In addition to any "Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information" executed by the Founders, the Founders hereby voluntarily waive any physicianpatient privilege or psychiatrist-patient privilege and authorize physicians and psychiatrists to examine them and disclose their physical or mental condition, or other personal health or medical information, in order to determine their competency or incompetency, or capacity or incapacity, for purposes of this document. Each person who signs this instrument or an acceptance of Trusteeship hereunder does, by so signing, waive all provisions of law relating to disclosure of confidential or protected health and medical information insofar as that disclosure would be pertinent to any inquiry under this paragraph. No Trustee shall be under any duty to institute any inquiry into a person's possible incompetency or incapacity (such as, but not limited to, by drug testing), but if the Trustee does so, the expense of any such inquiry may be paid from the Trust Estate of said person's trust or, if no such trust exists, the Trust Estate of the Trust.

It is the Founders' desire that, to the extent possible, a named successor Trustee be able to act expeditiously, without the necessity of obtaining a court determination of a Founder's incapacity or the incapacity of a preceding appointed successor Trustee (including if that preceding appointed successor Trustee has not yet acted). Therefore, if an Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information executed by a Founder, or an appointed successor Trustee (even if not yet acting), or by a "personal representative" or "authorized representative" on behalf of a Founder or such an appointed successor Trustee, is not honored in whole or in part by a third party such that physicians' writings cannot be obtained as necessitated by this subparagraph, then the Trust Protector named under this Trust Agreement (if any), or if there is no such Trust Protector provided under this Trust Agreement then the next succeeding Trustee (even if not yet acting) who is independent, that is not related to or subordinate to, said Founder or such appointed successor Trustee within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 672(c), may declare in writing said Founder or such appointed successor Trustee to be incapacitated; provided, however, the Trust Protector or next succeeding Trustee making such declaration shall have first made good faith efforts to obtain the physicians' writings described above, and the provisions above relating to reinstatement upon two (2) physicians' written determination of competency or capacity shall continue to apply.

In the event this Trust Declaration does not provide for an Independent Trustee as set forth in the above paragraph, such an Independent Trustee shall be elected by a majority vote of the then current adult income beneficiaries of this trust (or by the legal guardians of all minor or disabled current income beneficiaries) and such Independent Trustee shall not be related to nor subordinate to any of the beneficiaries participating in the said vote within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code 672(c). In the event that there are only two (2) beneficiaries, one of which is acting as Trustee, the remaining beneficiary may appoint such an Independent Trustee who is neither related to nor subordinate to such beneficiary as those terms are defined in and within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code 672(c).

Each of the Founders have separately signed on this same date or on an earlier date an "Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information," in compliance with HIPAA, immediately authorizing the release of health and medical information to the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting), so the Trustee may legally defend against or otherwise resist any contest or attack of any nature upon any provision of this trust agreement or amendment to it (or defend against or prosecute any other legal matter within his or her powers set forth in the Trust Agreement). In the event said authorization cannot be located, is by its own terms no longer in force or is otherwise deemed invalid or not accepted in whole or in part, each of the Founders hereby grant the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting) the power and authority, as the Founder's legal representative to execute a new authorization on the Founder's behalf, even after Founder's death, immediately authorizing the release of any and all health and medical information for the purpose of determining the Founder's incapacity (and for the purpose of carrying out any of the Trustee's powers, rights, duties and obligations under the trust agreement naming the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting) as the Founder's "Personal Representative," "Authorized Representative" and "Authorized Recipient."

# Article V

# **Insurance Policies and Retirement Plans**

#### Section A. Our Authority While We Are Living

To the extent of a Founder's community or separate interest in insurance policies, retirement plans or any other third party beneficiary contract, during the life of a Founder, each shall have the following rights, and the Trustee of this trust declaration shall have the following duties with respect to any third party beneficiary contract owned by or made payable to this trust.

#### 1. The Founder's Rights

Each Founder reserves all of the rights, powers, options and privileges with respect to any insurance policy, retirement plan or any other third party beneficiary contract made payable to this trust or deposited with our Trustee. Each Founder may exercise any of the rights, powers, options and privileges with respect to such third party beneficiary contract without the approval of our Trustee or any beneficiary.

Neither Founder shall be obligated to maintain any insurance policy, retirement plan or any other third party beneficiary contract in force.

#### 2. Our Trustee's Obligations

Upon a Founder's written request, our Trustee shall deliver to the requesting Founder or the Founder's designee any and all third party beneficiary contracts and related documents which are owned by or deposited with our Trustee pursuant to our trust declaration. Our Trustee shall not be obligated to have any of such documents returned to the Trustee.

Our Trustee shall provide for the safekeeping of any third party beneficiary contract, as well as any documents related thereto, which are deposited with our Trustee. Otherwise, our Trustee shall have no obligation with respect to any third party beneficiary contract, including payment of sums due and payable under such contracts, other than those obligations set forth in this Article.

#### Section B. Upon the Death of a Founder

Upon a Founder's death, our Trustee shall have authority to and shall make all appropriate elections with respect to any insurance policies, retirement plans and other death benefits which are the separate estate of the deceased Founder. With respect to any insurance policies, retirement plans and other death benefits which are a part of the community estate, our Trustee and the surviving Founder shall have the authority and shall make all appropriate elections consistent with the laws of the state having jurisdiction over such property.

#### 1. Collection of Non-Retirement Death Proceeds

Regarding any life insurance policy, or any other non-retirement death benefit plan, wherein death benefits are made payable to or are owned by our trust, our Trustee shall make every reasonable effort to collect any and all such sums. In collecting such sums, our Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, exercise any settlement option available under the terms of a policy or any other third party beneficiary contract with regard to the interest of the deceased Founder in those policies or death benefit proceeds. However, our Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary for the settlement option ultimately selected.

#### 2. Retirement Plan Elections

To the extent of the interest of the deceased Founder, our Trustee shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to elect to receive any retirement plan death proceeds either in a lump sum or in any other manner permitted by the terms of the particular retirement plan. Such right shall exist and pertain to any retirement plan including, but not limited to, any qualified pension plan, profit sharing plan, Keogh plan and individual retirement account. Our Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary for the death benefit election ultimately selected.

Any benefit of any retirement plan which is payable to our trust, including individual retirement accounts that are payable to our trust, may be disclaimed by our Trustee in its sole and absolute discretion. Such disclaimed benefits shall be payable in accordance with such plan.

#### 3. Collection Proceedings

In order to enforce the payment of any death proceeds, our Trustee may institute any legal, equitable, administrative or other proceeding. However, our Trustee need not take any action to enforce any payment until our Trustee, in its sole judgment, has been indemnified to its satisfaction for all expenses and liabilities to which it may be subjected.

Our Trustee is expressly authorized, in its sole and absolute discretion, to adjust, settle and compromise any and all claims that may arise from the collection of any death proceeds. Any decision made by our Trustee pursuant to this Section B.3 shall be binding and conclusive on all beneficiaries.

#### 4. Payor's Liability

Any person or entity which pays any type of death proceeds to our Trustee as beneficiary, shall not be required to inquire into any of the provisions of this trust declaration, nor will they be required to see to the application of any such proceeds by our Trustee. Our Trustee's receipt of death proceeds shall relieve the payor of any further liability as a result of making such payment.

#### Section C. Special Provisions Pertaining to Tax-Deferred Trust Assets

Since the Founders anticipate that tax-deferred plans such as 401(k) plans, IRA's, SEP's and similar retirement plans and tax-deferred accounts might name this trust as the designated beneficiary in the event of the death of the Founders, the following provisions will hereby apply in all respects with regard to the assets and proceeds of such plans, notwithstanding that other provisions in this Agreement are in conflict with the following provisions:

#### 1. Minimum Distribution

It is the purpose and intent of the Founders that this trust will qualify as a "designated beneficiary" pursuant to Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and the term "Minimum Required Distribution" shall mean such mandatory distributions as are required to qualify this trust pursuant to the said Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### 2. Distribution Restrictions

Notwithstanding any other provision in this trust declaration, and except as provided in this Article, the Trustee may not distribute to or for the benefit of the estate of either Founder, any charity or any other non-individual beneficiary, any benefits payable to this trust under any qualified retirement plan, individual retirement account or other retirement arrangement subject to the "Minimum Required Distribution Rules" of Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code, or other comparable provisions of law. It is the intent of the Founders that all such retirement benefits be distributed to or held only for individual beneficiaries within the meaning of Section 401(a)(9) and applicable regulations. This paragraph shall not apply to any charitable bequest which is specifically directed to be funded with assets other than those encompassed by this provision.

#### 3. Exclusion of Older Adopted "Descendants"

Notwithstanding any other provision hereof or state law, the class of the Founders' (or any other persons) "issue" or "descendants" shall not include an individual who is the Founders' (or such persons') "issue" or "descendants" by virtue of legal adoption if such individual (i) was so adopted after the Required Beginning Date of a Founder or a Founder's death, whichever occurs first, and (ii) is older than the oldest beneficiary of this trust who was a living member of said class on the earlier of said dates. The "Required Beginning Date," for purposes of this paragraph means April 1 of the year following the year in which the plan participant reaches 70½, or, if later, the date on which this trust is first named as a beneficiary of any retirement plan, benefit or arrangement subject to the "Minimum Distribution Rules" of Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code. The said Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code is incorporated by reference in this trust declaration for all purposes, together with applicable treasury regulations pertaining thereto.

#### 4. Payment of Estate Taxes of Plan Participant

Except as required by state law, the trustee shall not use any plan benefits to pay a plan participant's estate taxes.

#### 5. Delivery of Trust to Plan Administrator

If the Founders have not previously done so, the Trustee shall deliver a copy of this trust declaration to any plan administrator within the time limits required by applicable statute, as well as final and proposed treasury regulations.

#### 6. Distribution to the Beneficiaries

Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this trust declaration to the contrary, the Trustee shall withdraw from the individual retirement account or other retirement plan payable to the trust, and distribute directly to the beneficiaries named herein, each year, the Minimum Required Distribution for such year based on the oldest beneficiary's life expectancy. After the death

of a beneficiary, the Trustee shall pay income of the trust and such Minimum Required Distribution to the descendants of such deceased or remainder beneficiary, as specified in Article X of this trust declaration.

#### 7. Distribution of More Than the Minimum Distribution

The Trustee is authorized in its sole and absolute discretion, to distribute to the beneficiary and contingent beneficiaries more than the Minimum Required Distribution if deemed necessary and appropriate prior to the mandatory distributions of trust assets provided in Article X of this trust declaration.

,

.

.

(

A CONTRACTOR OF A CONTRACTOR OF A CONTRACTOR OF A CONTRACTOR OF A CONTRACTOR A CONT

P14525

### Article VI

## For So Long As We Both Shall Live

#### Section A. Our Use of Income and Assets

While we are both living, the net income of the trust is to be paid at least monthly to us, or to be used for our benefit. Any unused income will be accumulated and added to the principal assets of this trust.

While we are both living, we shall have the absolute right, either individually or jointly, to add to the trust property at any time.

While we are both living, we shall each have the right to withdraw, use or benefit from all or any part of our own separate property and our respective interests in any community property. However, the surviving spouse will be entitled to the use and benefit of the deceased spouse's interest as provided in this trust declaration.

Either of us, individually, may make gifts of our separate property contributed to the trust or may make gifts of our interests or shares in the trust itself to the extent permitted by law, including our community property interests. Neither of us shall have the power to direct our Trustee to make gifts of any trust principal or income. If any such gift is made directly to a third party, such gift shall be deemed to have first been distributed directly to either or both of us and then distributed as a gift from either or both of us to such third party.

#### Section B. If One or Both of Us Are Disabled

If one or both of us should become disabled, our Trustee shall provide to both of us, and to any person deemed by our Trustee to be dependent on either or both of us, such portions of income and principal from each of our respective interests in separate property and from our respective one-half interests in our community property, as deemed necessary or advisable in its sole discretion, for our health, education, maintenance and support, as well as for the health, education, maintenance and support of any person deemed by our Trustee to be dependent on either or both of us. Our Trustee's discretion may include the payment of insurance premiums pursuant to contracts for insurance owned by one of us or by our trust. Premiums paid on a separate property policy shall be paid out of separate property funds of the owner of that policy.

During any period that one or both of us are disabled, it is the intention of each of us that we be cared for in our residence or in the private residence of another who is dear to us. It is our preference that neither of us be admitted to a convalescent care facility or similar facility unless our condition mandates such placement.

Valid obligations of either of us which are confirmed by our Trustee shall be provided for by our Trustee from such portions of income and principal from each of our separate property accounts and from our respective one-half interests in our community accounts, as deemed necessary or advisable in our Trustee's sole discretion.

If, prior to the disability of either one or both of us, one or both of us were making regular lifetime gifts to our children for purposes of estate tax planning, then our Trustee shall continue such gifting program to our children; provided, however, no such gifts shall be made until our support and obligations have been provided for.

#### Section C. Income Tax Matters

If any interest or share in the trust is irrevocable for so long as one or both of us are living, and if the Trustee of the trust is classified as subordinate or related to either of us, the distribution of trust corpus to the beneficiary of an irrevocable share, to the extent of his or her share or interest alone, will be limited to discretionary distributions necessary or appropriate to provide for the beneficiary's health, education, maintenance and support, and this standard shall be construed and limited according to the requirements of Section 674(b)(5)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### Section D. Residence Homestead

Pursuant to Section 11.13 of the Texas Property Tax Code, a qualifying trust may claim the statutory homestead exemption provided by the said Texas Property Tax Code as well as other provisions of Texas law. In order to comply with the said Texas Property Tax Code provisions, the Founders hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Our residence shall be owned by us through a beneficial interest in this qualifying trust;
- 2. Our residence shall be designed or adapted for human residence;

- 3. Such property shall at all times be used as our residence;
- 4. Such property will be occupied by us as Founders or Trustors of this trust as a result of our beneficial interest in this qualifying trust;
- 5. By separate deed of our residential property, we have conveyed our interest in such real property to this qualifying trust and are therefore qualified as "Trustors" pursuant to the said Code;
- 6. This revocable intervivos trust is a "Qualifying Trust" in that we specifically provide that as Trustors of the trust we have the right to use and occupy as our principal residence the residential property rent free and without charge except for taxes and other costs and expenses which may be specified in this instrument. Such right to use and occupation shall be for life or until the date the trust is revoked or terminated by an instrument that describes the property with sufficient certainty to identify it and is recorded in the real property records of the county in which the property is located; and
- 7. This trust has acquired the property in an instrument of title that
  - a. describes the property with sufficient certainty to identify it and the interest acquired;
  - b. is recorded in the real property records of the county in which the property is located; and
  - c. is executed by one or both of us as Trustors or by our personal representatives.

P14529

# Article VII

# **Upon the Death of One of Us**

#### Section A. Settlement of Affairs

Upon the death of the first Founder to die, our Trustee is authorized, but not directed, to pay the following expenses, claims and liabilities which are attributable to the first Founder to die:

Funeral, burial and expenses of last illness

Statutory or court-ordered allowances for qualifying family members

Expenses of administration of the estate

Legally enforceable claims against the deceased Founder or the deceased Founder's estate

Taxes occasioned by death

Any payment authorized above is discretionary. No claim or right to payment may be enforced against this trust by virtue of such discretionary authority.

#### 1. Deceased Founder's Probate Estate

Payments authorized under this Section shall be paid only to the extent that the probate assets (other than real estate, tangible personal property or property that, in our Trustee's judgment, is not readily marketable) are insufficient to make these payments. However, if our trust holds United States Treasury Bonds which are eligible for redemption at par in payment of the federal estate tax, our Trustee shall redeem such bonds to the extent necessary to pay federal estate tax as a result of a death.

Payments authorized under this Section may be made by our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, either directly to the appropriate persons or institutions or to the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate. If our Trustee makes payments directly to the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate, our Trustee shall not have any duty to see to the application of such payments. Any written statement of the deceased Founder's personal representative regarding material facts relating to these payments may be relied upon by our Trustee.

As an addition to our trust, our Trustee is authorized to purchase and retain in the form received any property which is a part of the deceased Founder's probate estate. In addition, our Trustee may make loans to the deceased Founder's probate estate with or without security. Our Trustee shall not be liable for any loss suffered by our trust as a result of the exercise of the powers granted in this paragraph.

Our Trustee shall be under no obligation to examine the records or accounts of the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate and is authorized to accept distributions from the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate without audit.

#### 2. Exempt Property Excluded

Our Trustee shall not use any property in making any payments pursuant to this Section to the extent that such property is not included in the deceased Founder's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes. However, if our Trustee makes the determination, in its sole and absolute discretion, that other non-exempt property is not available for payments authorized under this Section, it may then use such exempt property where it is not economically prudent to use non-exempt property for the payment of such expenses.

#### **3.** Apportionment of Payments

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this trust declaration, all expenses and claims, and all estate, inheritance and death taxes, excluding any generation-skipping transfer tax, resulting from the death of a Founder shall be paid without apportionment and without reimbursement from any person.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in our trust, no death taxes payable as a result of the death of the first Founder to die shall be allocated to or paid from the Survivor's Trust or from any assets passing to the surviving Founder and qualifying for the federal estate tax marital deduction unless our Trustee has first used all other assets available to our Trustee.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in our trust declaration, estate, inheritance and death taxes assessed with regard to property passing outside
of our trust or outside of our probate estates, but included in the gross estate of a Founder for federal estate tax purposes, shall be chargeable against the persons receiving such property.

### Section B. Division and Distribution of Trust Property

Our Trustee shall divide the remaining trust property into two separate trusts upon the death of the first one of us to die. The resulting trusts shall be known as the Survivor's Trust and the Decedent's Trust.

### 1. Creation of the Survivor's Trust

The Survivor's Trust shall consist of the surviving Founder's interest in the community portion of the trust property, if any, and his or her separate portion of the trust property. In addition, the Survivor's Trust shall be the fractional share of the deceased Founder's trust property as follows:

## a. Numerator of the Fractional Share

The numerator of the fractional share shall be the smallest amount which, if allowed as a marital deduction, would result in the least possible federal estate tax being payable as a result of the deceased Founder's death, after allowing for the unified credit against federal estate tax (after taking into account adjusted taxable gifts, if any) as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, and the credit for state death taxes (but only to the extent that the use of this credit does not require an increase in the state death taxes paid).

The numerator shall be reduced by the value, for federal estate tax purposes, of any interest in property that qualifies for the federal estate tax marital deduction and which passes or has passed from the deceased Founder to the surviving Founder other than under this Article.

#### b. Denominator of the Fractional Share

The denominator of the fractional share shall consist of the value, as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, of all of the deceased Founder's trust property under this agreement.

### 2. Creation of the Decedent's Trust

The Decedent's Trust shall consist of the balance of the trust property.

#### Section C. Valuation of Property Distributed to the Survivor's Trust

Our Trustee shall use those values as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes in making any computation which is necessary to determine the amount distributed to the Survivor's Trust. On the dates of distribution, the fair market value of all of the deceased Founder's property shall in no event be less than the amount of the Survivor's Trust as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes.

#### Section D. Conversion of Nonproductive Property

The surviving Founder shall at any time have the absolute right to compel our Trustee to convert nonproductive property held as an asset of the Survivor's Trust to productive property. Such right exists notwithstanding any contrary term in this agreement. The surviving Founder shall exercise this right by directing our Trustee in writing to convert such property.

#### Section E. Survivor's Right to Refuse Property or Powers Granted

With respect to property passing to the surviving Founder or for the surviving Founder's benefit, any portion of any interest in such property or power may be disclaimed by the surviving Founder within the time and under the conditions permitted by law with regard to disclaimers.

Any interest disclaimed by the surviving Founder with respect to any portion of the Survivor's Trust shall be added to the Decedent's Trust. Any interest disclaimed by the surviving Founder with respect to any portion of the Decedent's Trust shall be disposed of under the appropriate provisions of this agreement as though the surviving Founder had predeceased the first Founder to die.

Any disclaimer exercised must be an irrevocable and unqualified refusal to accept any portion of such interest in the property or power disclaimed. Such disclaimer must be delivered to our Trustee in writing.

## Section F. Allocation of Trust Property

Subject to the conditions of Section B.1 of this Article, our Trustee shall have the complete authority to make allocations of the deceased Founder's trust property between the Survivor's and Decedent's Trusts.

Our Trustee may make allocations in cash or its equivalent, in kind, in undivided interests, or in any proportion thereof between the two trusts. Our Trustee may also, in its sole discretion, allocate such assets in kind based on the date of distribution values, rather than an undivided interest in each and every asset.

Our Trustee shall not allocate any property or assets, or proceeds from such property or assets, to the Survivor's Trust which would not qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction in the deceased Founder's estate.

Our Trustee shall not allocate any policies of life insurance insuring the life of the surviving Founder to the Survivor's Trust that are the sole and separate property of the deceased Founder.

To the extent that there are insufficient assets qualifying for the marital deduction to fully fund this Survivor's Trust, the amount of the funding to the Survivor's Trust shall be reduced accordingly.

Our Trustee shall consider the tax consequences of allocating property subject to foreign death tax, property on which a tax credit is available, or property which is income in respect of a decedent under applicable tax laws prior to allocating the deceased Founder's property to the Survivor's Trust.

### Section G. Distributions from Retirement Plan to the Survivor's Trust

If Retirement Plan distributions are included in the Survivor's Trust, or in any Survivor's Trust Share, our Trustee shall comply with the following guidelines.

## **1.** Form of Distribution

Our Trustee may elect to receive distributions from any pension, profit sharing, individual retirement account, or other retirement plan ("Retirement Plan") for which our Trust, or any subtrust provided for herein, is named as beneficiary, in installments or in a lump sum.

#### 2. Income Requirement

Our Trustee shall elect to receive distributions from a Retirement Plan payable to the Survivor's Trust or any Survivor's Trust Share in compliance with the minimum distribution rules of the Internal Revenue Code if applicable and also so that at least all income earned by the Retirement Plan each calendar year is distributed to the Trust and allocated to trust income during the year. If distributions from the Retirement Plan total less than all income earned by the Retirement Plan for a calendar year, our Trustee shall demand additional distributions equal to at least the shortfall so that the surviving Founder will receive all income earned by the Retirement Plan at least annually. The surviving Founder shall have full power, in such surviving Founder's discretion, to compel our Trustee to demand such distributions and to compel the Retirement Plan Trustee to convert any nonproductive property to productive property.

#### 3. Retirement Plan Expenses

In calculating "all income earned by the Retirement Plan," our Trustee shall allocate all Retirement Plan expenses, including income taxes and Trustee's fees, that are attributable to principal distributions so that all income distributions from the Retirement Plan are not reduced.

P14535

# Article VIII

# Administration of the Survivor's Trust

# Section A. Creation of Two Survivor's Shares

The property passing to the Survivor's Trust shall be divided into two shares. Both shares shall collectively constitute the Survivor's Trust.

## 1. Survivor's Share One

Our Trustee shall allocate all of the surviving Founder's separate portion of the trust property and all of the surviving Founder's community portion of the trust property, if any, to Survivor's Share One.

# 2. Survivor's Share Two

Survivor's Share Two shall consist of the balance, if any, of the property passing to the Survivor's Trust.

If any allocation under this Article results only in the funding of Survivor's Share One, our Trustee shall administer this agreement as if Survivor's Share Two did not exist. The funding of Survivor's Share One, when Survivor's Share Two does not exist, shall be referred to only as the Survivor's Trust and no designation shall be necessary.

Separate accounts shall be maintained for Survivor's Share One and Survivor's Share Two. Our Trustee may, however, hold the separate shares as a common fund for administrative convenience.

# Section B. Administration of Survivor's Share One

Our Trustee shall administer Survivor's Share One for the surviving Founder's benefit as follows:

# 1. The Surviving Founder's Right to Income

Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the surviving Founder's benefit, at least monthly during the surviving Founder's lifetime, all of the net income from Survivor's Share One.

( ) ( (

# 2. The Surviving Founder's Right to Withdraw Principal

Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the surviving Founder's benefit such amounts from the principal of Survivor's Share One as the surviving Founder may at any time request in writing.

No limitation shall be placed on the surviving Founder as to either the amount of or reason for such invasion of principal.

# 3. Principal Distributions in Our Trustee's Discretion

Our Trustee may also distribute to or for the surviving Founder's benefit as much of the principal of Survivor's Share One as our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall consider necessary or advisable for the surviving Founder's education, health, maintenance, and support.

Our Trustee shall take into consideration, to the extent that our Trustee deems advisable, any income or resources of the surviving Founder which are outside of the trust and are known to our Trustee.

# 4. The Surviving Founder's General Power of Appointment

The surviving Founder shall have the unlimited and unrestricted general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, the entire principal and any accrued and undistributed net income of Survivor's Share One as it exists at the surviving Founder's death. In exercising this general power of appointment, the surviving Founder shall specifically refer to this power.

The surviving Founder shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to the surviving Founder the right to appoint property to the surviving Founder's own estate. It also specifically grants to the surviving Founder the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations, or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as the surviving Founder may elect.

## Section C. Administration of Survivor's Share Two

Our Trustee shall administer Survivor's Share Two for the surviving Founder's benefit as follows:

## 1. The Surviving Founder's Right to Income

Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the surviving Founder's benefit, at least monthly during the surviving Founder's lifetime, all of the net income from Survivor's Share Two.

The surviving Founder shall have the unlimited and unrestricted general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, any accrued and undistributed net income of Survivor's Share Two. In exercising this general power of appointment, the surviving Founder shall specifically refer to this power.

The surviving Founder shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to the surviving Founder the right to appoint property to the surviving Founder's own estate. It also specifically grants to the surviving Founder the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations, or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as the surviving Founder may elect.

## 2. Principal Distributions in Our Trustee's Discretion

Our Trustee may also distribute to or for the surviving Founder's benefit as much of the principal of Survivor's Share Two as our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall consider necessary or advisable for the education, health, maintenance, and support of the surviving Founder.

Our Trustee shall take into consideration, to the extent that our Trustee deems advisable, any income or resources of the surviving Founder which are outside of the trust and are known to our Trustee.

It is our desire, to the extent that it is economically prudent, that principal distributions be made from Survivor's Share One until it is exhausted, and only thereafter from the principal of Survivor's Share Two.

# 3. The Surviving Founder's Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment

The surviving Founder shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of our descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of the principal of Survivor's Share Two as it exists at the surviving Founder's death.

The surviving Founder may make distributions among our descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as the surviving Founder shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of the surviving Founder's estate, the creditors of the surviving Founder's estate, or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to the surviving Founder.

## Section D. Administration of Both Survivor's Shares at Surviving Founder's Death

Both Survivor's Share One and Survivor's Share Two shall terminate at the surviving Founder's death. Our Trustee shall administer the unappointed balance or remainder of both shares as follows:

### 1. The Surviving Founder's Final Expenses

Our Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, pay for the following expenses:

Expenses of the last illness, funeral, and burial of the surviving Founder.

Legally enforceable claims against the surviving Founder or the surviving Founder's estate.

Expenses of administering the surviving Founder's estate.

Any inheritance, estate, or other death taxes payable by reason of the surviving Founder's death, together with interest and penalties thereon.

Statutory or court-ordered allowances for qualifying family members.

The payments authorized under this Section are discretionary, and no claims or right to payment by third parties may be enforced against the trust by virtue of such discretionary authority.

Our Trustee shall be indemnified from the trust property for any damages sustained by our Trustee as a result of its exercising, in good faith, the authority granted it under this Section.

It is our desire that, to the extent possible, any payments authorized under this Section be paid from the surviving Founder's probate estate before any payments are made pursuant to this Section.

## 2. Redemption of Treasury Bonds

If the Survivor's Trust holds United States Treasury Bonds eligible for redemption in payment of the federal estate tax, our Trustee shall redeem the bonds to the extent necessary to pay any federal estate tax due by reason of the surviving Founder's death.

## 3. Coordination with the Personal Representative

This Paragraph shall be utilized to help facilitate the coordination between the personal representative of the surviving Founder's probate estate and our Trustee with respect to any property owned by the surviving Founder outside of this trust agreement at the surviving Founder's death.

### a. Authorized Payments

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, may elect to pay the payments authorized under this Section either directly to the appropriate persons or institutions or to the surviving Founder's personal representative.

Our Trustee may rely upon the written statements of the surviving Founder's personal representative as to all material facts relating to these payments; our Trustee shall not have any duty to see to the application of such payments.

#### b. Purchase of Assets and Loans

Our Trustee is authorized to purchase and retain in the form received, as an addition to the trust, any property which is a part of the surviving Founder's probate estate. In addition, our Trustee may make loans, with or without security, to the surviving Founder's probate estate. Our Trustee shall not be liable for any loss suffered by the trust as a result of the exercise of the powers granted in this paragraph.

#### c. Distributions from the Personal Representative

Our Trustee is authorized to accept distributions from the surviving Founder's personal representative without audit and our Trustee shall be under no obligation to examine the records or accounts of the personal representative.

#### 4. Trustee's Authority to Make Tax Elections

Our Trustee may exercise any available elections with regard to state or federal income, inheritance, estate, succession, or gift tax law.

## a. Alternate Valuation Date

The authority granted our Trustee in this Paragraph includes the right to elect any alternate valuation date for federal estate or state estate or inheritance tax purposes.

#### b. Deduction of Administration Expenses

The authority granted our Trustee in this Paragraph shall include the right to elect whether all or any parts of the administration expenses of the surviving Founder's estate are to be used as estate tax deductions or income tax deductions.

No compensating adjustments need be made between income and principal as a result of such elections unless our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine otherwise, or unless required by law.

# c. Taxes and Returns

Our Trustee may also sign tax returns; pay any taxes, interest, or penalties with regard to taxes; and apply for and collect tax refunds and interest thereon.

# Section E. Subsequent Administration of the Survivor's Trust

The unappointed balance or remainder of Survivor's Share One and Survivor's Share Two shall be administered as provided in Article X.

( )

(

P14543

# Article IX

# Administration of the Decedent's Trust

### Section A. Use of Income and Principal

During the lifetime of the surviving Founder, our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the benefit of the surviving Founder all net income and such portions of principal from the Decedent's Trust according to the following guidelines:

1. **NET INCOME** shall be paid in convenient installments, at least monthly.

# 2. **PRINCIPAL**

- a. The surviving Founder shall have the noncumulative right to withdraw in any calendar year amounts not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- b. In addition, on the last day of any calendar year, the surviving Founder may withdraw an amount by which five percent (5%) of the then market value of the principal of the Decedent's Trust exceeds principal amounts previously withdrawn in that year pursuant to Section A.2.a. of this Article.
- c. Our Trustee may also distribute any amount of principal deemed necessary, in our Trustee's sole and absolute discretion, for the health, education, maintenance and support of the surviving Founder and our descendants.

### Section B. Guidelines for All Distributions

At all times, our Trustee shall give primary consideration to the surviving Founder's health, education, maintenance and support, and thereafter to our descendant's health, education, maintenance and support.

If the surviving Founder has the power to remove a Trustee of the Decedent's Trust, our Trustee shall not distribute any of the principal of the Decedent's Trust that would in any manner discharge the surviving Founder's legal obligation to a beneficiary of the Decedent's Trust. If the surviving Founder is disabled, our Trustee shall ignore this restriction during the period of the surviving Founder's disability, and the surviving Founder shall not have the power to remove a Trustee of the Decedent's Trust.

#### Section C. Guidelines for Discretionary Distributions

Before making discretionary distributions of principal from the Decedent's Trust to the surviving Founder, our Trustee shall preferably exhaust the Survivor's Trust.

Before making discretionary distributions pursuant to this Article, our Trustee shall consider income or other resources which are available outside of the Decedent's Trust to any beneficiary. Distributions need not be made to all Decedent's Trust beneficiaries and may be to the complete exclusion of some beneficiaries. Distributions may be made in equal or unequal amounts according to the respective needs of the Decedent's Trust beneficiaries and shall not be charged against a beneficiary's ultimate share of trust property.

### Section D. Termination of the Decedent's Trust

When the surviving Founder dies, the Decedent's Trust shall terminate and our Trustee shall administer the balance of the Decedent's Trust according to the following guidelines and in the following order:

1. The surviving Founder shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint all of the undistributed principal and income of the Decedent's Trust among our descendants only (but only to the extent such undistributed principal and income have not been transferred or assigned to the Decedent's Trust by virtue of a disclaimer executed by the surviving Founder). Any such appointment may be in any proportion and on such terms and conditions as the surviving Founder may elect. The surviving Founder shall not have the right or power to appoint any portion of the Decedent's Trust in favor of the surviving Founder's estate, creditors of the surviving Founder's estate, or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to the surviving Founder. The right to exercise this limited testamentary power of appointment is the sole and exclusive right of the surviving Founder. Our Trustee shall distribute the

ୁକ୍ର

appointed portions of the Decedent's Trust according to such appointment if exercised and specifically referred to either (i) in a valid last will and testament; (ii) in a living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment executed by the surviving Founder.

2. Any unappointed balance of the Decedent's Trust shall be administered as provided in the Articles that follow.

1

P14547

,

(

(

.

# Article X



# Upon the Death of the Survivor of Us

### Section A. Our Beneficiaries

Unless one of us shall otherwise direct in a qualified beneficiary designation as to his or her ownership interest in the trust, all trust property not previously distributed under the terms of our trust shall be divided and distributed in accordance with the terms of this trust declaration and as follows:

| Beneficiary           | Share |
|-----------------------|-------|
| CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS | 1/5   |
| CAROL ANN BRUNSTING   | 1/5   |
| CARL HENRY BRUNSTING  | 1/5   |
| AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART   | 1/5   |
| ANITA KAY RILEY       | 1/5   |

#### Section B. Distribution to our Beneficiaries

1. (a) Distribution of the share of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

The trust share created for CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall be held in trust and administered and distributed as follows:

i. Distributions of Net Income

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS as much of the net income from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS, for her lifetime.

#### ii. Distributions of Principal

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS as much of the principal from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS, for her lifetime.

iii. General Testamentary Power of Appointment

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall have the unlimited and unrestricted testamentary general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' share of the principal and any accrued and undistributed net income from such portion of the Trust assets which is not exempt from federal generation-skipping tax, as they exist at CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' death.

In exercising this general power of appointment, CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall specifically refer to this power.

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS the right to appointment of property to CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' own estate. It also specifically grants to CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS may elect.

However, if under the law in effect at the time of the death of the survivor of us this trust is not subject to generation skipping transfer tax and neither this trust nor distributions from it will be subject to generation skipping transfer tax in the future, this general power of appointment shall terminate and shall be replaced by a limited power of appointment pursuant to the provisions which follow. iv. Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' share of the principal of such portion of the Trust assets which is exempt from federal generation-skipping tax as they exist at CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' death.

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS may make distributions among CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' estate, the creditors of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' estate or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS.

(b) Distribution on the Death of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

If CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, and without exercising a power of appointment outlined above, the trust share set aside for CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

2. (a) Distribution of the share of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING

The trust share created for CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall be held in trust and administered and distributed as follows:

#### i. Distributions of Net Income

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING as much of the net income from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING, for her lifetime.

#### ii. Distributions of Principal

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING as much of the principal from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING, for her lifetime.

#### iii. General Testamentary Power of Appointment

CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall have the unlimited and unrestricted testamentary general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's share of the principal and any accrued and undistributed net income from such portion of the Trust assets which is not exempt from federal generation-skipping tax, as they exist at CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's death.

In exercising this general power of appointment, CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall specifically refer to this power.

CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to CAROL ANN BRUNSTING the right to appointment of property to CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's own estate. It also specifically grants to CAROL ANN BRUNSTING the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as CAROL ANN BRUNSTING may elect. However, if under the law in effect at the time of the death of the survivor of us this trust is not subject to generation skipping transfer tax and neither this trust nor distributions from it will be subject to generation skipping transfer tax in the future, this general power of appointment shall terminate and shall be replaced by a limited power of appointment pursuant to the provisions which follow.

iv. Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment

CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's share of the principal of such portion of the Trust assets which is exempt from federal generationskipping tax as they exist at CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's death.

CAROL ANN BRUNSTING may make distributions among CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's estate, the creditors of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's estate or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to CAROL ANN BRUNSTING.

(b) Distribution on the Death of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING

If CAROL ANN BRUNSTING should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, and without exercising a power of appointment outlined above, the trust share set aside for CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if CAROL ANN BRUNSTING has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our the balance of the trust share to our the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, our trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

The trust share created for CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall be held in trust and administered and distributed as follows:

### i. Distributions of Net Income

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING as much of the net income from his trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING, for his lifetime.

ii. Distributions of Principal

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING as much of the principal from his trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING, for his lifetime.

iii. General Testamentary Power of Appointment

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall have the unlimited and unrestricted testamentary general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's share of the principal and any accrued and undistributed net income from such portion of the Trust assets which is not exempt from federal generation-skipping tax, as they exist at CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's death.

In exercising this general power of appointment, CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall specifically refer to this power.

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to CARL HENRY BRUNSTING the right to appointment of property to

P14553

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's own estate. It also specifically grants to CARL HENRY BRUNSTING the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as CARL HENRY BRUNSTING may elect.

However, if under the law in effect at the time of the death of the survivor of us this trust is not subject to generation skipping transfer tax and neither this trust nor distributions from it will be subject to generation skipping transfer tax in the future, this general power of appointment shall terminate and shall be replaced by a limited power of appointment pursuant to the provisions which follow.

iv. Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's share of the principal of such portion of the Trust assets which is exempt from federal generation-skipping tax as they exist at CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's death.

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING may make distributions among CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's estate, the creditors of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's estate or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to CARL HENRY BRUNSTING.

(b) Distribution on the Death of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING

If CARL HENRY BRUNSTING should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of his trust share, and without exercising a power of appointment outlined above, the trust share set aside for CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if CARL HENRY BRUNSTING has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

## 4. (a) Distribution of the share of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

The trust share created for AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall be held in trust and administered and distributed as follows:

i. Distributions of Net Income

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART as much of the net income from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, for her lifetime.

ii. Distributions of Principal

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART as much of the principal from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, for her lifetime.

iii. General Testamentary Power of Appointment

AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall have the unlimited and unrestricted testamentary general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's share of the principal and any accrued and undistributed net income from such portion of the Trust assets which is not exempt from federal generation-skipping tax, as they exist at AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's death. In exercising this general power of appointment, AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall specifically refer to this power.

AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART the right to appointment of property to AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's own estate. It also specifically grants to AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART may elect.

However, if under the law in effect at the time of the death of the survivor of us this trust is not subject to generation skipping transfer tax and neither this trust nor distributions from it will be subject to generation skipping transfer tax in the future, this general power of appointment shall terminate and shall be replaced by a limited power of appointment pursuant to the provisions which follow.

iv. Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment

AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's share of the principal of such portion of the Trust assets which is exempt from federal generationskipping tax as they exist at AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's death.

AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART may make distributions among AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's estate, the creditors of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's estate or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART.

(b) Distribution on the Death of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, and without exercising a power of appointment outlined above, the trust share set aside for AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, our trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

#### 5. (a) Distribution of the share of ANITA KAY RILEY

The trust share created for ANITA KAY RILEY shall be held in trust and administered and distributed as follows:

i. Distributions of Net Income

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of ANITA KAY RILEY as much of the net income from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of ANITA KAY RILEY, for her lifetime.

ii. Distributions of Principal

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of ANITA KAY RILEY as much of the principal from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of ANITA KAY RILEY, for her lifetime.

iii. General Testamentary Power of Appointment

ANITA KAY RILEY shall have the unlimited and unrestricted testamentary general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last

will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, ANITA KAY RILEY's share of the principal and any accrued and undistributed net income from such portion of the Trust assets which is not exempt from federal generation-skipping tax, as they exist at ANITA KAY RILEY's death.

In exercising this general power of appointment, ANITA KAY RILEY shall specifically refer to this power.

ANITA KAY RILEY shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to ANITA KAY RILEY the right to appointment of property to ANITA KAY RILEY's own estate. It also specifically grants to ANITA KAY RILEY the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as ANITA KAY RILEY may elect.

However, if under the law in effect at the time of the death of the survivor of us this trust is not subject to generation skipping transfer tax and neither this trust nor distributions from it will be subject to generation skipping transfer tax in the future, this general power of appointment shall terminate and shall be replaced by a limited power of appointment pursuant to the provisions which follow.

iv. Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment

ANITA KAY RILEY shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of ANITA KAY RILEY's descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of ANITA KAY RILEY's share of the principal of such portion of the Trust assets which is exempt from federal generation-skipping tax as they exist at ANITA KAY RILEY's death.

ANITA KAY RILEY may make distributions among ANITA KAY RILEY's descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on

÷

such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as ANITA KAY RILEY shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of ANITA KAY RILEY's estate, the creditors of ANITA KAY RILEY's estate or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to ANITA KAY RILEY.

### (b) Distribution on the Death of ANITA KAY RILEY

If ANITA KAY RILEY should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, and without exercising a power of appointment outlined above, the trust share set aside for ANITA KAY RILEY shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if ANITA KAY RILEY has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

#### Section C. Administration of the Share of a Descendant of a Deceased Beneficiary

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions as to the disposition of a trust share upon the death of a beneficiary, each share set aside for a deceased beneficiary who has then living descendants shall be divided into as many shares as shall be necessary to create shares for each then living descendant of such deceased beneficiary on a per stirpes basis. For example, if a deceased beneficiary has a deceased child who leaves children, then the share that would have passed to such deceased child shall be shared equally among his or her living children on 'a per stirpes basis. Each such share shall be held in trust to be administered as follows:

1. Distribution of Trust Income

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of any descendant of a deceased beneficiary as much of the net income from his or her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of such descendant.

#### 2. Distribution of Trust Principal

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of any descendant of a deceased beneficiary as much of the principal from his or her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of such descendant.

When such descendant reaches the age of 30 or if, on the creation of his or her trust share, he or she has already attained the age of 30, thereafter, upon the written request of such descendant delivered to our Trustee, our Trustee shall distribute an amount not greater than fifty percent of the accumulated net income and principal, as it is then constituted, free of trust. If more than one written request for distribution is made by such descendant, our Trustee shall not cumulatively distribute to such descendant, in response to all such requests, more than fifty percent of the accumulated income and principal of the trust as it existed on the date of the first request for a distribution made under this paragraph by such descendant or fifty percent of the total trust funds remaining at the date of any subsequent request, whichever is the lesser amount.

When such descendant reaches the age of 40 or if, on the creation of his or her trust share, he or she has already attained the age of 40, thereafter, upon the written request of such descendant delivered to our Trustee, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the accumulated net income and principal of such trust share, as it is then constituted to such descendant, free of trust. Undistributed funds shall continue to be held in trust.

If a descendant of a deceased beneficiary should die before the complete distribution of such trust share, the trust share shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to the surviving descendants of such descendant, share and share alike, per stirpes. If such descendant of a deceased beneficiary dies with no surviving descendants, then such share shall terminate and be distributed to the remaining descendants of the deceased beneficiary, share and share alike, per stirpes. If there are no descendants of such deceased beneficiary, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the accumulated income and principal of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

Our Trustee shall administer and distribute each such share according to the provisions of Article XI, Section D.

## Section D. Subsequent Children

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article wherein beneficiaries are named, if, subsequent to the creation of this trust declaration, we have additional children or legally adopt children who are under the age of 18, each such child shall be included among the beneficiaries named in this Article and an equal trust share shall be created for each such beneficiary.

Our Trustee shall administer and distribute each such share according to the provisions of Article XI, Section D.

## Section E. Guidelines for Discretionary Distributions

Whenever we have given our Trustee any discretionary authority over the distribution of income or principal to any named beneficiary, our Trustee shall be liberal in exercising such discretion and shall give such beneficiary assistance for any opportunity or expense deemed by our Trustee to be in the best interest of such beneficiary. However, before making discretionary distributions, our Trustee shall take into consideration any additional sources of income and principal available to such beneficiary which exist outside of this agreement and are known to our Trustee, and the future probable needs of such beneficiary.

### Section F. Guidelines for All Distributions

Whenever any provision of this Article authorizes or requires a distribution to any beneficiary, then our Trustee shall retain such distribution in trust at such beneficiary's written request. Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary such amounts of income and principal as the beneficiary may at any time request in writing. No limitations shall be placed upon the beneficiary regarding withdrawals from his or her respective trust share. In addition, our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, may distribute to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary as much of the principal and income of the beneficiary's trust share as our Trustee deems advisable, in its sole and absolute discretion, for the health, education, maintenance and support of the beneficiary.

## Section G. Ultimate Distribution

If at any time there is no person, corporation or other entity entitled to receive all or any part of the trust property of one of us, it shall be distributed as follows: **Beneficiary** 

CENTRAL COLLEGE OF IOWA Pella, Iowa

If the CENTRAL COLLEGE OF IOWA, Pella, Iowa, is no longer in existence at the date of distribution, but has designated a successor, such successor shall receive such beneficiary's share. However, if no such successor has been designated, the share of such beneficiary shall pass one-half to those persons who would be the wife Founder's heirs as if she had died intestate, unmarried, owning such property and the balance shall pass to those persons who would be the husband Founder's heirs as if he had died intestate, unmarried, owning such property.

The distribution of trust property, for purposes of this Section, shall be determined by the laws of descent and distribution for intestate estates in the State of Texas as such laws are in effect at the time of any distribution under this Article.

<u>Share%</u>

.

. . .

(

رنین ( ب P14563

# Article XI

# **Protection of Beneficial Interests**

#### Section A. Protection of the Interests of Our Beneficiaries

No beneficiary will have the power to anticipate, encumber or transfer any interest in the trust. No part of the trust will be liable for or charged with any debts, contracts, liabilities or torts of a beneficiary or subject to seizure or other process by any creditor of a beneficiary.

#### Section B. Unproductive or Underproductive Assets

A beneficiary who is then entitled to the income of the trust, or the income of any other trust established or continued pursuant to this trust declaration, will have the authority to issue a written directive to the Trustee to convert trust property which does not produce an income, or which is underproductive, into property which is income producing or which will provide a greater income to the trust.

Upon actual receipt of an income beneficiary's written directive, the Trustee will reasonably and prudently proceed to convert unproductive or underproductive property into property which will produce a reasonable and safe rate of return. The Trustee may do so by selling the unproductive or underproductive asset upon such terms and conditions as are prudent and reasonable under all circumstances which may then exist (including the acceptance of an income or interest bearing obligation as the whole or a part of the sales price), and investing the proceeds of the sale in income producing instruments or obligations.

Notwithstanding these requirements, a trust beneficiary cannot direct the Trustee to invest or reinvest trust property in a trust investment which is speculative in nature or which, in result, would violate the spendthrift provisions of this trust declaration.

#### Section C. No Contest of Our Trust

 $[1]_{i \in \mathcal{N}}$ 

The Founders vest in the Trustee the authority to construe this trust instrument and to resolve all matters pertaining to disputed issues or controverted claims. Founders do not want to burden this trust with the cost of a litigated proceeding to resolve questions of law or fact unless the proceeding is originated by the Trustee or with the Trustee's written permission.

11-1

Any person, agency or organization who shall originate (or who shall cause to be instituted) a judicial proceeding to construe or contest this trust instrument, or any will which requires distribution of property to this trust, or to resolve any claim or controversy in the nature of reimbursement, or seeking to impress a constructive or resulting trust, or alleging any other theory which, if assumed as true, would enlarge (or originate) a claimant's interest in this trust or in the Founders' estates, without the Trustee's written permission, shall forfeit any amount to which that person, agency or organization is or may be entitled and the interest of any such litigant or contestant shall pass as if he or she or it had predeceased us, regardless of whether or not such contestant is a named beneficiary.

These directions shall apply even though the person, agency or organization shall be found by a court of law to have originated the judicial proceeding in good faith and with probable cause and even though the proceedings may seek nothing more than to construe the application of this no contest provision.

This requirement is to be limited, even to the exclusion thereof, in the event it operates to deny the benefits of the federal estate tax or federal gift tax marital deduction.

## Section D. Our Trustee's Authority to Keep Property in Trust

Unless this trust declaration provides otherwise, if any trust property becomes distributable to a beneficiary when the beneficiary is under 21 years of age, or when the beneficiary is under any form of legal disability, as defined in Article XIII, our Trustee shall retain that beneficiary's share in a separate trust until he or she attains 21 years of age, or until his or her legal disability has ceased, to be administered and distributed as follows:

### 1. Distributions of Trust Income and Principal

Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary as much of the net income and principal of the trust as our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, deems necessary or advisable for the beneficiary's health, education, maintenance and support. No guardian or custodian of a beneficiary shall have any control or interposition over our Trustee.

In making any distributions of income and principal under this Section, our Trustee shall be mindful of, and take into consideration to the extent it deems necessary, any additional sources of income and principal available to the beneficiary which arise outside of this agreement.

Any net income not distributed to a beneficiary shall be accumulated and added to principal.

## 2. Methods of Distribution

Distributions to an incompetent or disabled beneficiary, or a minor beneficiary, may be made in any of the following ways as in the Trustee's opinion will be most beneficial to the interests of the beneficiary:

- (a) Directly to such beneficiary;
- (b) To his or her parent, guardian or legal representative;
- (c) To a custodian for said beneficiary under any Uniform Gifts to Minors Act and/or Gifts of Securities to Minors Act in the jurisdiction of residence of such beneficiary;
- (d) To any person with whom he or she is residing;
- (e) To some near relative or close friend; or
- (f) By the Trustee using such payment directly for the benefit of such beneficiary, including payments made to or for the benefit of any person or persons whom said beneficiary has a legal obligation to support;
- (g) To persons, corporations or other entities for the use and benefit of the beneficiary;
- (h) To an account in a commercial bank or savings institution in the name of the beneficiary, or in a form reserving the title, management and custody of the account to a suitable person, corporation or other entity for the use and benefit of the beneficiary; or
- (i) In any prudent form of annuity purchased for the use and benefit of the beneficiary.

The Trustee may instead, in the Trustee's sole discretion, hold such income or corpus for the account of such beneficiary as custodian. A receipt from a beneficiary or from his parent, guardian, legal representative, relative or close friend or other person described above shall be a sufficient discharge to the Trustee from any liability for making said payments.

100

The Trustee is likewise authorized to consult with and act upon the advice of the parent, guardian, custodian or legal representative of any beneficiary who is either an incompetent or a minor with respect to any and all matters which may arise under this trust and as it concerns the rights or interests of said beneficiary.

All statements, accounts, documents, releases, notices or other written instruments, including but not limited to, written instruments concerning the resignation or replacement of any Trustee or Trustees, required to be delivered to or executed by such beneficiary, may be delivered to or executed by the parent, guardian, custodian or legal representative of said incompetent or minor beneficiary, and when so delivered or executed shall be binding upon said incompetent or minor beneficiary, and shall be of the same force and effect as though delivered to or executed by a beneficiary acting under no legal disability.

### **3.** Termination and Ultimate Distribution

Our Trustee shall distribute the trust property to a beneficiary:

When he or she attains 21 years of age, or

When he or she ceases to be disabled.

### Section E. Application to Founders

Notwithstanding anything in this agreement to the contrary, this Article shall not apply to, modify or affect the surviving Founder's right to receive the net income from the Survivor's Trust as set forth and provided for in this agreement.

# P14567

125
# Article XII

# **Our Trustees' Powers and Authority**

### Section A. Applicability of Texas Trust Code and Other Statutes

The Trustee shall have the powers, duties, and liabilities set forth in this declaration and as more specifically stated in this Article, as well as such powers, duties and liabilities set forth in the Texas Trust Code, and all other applicable state and federal statutes, as now enacted and as hereafter amended, except to the extent the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this declaration, in which case the provisions of this declaration shall govern.

### Section B. Powers to Be Exercised in the Best Interests of the Beneficiaries

The Trustee shall exercise the following administrative and investment powers without the order of any court, as the Trustee determines in its sole and absolute discretion to be in the best interests of the beneficiaries.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this agreement, the Trustee shall not exercise any power in a manner inconsistent with the beneficiaries' right to the beneficial enjoyment of the trust property in accordance with the general principles of the law of trusts.

The Trustee may perform every act reasonably necessary to administer each and every share or trust created under this agreement.

### Section C. General Investment and Management Powers

V(

The Trustee is authorized to invest in such investments as the Trustee deems proper and prudent, even if such investments fail to constitute properly diversified trust investments or for any other reason could be considered to be improper trust investments. The Trustee's investment authority is intended to be quite broad, and shall include, but is not limited to, all authority that follows.

In addition, the Trustee is granted the authority to exercise any managerial powers of an individual with respect to matters affecting a trust, it being our intention to grant broad managerial discretion to the Trustee that is consistent with the management and administration of a trust, including the following managerial authorities.

### Originally Contributed Properties

The Trustee may continue to hold and maintain all assets originally contributed to any trust.

### **Additional Properties**

The Trustee is authorized to receive additional trust property, whether by gift, will, or otherwise, either from us, from either of us, or from any other person, corporation, or entity.

Upon receipt of any additional property, the Trustee shall administer and distribute the same as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may retain, without liability for depreciation or loss resulting from such retention, all property constituting the trust estate at the time of its creation or thereafter received from other sources.

The foregoing shall be acceptable even though such property may not be of the character prescribed by law for the investment of trust funds or may result in inadequate diversification of the trust property.

### Securities Powers

The Trustee may invest and reinvest in such classes of stocks, bonds, securities, commodities, options, metals, or other property real or personal, as it shall determine.

The Trustee is authorized to buy, sell, and trade in securities of any nature, including short sales on margin. The Trustee may maintain and operate margin accounts with brokers, and may pledge any securities held or purchased by other Trustees with such brokers as securities for loans and advances made to the Trustee.

The Trustee may retain, exercise, or sell rights of conversion or subscription with respect to any securities held as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may vote or refrain from voting at corporate meetings either in person or by proxy, whether general or limited, and with or without substitutions.

### **Investment of Cash Assets**

A corporate entity serving as Trustee may deposit trust funds with itself as either a permanent or temporary investment, and may place trust funds under its administration in common trust funds established and maintained by such corporate trustee or its affiliate. In

determining where to invest cash resources, the Trustee may consider all factors, including facility of access and security of funds invested, as well as the stated rate of return.

### Unproductive or Wasting Assets

Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, the Trustee may receive, acquire and maintain assets that may constitute unproductive, underproductive or wasting assets if the Trustee believes it is reasonable to do so. Upon the sale or disposition of any such asset, the Trustee need not make an allocation of any portion of the principal element of such sale proceeds to the income beneficiaries of the trust.

### Personal Residence and Furnishings of Personal Residence

To the extent that the personal residence that we occupied at the date of the death of the first of us to die and any furnishings of such residence become part of a trust estate, the Trustee is authorized to continue to retain and use, to distribute in kind, or to sell any such assets should the Trustee believe the retention, use, distribution or sale of such assets would be beneficial to the survivor of us.

### **Mineral Properties**

The Trustee shall have the power to acquire, exchange, maintain or sell mineral interests, and to make oil, gas and mineral leases covering any lands or mineral interests forming a part of a trust estate, including leases for periods extending beyond the duration of the trust.

The Trustee may pool or unitize any or all of the lands, mineral leaseholds or mineral interests of a trust with others for the purpose of developing and producing oil, gas or other minerals, and may make leases or assignments containing the right to pool or unitize.

The Trustee may enter into contracts and agreements relating to the installation or operation of absorption, repressuring and other processing plants, may drill or contract for the drilling of wells for oil, gas or other minerals, may enter into, renew and extend operating agreements and exploration contracts, may engage in secondary and tertiary recovery operations, may make "bottom hole" or "dry hole" contributions, and may deal otherwise with respect to mineral properties as an individual owner might deal with his own properties.

The Trustee may enter into contracts, conveyances and other agreements or transfers deemed necessary or desirable to carry out these powers, including division orders, oil, gas or other hydrocarbon sales contracts, processing agreements, and other contracts relating to the processing, handling, treating, transporting and marketing of oil, gas or other mineral production.

P14570

Any lease or other agreement may have a duration that the Trustee deems reasonable, even though extending beyond the duration of any trust created in this agreement.

The Trustee may drill, test, explore, mine, develop, and otherwise exploit any and all oil, gas, coal, and other mineral interests, and may select, employ, utilize, or participate in any business form, including partnerships, joint ventures, co-owners' groups, syndicates, and corporations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, exploiting, developing, operating, or disposing of oil, gas, coal, and other mineral interests.

The Trustee may employ the services of consultants or outside specialists in connection with the evaluation, management, acquisition, disposition, or development of any mineral interests, and may pay the cost of such services from the principal or income of the trust property.

The Trustee may use the general assets of the trusts created under this agreement for the purposes of acquiring, holding, managing, developing, pooling, unitizing, repressuring, or disposing of any mineral interests.

The term "mineral" shall mean minerals of whatever kind and wherever located, whether surface or subsurface deposits, including (without limitation) coal, lignite and other hydrocarbons, iron ore, and uranium.

### Power to Enter Into or Continue Business Activities

The Trustee shall have the authority to enter into, engage in, expand, carry on, terminate and liquidate any and all business activities, whether in proprietary, general or limited partnership, joint venture or corporate form, with such persons and entities as the Trustee deems proper. This power pertains to business activities in progress at the date of our deaths, and to business opportunities arising thereafter. Business activities conducted by the Trustee should be related to the administration and investment of the trust estate, for it is not our intention to convert any trust into an entity that would be taxable as an association for federal tax purposes.

### **Banking Authority**

The Trustee is authorized to establish and maintain bank accounts of all types in one or more banking institutions that the Trustee may choose.

### **Corporate Activities**

The Trustee may form, reorganize or dissolve corporations, and may exercise all rights of a stockholder, including the right to vote for or against mergers, consolidations and

liquidations, and to act with or without substitution. An individual serving as Trustee may elect himself as an officer or director of a corporation owned in part or in whole by a trust created by this declaration, and a corporate entity serving as Trustee may elect one of its officers to such a position, and in each such instance the person so elected may be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered to such corporation in such capacity. The Trustee may retain, exercise or sell rights of conversion or subscription to any securities held as part of the trust property.

### **Agricultural Powers**

The Trustee may retain, sell, acquire, and continue any farm or ranching operation whether as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation.

The Trustee may engage in the production, harvesting, and marketing of both farm and ranch products either by operating directly or with management agencies, hired labor, tenants, or sharecroppers.

The Trustee may engage and participate in any government farm program, whether state or federally sponsored.

The Trustee may purchase or rent machinery, equipment, livestock, poultry, feed, and seed.

The Trustee may improve and repair all farm and ranch properties; construct buildings, fences, and drainage facilities; acquire, retain, improve, and dispose of wells, water rights, ditch rights, and priorities of any nature.

The Trustee may, in general, do all things customary or desirable to operate a farm or ranch operation for the benefit of the beneficiaries of the various trusts created under this agreement.

### **Real Estate**

The Trustee may purchase or sell real property, and may exchange, partition, subdivide, develop, manage, and improve real property. The Trustee may grant or acquire easements, may impose deed restrictions, may adjust boundaries, may raze existing improvements, and may dedicate land or rights in land for public use. The Trustee may construct, repair, alter, remodel, demolish or abandon improvements. The Trustee may take any other action reasonably necessary for the preservation of real estate and fixtures comprising a part of the trust property or the income therefrom.

### Authority to Sell or Lease and Other Dispositive Powers

The Trustee may sell, lease or grant options to lease trust property without the consent or ratification of any court, remainderman, or third party, including the authority to lease beyond the anticipated term of a trust, upon such terms and for such consideration as the Trustee deems appropriate. The Trustee may make such contracts, deeds, leases, and other instruments it deems proper under the circumstances, and may deal with the trust property in all other ways in which a natural person could deal with his or her property.

### Warranties and Covenants

The Trustee may convey properties with such covenants and warranties of title (general or special) as the Trustee deems appropriate.

### **Trustee's Compensation**

The Trustee shall pay itself reasonable compensation for its services as fiduciary as provided in this agreement.

### **Employment and Delegation of Authority to Agents**

The Trustee may employ and compensate, and may discharge, such advisors and agents as the Trustee deems proper, and may delegate to an agent such authorities (including discretionary authorities) as the Trustee deems appropriate, by duly executed powers of attorney or otherwise.

### Power to Release or Abandon Property or Rights, and to Pursue Claims

The Trustee may release, compromise or abandon claims or rights to property for such consideration (including no consideration) as the Trustee determines to be appropriate when the Trustee determines it is prudent to do so. The Trustee is authorized to institute suit on behalf of and to defend suits brought against a trust estate, and to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosure.

#### Nominal Title and Use of Nominees

With or without disclosing fiduciary capacity, the Trustee may acquire title to property in the name of the Trustee or in the name of one or more nominees, and may allow its nominees to take possession of trust assets with or without direct custodial supervision by the Trustee.



### Power to Lend Money and Guarantee Obligations

((

The Trustee may lend money to any person, to any business entity, to an estate, or to any trust, if the Trustee deems the loan to be in the best interests of the trust beneficiaries, provided that any such loan (except loans to beneficiaries) shall be adequately secured and shall bear a reasonable rate of interest.

The Trustee, in the Trustee's discretion, may endorse, guarantee, become the surety of or otherwise become obligated for or with respect to the debts or other obligations of any person or legal entity, whether with or without consideration, when the Trustee believes such actions advance the purposes of any trust created hereunder.

The Trustee may make loans from a beneficiary's trust share to or for the benefit of such a beneficiary on an unsecured basis, and for such rate of interest as the Trustee deems appropriate, when in the Trustee's judgment, such loan would be consistent with the purposes of such trust.

### Power to Borrow

The Trustee may assume the payment of and renew and extend any indebtedness previously created by either or both Founders, and the Trustee may create new indebtedness and raise money by any means, including margin trading in securities, when the Trustee believes such borrowing will be beneficial to the trust estate.

The Trustee is authorized to secure the payment of each such indebtedness, and all renewals, extensions and refinancing of same, by pledge, mortgage, deed of trust or other encumbrance covering and binding all or any part of the trust estate of a trust.

The Trustee may loan its own monies to a trust and may charge and recover the then usual and customary rate of interest thereon when, in the discretion of Trustee, it is prudent to do so.

### Payment of Indebtedness and Settlement Costs

The Trustee may in its sole discretion pay the funeral and burial expenses, expenses of the last illness, and valid claims and expenses of an income beneficiary of any trust created under this agreement.

Funeral and burial expenses shall include, but not be limited to, the cost of memorials of all types and memorial services of such kind as the Trustee shall approve. Valid claims and expenses shall include, but not be limited to, all state and federal death taxes.

The payments shall be paid from the assets of the trust or trusts from which the beneficiary was receiving income.

### Transactions Between the Trustee and Our Personal Representatives

The Trustee is authorized to accept from our personal representatives, upon the termination or during the administration of our respective probate estates, if any, assets delivered by our personal representatives to the Trustee on the basis of the accounting submitted by the personal representatives, without requiring an audit or other independent accounting of the acts of our personal representatives, and the Trustee shall not have liability for the acts or omissions of our personal representatives. The foregoing shall not limit the right of our Trustee to request an accounting from our personal representatives and our personal representatives shall, upon request from the Trustee, furnish a complete accounting for their actions.

The Trustee shall have the power to purchase property from our estates at its fair market value, as determined by our personal representatives and by our Trustee, and to the extent required to permit such purchase of assets and to permit loans from the Trustee to our estate, we specifically waive application of the provisions of Section 352 of the Texas Probate Code and Sections 113.053 and 113.054 of the Texas Trust Code.

### **Commingling Trust Estates**

For the purpose of convenience with regard to the administration and investment of the trust property, the Trustee may hold the several trusts created under this agreement as a common fund.

The Trustee may make joint investments with respect to the funds comprising the trust property.

The Trustee may enter into any transaction authorized by this Article with fiduciaries of other trusts or estates in which any beneficiary hereunder has an interest, even though such fiduciaries are also Trustees under this agreement.

### Addition of Accumulated Income to Principal

The Trustee shall, on a convenient periodic basis, add the accumulated undistributed income of any trust which does not provide for mandatory income distributions to specified beneficiaries, and which does not require that any undistributed income be maintained separately for ultimate distribution to specified beneficiaries, to the principal of such trust.

### **Distributions Not Treated as Advancements**

No distributions to a beneficiary of any trust created hereunder shall be treated as an advancement against the beneficiary's share of such trust unless the distribution is specially so treated on the Trustee's records at the time of the distribution or unless the Trustee gives notice of such fact to the beneficiary at the time of the distribution. If the Trustee has the discretion to make distributions from a trust to more than one beneficiary, the Trustee ordinarily should not treat distributions to any particular beneficiary as an advancement of that beneficiary's share of the trust unless an event has occurred causing the termination of such trust.

### **Tax Elections**

The Trustee may exercise any available elections regarding state or federal income, inheritance, estate, succession or gift tax law including the right to elect any alternate valuation date for federal estate or inheritance tax purposes, the right to elect whether all or any parts of the administration of a deceased Founder's estate are to be used as estate tax deductions or income tax deductions, the right to make compensating adjustments between income and principal as a result of such elections if necessary, and the right to elect to have trust property qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction as qualified terminable interest property under the appropriate provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations. The Trustee may also sign tax returns; pay any taxes, interest or penalties with regard to taxes; apply for and collect tax refunds thereon.

The Trustee is authorized to make elections available under applicable tax laws as the Trustee determines, in its discretion, to be advisable even though such elections may affect the interests of trust beneficiaries. The Trustee need not, but may, in its sole discretion, make equitable adjustments of the interests of the trust beneficiaries in light of the effect of such elections.

### Transactions in Which the Trustee Has A Direct or Indirect Interest

We expressly waive prohibitions existing under the common law and the Texas Trust Code that might otherwise prohibit a person or entity who is serving as a Trustee from engaging in transactions with himself or itself personally, so long as the consideration exchanged in any such transaction is fair and reasonable to the trust created by this declaration. Specifically, we authorize the Trustee (a) to buy or sell trust property from or to an individual or entity serving as a Trustee, or from or to a relative, employee, business associate or affiliate of such individual serving as Trustee; (b) to sell or exchange and to transact other business activities involving properties of one trust with another trust under the control of the Trustee; and (c) to sell or purchase from a trust the stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of the Trustee or its affiliate.

Notwithstanding the general powers conferred upon the Trustee, or anything to the contrary contained in this agreement, no individual Trustee shall exercise or participate in the exercise of discretion with respect to the distribution of trust income or principal to or for the benefit of such Trustee.

No individual Trustee shall exercise or participate in the exercise of such discretionary power with respect to distributions to any person or persons such Trustee is legally obligated to support as to that support obligation.

### Section D. Apportionment of Receipts and Expenses Between Income and Principal

The Trustee shall have the power, exercisable in such Trustee's reasonable and sole discretion, to determine what is principal or income of a trust or trust share. The Trustee shall pay from income or principal all of the reasonable expenses attributable to the administration of the respective trusts created in this agreement. The Trustee shall have the power to establish a reasonable reserve for depreciation or depletion and to fund the same by appropriate charges against income of the trust estate. For purposes of determining an appropriate reserve for depreciable or depletable assets, the Trustee may (but need not) adopt the depreciation or depletion allowance available for federal income tax purposes.

### Section E. Records, Books of Account and Reports

The Trustee shall promptly set up and thereafter maintain, or cause to be set up and maintained, proper books of account which shall accurately reflect the true financial condition of the trust estate. Such books of account shall at all reasonable times be open for inspection or audit only by current, mandatory income beneficiaries, their parent or court appointed guardians, and the duly authorized agents, attorneys, representatives and auditors of each, at the expense of the beneficiary making such inspection or audit.

The Trustee shall make a written financial report, at least semi-annually, to each beneficiary of the trust who is entitled to receive a present, mandatory income distribution, unless such beneficiary, or such beneficiary's parent or legal guardian, has executed a written waiver of the right to receive such a report. The Trustee shall not be obligated to provide financial reports to a beneficiary who is less than eighteen years old if such reports are being provided to a parent of such beneficiary. Such reports shall be submitted to the parent or guardian of a minor beneficiary, or to the guardian or other legal representative of any incapacitated beneficiary.

**1**70

The first financial report shall identify all property initially received by the Trustee. The first report and each subsequent report shall include a statement of all property on hand at the end of such accounting period, of all property that has come to the knowledge or possession of the Trustee that has not been previously listed as property of the trust, of all known liabilities, of all receipts and disbursements during such period (including a statement as to whether the receipt or disbursement is of income or principal), and of such other facts as the Trustee deems necessary to furnish in order to provide adequate information as to the condition of the trust estate.

Except as otherwise provided in this declaration, should any person interested in a trust estate request an accounting for the Trustee's actions that is more extensive or more frequent than the accounting normally to be rendered, the Trustee may require such person to pay the additional costs incurred in preparing the same before complying with such request.

### Section F. Trustee's Liability

No person or entity serving as Trustee without compensation shall be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of fact or law or for ordinary negligence, but shall be liable for acts involving willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith.

Unless otherwise provided, no person or entity serving as Trustee who is receiving compensation for his or its services hereunder shall be liable for any loss which may occur as a result of any actions taken or not taken by the Trustee if such person or entity has exercised the reasonable care, skill and prudence generally exercised by a compensated fiduciary with respect to the administration, investment, and management of similar estates.

No person or entity serving as Trustee shall be liable for the acts, omissions or defaults of any other person or entity serving as Trustee, agent or other person to whom duties may be properly delegated hereunder (except that each corporate trustee shall be liable for the acts, omissions and defaults of its officers and regular employees) if such agent or other person was engaged with reasonable care.

Unless a Trustee shall expressly contract and bind himself or itself individually, no Trustee shall incur any personal liability to any person or legal entity dealing with the Trustee in the administration of a trust. The Trustee shall be entitled to reimbursement from the properties of a trust for any liability or expense, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, incurred by the Trustee in the proper administration of a trust.

The Trustee shall be indemnified from the trust property for any damages sustained by the Trustee as a result of its exercising, in good faith, any of the authorities granted it under this trust declaration.

### Section G. Duty of Third Parties Dealing with Trustee

No person dealing with the Trustee shall be responsible for the application of any assets delivered to the Trustee, and the receipt of the Trustee shall be a full discharge to the extent of the property delivered. No purchaser from or other person dealing with the Trustee, and no issuer or transfer agent of any securities to which any dealing with the Trustee shall relate, shall be under any duty to ascertain the power of the Trustee to purchase, sell, exchange, transfer, encumber or otherwise in any manner deal with any property held by the Trustee. No person dealing with the Trustee in good faith shall be under any duty to see that the terms of a trust are complied with or to inquire into the validity or propriety of any act of the Trustee.

### Section H. Division and Distribution of Trust Estate

When the Trustee is required to divide or make distribution from a trust estate, in whole or in part, such division or distribution may be made by the Trustee in cash or in kind, or partly in cash and partly in kind, and the Trustee may assign or apportion to the distributees undivided interests in any assets then constituting a part of such trust estate. The Trustee may encumber property, may sell property, and may make non-pro-rata distributions when the Trustee believes it is practical or desirable and equitable to do so in order to effectuate a trust distribution regardless of the income tax basis of any asset.

If non-pro-rata distributions are to be made, the Trustee should attempt to allocate the tax basis of the assets distributed in an equitable manner among the beneficiaries of the trust, but the Trustee may at all times rely upon the written agreement of the trust beneficiaries as to the apportionment of assets. To the extent non-pro-rata distributions are made and the tax basis of the assets so distributed is not uniformly apportioned among beneficiaries, the Trustee may, but need not, make any equitable adjustments among such beneficiaries as a result of such nonuniformity in basis.

### Section I. Life Insurance

The Trustee shall have the powers with regard to life insurance as set forth in this Section I, except as otherwise provided in this agreement.

The Trustee may purchase, accept, hold, and deal with as owner, policies of insurance on both Founders' individual or joint lives, the life of any trust beneficiary, or on the life of any person in whom any trust beneficiary has an insurable interest.

12-12

The Trustee shall have the power to execute or cancel any automatic premium loan agreement with respect to any policy, and shall have the power to elect or cancel any automatic premium loan provision in a life insurance policy.

The Trustee may borrow money with which to pay premiums due on any policy either from the company issuing the policy or from any other source and may assign any such policy as security for the loan.

The Trustee shall have the power to exercise any option contained in a policy with regard to any dividend or share of surplus apportioned to the policy, to reduce the amount of a policy or convert or exchange the policy, or to surrender a policy at any time for its cash value.

The Trustee may elect any paid-up insurance or any extended-term insurance nonforfeiture option contained in a policy.

The Trustee shall have the power to sell policies at their fair market value to the insured or to anyone having an insurable interest in the policies.

The Trustee shall have the right to exercise any other right, option, or benefit contained in a policy or permitted by the insurance company issuing that policy.

Upon termination of any trust created under this agreement, the Trustee shall have the power to transfer and assign the policies held by the trust as a distribution of trust property.

### Section J. Insured Trustee's Authority

100

Any individual Trustee under this agreement, other than either Founder, is prohibited from exercising any power conferred on the owner of any policy which insures the life of such individual Trustee and which is held as part of the trust property.

If the Trustee holds any such policy or policies as a part of the trust property, the powers conferred on the owner of such a policy shall be exercised only by the other then acting Trustee.

If the insured Trustee is the only then acting Trustee, then such powers shall be exercised by a substitute Trustee designated pursuant to the provisions of this agreement dealing with the trusteeship.

If any rule of law or court decision construes the ability of the insured Trustee to name a substitute Trustee as an incident of ownership, the substitution process shall be implemented

by a majority of the then current mandatory and discretionary income beneficiaries, excluding the insured Trustee if the insured Trustee is a beneficiary.

### Section K. Estimated Income Tax Payment Allocation

The Trustee, in its sole discretion, may elect or not elect to treat all or any portion of federal estimated taxes paid by any trust to be treated as a payment made by any one or more beneficiaries of such trust who are entitled to receive current distributions of income or principal from such trust. The election need not be made in a pro rata manner among all beneficiaries of the trust.

If there is an individual serving as a co-trustee who is a beneficiary of a trust created by this declaration, that individual may not take part in any decision to treat any trust estimated income tax payment as a payment by such individual.

In exercising or choosing not to exercise the discretion granted in this paragraph, the Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary or to any other persons directly or indirectly for any action or inaction so taken except for its willful fraud or gross negligence.

### Section L. Merger of Trusts

If at any time the Trustee determines it would be in the best interest of the beneficiary or beneficiaries of any trust created by this declaration to transfer or merge all of the assets held in such trust with any other trust created either by trust instrument or by will for the benefit of the same beneficiary or beneficiaries and under substantially similar trusts, terms and conditions, the Trustee under this declaration, after giving not less than thirty days advance written notice to its beneficiaries, is authorized to transfer to or merge all of the assets held under the trust created by this declaration to such other substantially similar trust, and to terminate the trust created under this declaration regardless of whether the Trustee under this declaration also is acting as the trustee of such other trust.

The Trustee under this declaration shall not be subject to liability for delegation of its duties for any such transfer to a substantially similar trust having a different person or entity serving as trustee, and shall have no further liability with respect to trust assets properly delivered to the trustee of any such other substantially similar trust. Similarly, the Trustee of any trust created by this declaration is authorized to receive from the trustee of any other substantially similar trust.

### Section M. Termination and Distribution of Small Trust

If, in the discretionary judgment of the person(s) or entity serving as Trustee, other than a surviving Founder acting as Trustee, any trust shall at any time be a size which, in the Trustee's sole judgment, shall make it inadvisable or unnecessary to continue such trust, then the Trustee may distribute the trust estate of such trust to its beneficiaries in proportion to their respective presumptive interests in such trust at the time of such termination.

If either or both of us are a beneficiary of a trust terminated pursuant to this paragraph and are surviving at the date of such termination, the Trustee (other than a surviving Founder acting as Trustee) shall distribute the assets of such terminated trust to both of us or the survivor of us. The Trustee shall not be liable either for terminating or for refusing to terminate a trust as authorized by this paragraph.

### Section N. Elimination of Duty to Create Identical Trusts

If the provisions of this trust direct the Trustee to hold any portion of its trust estate at its termination as the trust estate of a new trust for the benefit of any person or persons who already are beneficiaries of an existing identical trust, that portion of the terminating trust shall be added to the existing identical trust, and no new trust shall be created.

### Section O. Powers of Trustee Subsequent to an Event of Termination

The Trustee shall have a reasonable period of time after the occurrence of an event of termination in which to wind up the administration of a trust and to make a distribution of its assets. During this period of time the Trustee shall continue to have and shall exercise all powers granted herein to the Trustee or conferred upon the Trustee by law until all provisions of this declaration are fully executed.

### Section P. Requesting Financial Information of Trust Beneficiaries

In exercising its discretion to make any discretionary distributions to the beneficiaries of any trust created hereunder, the Trustee is authorized to request any financial information, including prior federal income tax returns, from the respective beneficiaries that the Trustee deems necessary in order to exercise its discretion in accordance with the provisions for making such distributions under this declaration.

### Section Q. Retirement Plan Elections

Except as otherwise provided in this trust declaration, the Trustee may receive or disclaim any and all proceeds from retirement plans, including, but not limited to, qualified pension, profit sharing, Keogh, individual retirement accounts, or any other form or type of plan. The Trustee may make such elections and exercise options as provided in such plan, without liability to any beneficiary for the election made or option elected. Any disclaimed proceeds or benefits shall be paid in accordance with the terms, conditions, and directives set forth in the subject plan.

### Section R. Qualification as a Qualified Subchapter S Trust

If any stock of an S corporation becomes distributable to a trust created under this agreement, and such trust is not a qualified Subchapter S trust, the Trustee may implement any of the following alternatives with respect to the S corporation stock:

### 1. A Sole Beneficiary

Where the original trust is for a sole beneficiary, the Trustee may create for that beneficiary a separate trust that qualifies as a Subchapter S trust, and then distribute such stock to the newly created trust.

### 2. Multiple Beneficiaries

Where the original trust is for multiple beneficiaries, the Trustee may divide the trust into separate trusts for each of the beneficiaries. Each newly created trust shall hold that beneficiary's pro rata share of the S corporation stock, and shall qualify as a Subchapter S trust.

### 3. Outright Distribution

If circumstances prevent the Trustee from accomplishing the first two alternatives under this paragraph, the Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, distribute such stock to the beneficiaries as if the trust had terminated, while continuing to hold any other non-S corporation property in trust.

Each newly created S corporation trust shall have mandatory distributions of income and shall not provide for powers of appointment that can be exercised by the beneficiary during the beneficiary's lifetime. In all other respects, the

newly created trusts shall be as consistent as possible with the original trusts and still qualify as Subchapter S trusts.

(

The Trustee may take any action necessary with regard to S corporations, including making any elections required to qualify stock as S corporation stock, and may sign all required tax returns and forms.

P14585

·

ł

ł

ł

ł

ł

ł

ł

ł

ł

ł

ł

ł

1

ł

No.

•

# Article XIII

# Definitions

For purposes of this trust declaration, the following words and phrases shall be defined as follows:

- 1. <u>Adopted and Afterborn Persons</u>. Persons who are legally adopted while they are under 18 years of age shall be treated for all purposes under this agreement as though they were the naturally born children of their adopting parents.
  - A child in gestation who is later born alive shall be considered a child in being throughout the period of gestation.
- 2. <u>Descendants</u>. The term "descendants" means the lawful lineal blood descendants of the person or persons to whom reference is made. A descendant in gestation who is later born alive shall be considered a descendant in being throughout the period of gestation. An adopted person, and all persons who are the descendants by blood or by legal adoption while under the age of 18 years of such adopted person, shall be considered descendants of the adopting parents as well as the adopting parents' ancestors.
- 3. <u>Education</u>. As used in this trust, "education" shall include:

Any course of study or instruction at an accredited college or university granting undergraduate or graduate degrees.

Any course of study or instruction at any institution for specialized, vocational or professional training.

Any curriculum offered by any institution that is recognized for purposes of receiving financial assistance from any state or federal agency or program.

Any course of study or instruction which may be useful in preparing a beneficiary for any vocation consistent with the beneficiary's abilities and interests.

Distributions for education may include tuition, fees, books, supplies, living expenses, travel and spending money to the extent that they are reasonable.

- 4. <u>Founders</u>. The term "Founders" means the "grantors", "trustors", "settlors" or any other name given to the makers of this trust either by law or by popular usage.
- 5. <u>Heirs at Law</u>. Whenever a Trustee, or a legal advisor to the Trustee, is called upon to determine the heirs at law of the Founders, or any other person beneficially interested in this trust, the determination will be made to identify those individuals, other than creditors, who would receive the personal property of a decedent upon his or her death as determined in accordance with the laws of intestate succession of the State of Texas, United States of America, and further determined as if the Founders of this trust had predeceased the person or persons so named or described.
- 6. <u>Incompetence or Disability</u>. A Founder, Trustee or beneficiary will be considered "incompetent", "disabled" or "legally incapacitated" if he or she is incapacitated to an extent which makes it impossible or impractical for him or her to give prompt and intelligent consideration to their property or financial matters.

The Trustee may rely on a judicial declaration of incompetency by a court of competent jurisdiction, or the Trustee may rely upon the written opinion of two licensed physicians as to the disability of any Founder, Trustee or beneficiary and may utilize such written opinion as conclusive evidence of such incompetence or disability in any dealings with third parties.

In addition, if a guardian, conservator or other personal representative of a Founder, Trustee or beneficiary has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such Founder, Trustee or beneficiary will be considered incompetent or disabled.

- 7. <u>Minor and Adult Beneficiary</u>. The term "minor beneficiary" identifies a beneficiary who is less than 21 years of age. The term "adult beneficiary" identifies a beneficiary who is 21 years of age or older.
- 8. <u>Per Stirpes Distributions</u>. Whenever a distribution is to be made to a person's descendants, per stirpes, the distributable assets are to be divided into as many shares as there are then living children of such person and deceased children of such person who left then living descendants. Each then living child shall receive one share and the share of each deceased child shall be divided among such child's then living descendants in the same manner.
- 9. <u>Personal Representative</u>. For the purposes of this agreement, the term "personal representative" shall include an executor, administrator, guardian, custodian, conservator, Trustee or any other form of personal representative.

10. <u>Power of Appointment or Qualified Beneficiary Designation</u>. Whenever this trust declaration gives a trust beneficiary the power or authority to appoint a beneficiary of the trust, the designation must be in writing and be acknowledged in the form required of acknowledgements by Texas law or exercised by a will executed with the formalities required by law of the trust beneficiary's residence.

The designation must clearly evidence the intent of the trust beneficiary to exercise a power of appointment; and, the written beneficiary designation must have been delivered to the Trustee prior to the trust beneficiary's death or, if exercised by will, must subsequently be admitted to probate no matter the time interval.

The term of this trust may be extended if the qualified beneficiary designation requires that a beneficiary's interest remain in trust, or the trust may be divided and be held as a separate trust which is governed by the terms of this trust declaration.

- 11. <u>Relative or Relatives</u>. Reference to a "relative" or "relatives" will identify any person or persons related to the Founders by blood or lawful adoption in any degree.
- 12. <u>Trust</u>. "Trust" means the trust created by this trust declaration as well as any trusts created in it.
- 13. <u>Trust Fund</u>. The terms "trust fund", "trust property" or "trust assets" mean all property comprising: the initial contribution of corpus to the trust; all property paid or transferred to, or otherwise vested in, the Trustee as additions to the corpus of this trust; accumulated income, if any, whether or not added to the corpus of this trust; and, the investments and reinvestment of the trust property, including the increase and decrease in the values thereof as determined from time to time. The terms "corpus", "principal" and "assets" are used interchangeably.
- 14. <u>Trustee</u>. All references to "Trustee" shall refer to the original Trustees, if serving in such capacity, as well as our successor Trustees who are then serving in such capacity, under this trust declaration. For convenience, the term "Trustee", used in the singular, will mean and identify multiple Trustees serving and acting pursuant to the directions of this trust declaration. The term "corporate Trustee" will identify a banking or trust corporation with trust powers.

P14589

()

.

# Article XIV

# **Miscellaneous Matters**

### Section A. Distribution of Personal Belongings by Memorandum

Each of us may have certain items of tangible personal property which have been transferred to the trust or otherwise subject to the Trustee's control which we wish to give to particular individuals while we are living or at the time of our respective deaths.

The term "personal belongings" or "tangible personal property" will mean and identify personal wearing apparel, jewelry, household furnishings and equipment, books, albums, art work, entertainment and sports equipment and all items of decoration or adornment.

Each spouse may, at any time and from time to time, deliver to the Trustee written, signed and dated instructions as to any living or post-mortem gifts of his or her personal belongings and the Trustee shall be authorized and bound to make disposition of these items as a spouse has reasonably directed in any such instructions which may be in the form of a Memorandum of Distribution or a love letter from either of us to the intended recipients of such items.

If there are conflicting instructions at the time of our deaths, then the instructions bearing the latest date shall be controlling. All such instructions are hereby incorporated by reference into this declaration.

### Section B. Special Bequests

Unless otherwise provided in this trust document, or in any amendment, or in a document exercising a power to appoint the beneficiaries of this trust, if property given as a special bequest or gift is subject to a mortgage or other security interest, the designated recipient of the property will take the asset subject to the obligation and the recipient's assumption of the indebtedness upon distribution of the asset to the recipient.

The obligation to be assumed shall be the principal balance of the indebtedness on the date of death, and the trust shall be entitled to reimbursement or offset for principal and interest payments paid by the trust to date of distribution.

### Section C. The Rule Against Perpetuities

In no event will the term of this trust continue for a term greater than 21 years after the death of the last survivor of the Founders and all relatives of the Founders living on the effective date of this trust declaration.

Any continuation of the trust by the qualified exercise of a power of appointment will be construed as the creation of a separate trust and an extension of the rule against perpetuities to the extent permitted by law. A court of competent jurisdiction is to liberally construe and apply this provision to validate an interest consistent with the Founders' intent and may reform or construe an interest according to the doctrine of cy pres.

### Section D. Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of this trust will be the State of Texas. Any issue of law or fact pertaining to the creation, continuation, administration and termination of the trust, or any other matter incident to this trust, is to be determined with reference to the specific directions in the trust declaration and then under the laws of the State of Texas.

If an Article or Section of this trust declaration is in conflict with a prohibition of state law or federal law, the Article or Section, or the trust declaration as a whole, is to be construed in a manner which will cause it to be in compliance with state and federal law and in a manner which will result in the least amount of taxes and estate settlement costs.

### Section E. Dissolution of Our Marriage

If our marriage is dissolved at any time, each spouse shall be deemed to have predeceased the other for purposes of distributions under this agreement. It is our intent that our respective property held in our trust shall not be used for the benefit of the other spouse upon the dissolution of our marriage.

### Section F. Maintaining Property in Trust

If, on the termination of any separate trust created under this agreement, a final distribution is to be made to a beneficiary for whom our Trustee holds a trust created under this agreement, such distribution shall be added to such trust rather than being distributed.

The property that is added to the trust shall be treated for purposes of administration as though it had been an original part of the trust.

3

### Section G. Survival

Except as otherwise provided in this trust declaration, for the purpose of vesting in the event two or more persons who have an interest in the trust die within a short time of one another, one must have survived the other for a period of at least 90 days as a condition to vesting.

### Section H. Simultaneous Death

In the event that the Co-Founders shall die simultaneously, or if there is insufficient evidence to establish that Co-Founders died other than simultaneously, it is deemed that the spouse owning the greater share of the separate property in this trust or passing into this trust due to the death of the Co-Founders, as defined for federal estate tax purposes, shall have predeceased the other Co-Founder, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and the provisions of this trust shall be construed on such assumption.

### Section I. Changing the Trust Situs

After the death or disability of one of us, the situs of this agreement may be changed by the unanimous consent of all of the beneficiaries then eligible to receive mandatory or discretionary distributions of net income under this agreement.

If such consent is obtained, the beneficiaries shall notify our Trustee in writing of such change of trust situs, and shall, if necessary, designate a successor corporate fiduciary in the new situs. This notice shall constitute removal of the current Trustee, if appropriate, and any successor corporate Trustee shall assume its duties as provided under this agreement.

A change in situs under this Section shall be final and binding, and shall not be subject to judicial review.

### Section J. Construction

Unless the context requires otherwise, words denoting the singular may be construed as denoting the plural, and words of the plural may be construed as denoting the singular. Words of one gender may be construed as denoting another gender as is appropriate within such context.

### Section K. Headings of Articles, Sections and Paragraphs

The headings of Articles, Sections and Paragraphs used within this agreement are included solely for the convenience and reference of the reader. They shall have no significance in the interpretation or construction of this agreement.

### Section L. Notices

All notices required to be given in this agreement shall be made in writing by either:

Personally delivering notice to the party requiring it, and securing a written receipt, or

Mailing notice by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the party requiring notice.

The effective date of the notice shall be the date of the written receipt or the date of the return receipt, if received, or if not, the date it would have normally been received via certified mail, provided there is evidence of mailing.

### Section M. Delivery

For purposes of this agreement "delivery" shall mean:

Personal delivery to any party, or

Delivery by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, to the party making delivery.

The effective date of delivery shall be the date of personal delivery or the date of the return receipt, if received, or if not, the date it would have normally been received via certified mail, provided there is evidence of mailing.

### Section N. Duplicate Originals

This agreement may be executed in several counterparts; each counterpart shall be considered a duplicate original agreement.

### Section O. Severability

If any provision of this agreement is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this agreement. The remaining provisions shall be fully severable, and this agreement shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid provision had never been included in this agreement.

### Section P. Gender, Plural Usage

The use of personal pronouns, such as he, she or it are to be construed in context. The term "person" will include a non-person, such as a corporation, trust, partnership or other entity

as is appropriate in context. The identification of person in the plural will include the singular and vice versa, as is appropriate in context.

### Section Q. Special Election for Qualified Terminable Interest Property

For the purpose of identifying the "transferor" in allocating a GST exemption, the estate of a deceased spouse, or the Trustee of this trust, may elect to treat all of the property which passes in trust to a surviving spouse for which a marital deduction is allowed, by reason of Section 2056(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, as if the election to be treated as qualified terminable interest property had not been made.

Reference to the "special election for qualified terminable interest property" will mean and identify the election provided by Section 2652(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The term "GST exemption" or "GST exemption amount" is the dollar amount of property which may pass as generation skipping transfer under Subtitle B, Chapter 13, of the Internal Revenue Code 1986 (entitled "Tax On Generation-Skipping Transfers") which is exempt from the generation skipping tax.

### Section R. Generation Skipping Transfers

11

Our Trustee, in the Trustee's sole discretion, may allocate or assist either Founders' personal representatives or trustees in the allocation of any remaining portion of either Founder's GST exemptions to any property as to which such Founder is the transferor, including any property transferred by such Founder during life as to which such Founder did not make an allocation prior to his or her death and/or among any generation skipping transfers (as defined in Section 2611 of the Internal Revenue Code) resulting under this trust declaration and/or that may later occur with respect to any trust established under this trust declaration, and the Trustee shall never be liable to any person by reason of such allocation, if it is made in good faith and without gross negligence. The Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, set apart, to constitute two separate trusts, any property which would otherwise have been allocated to any trust created hereunder and which would have had an inclusion ratio, as defined in Section 2642(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, of neither one hundred percent nor zero so that one such trust has an inclusion ratio of one hundred percent and the other such trust has an inclusion ratio of zero. If either Founder's personal representative or trustee and/or the Trustee exercises the special election provided by Section 2652(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as to any share of either Founder's property that is to be held in trust under this trust declaration, then the Trustee is authorized, in the Trustee's sole discretion, to set apart property constituting such share in a separate trust so that its inclusion ratio of such trust is zero.

#### Section S. **Elective Deductions**

A Trustee will have the discretionary authority to claim any obligation, expense, cost or loss as a deduction against either estate tax or income tax, or to make any election provided by Texas law, the Internal Revenue Code, or other applicable law, and the Trustee's decision will be conclusive and binding upon all interested parties and shall be effective without obligation to make an equitable adjustment or apportionment between or among the beneficiaries of this trust or the estate of a deceased beneficiary.

We, ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, attest that we execute this trust declaration and the terms thereof will bind us, our successors and assigns, our heirs and personal representatives, and any Trustee of this trust. This instrument is to be effective upon the date recorded immediately below.

Dated: January 12, 2005

ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Founder

nehra :. Brunetin NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founder

ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Trustee

ahn

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

### COUNTY OF HARRIS

On January 12, 2005, before me, a Notary Public of said State, personally appeared ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as Founders and Trustees.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal.

<u>Charlotte Allman</u> Notary Public, State of Texas

ちょんえいぶつかぶち ふつじ かっかつ ひつうかがく ウ CHARLOTTE ALLMAN MINUTE ELECTROPORTEXAS MINUTEXAS AUG. 1 1000 . Set eller i botten molisiten es hjør et eller motte støre støre

.

· · · ·

P14597

(

; (<sup>1</sup>)

| Ć | J |    |          |   |
|---|---|----|----------|---|
|   | C |    | $\wedge$ |   |
|   |   | (A | Y        | L |
|   |   |    | E B      |   |

# General Durable Power of Attorney of NELVA E. BRUNSTING

THE POWERS GRANTED BY THIS DOCUMENT ARE BROAD AND SWEEPING. THEY ARE EXPLAINED IN THE DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT, CHAPTER XII, TEXAS PROBATE CODE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE POWERS, OBTAIN COMPETENT LEGAL ADVICE. THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE ANYONE TO MAKE MEDICAL AND OTHER HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR YOU. YOU MAY REVOKE THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IF YOU LATER WISH TO DO SO.

I, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, of Houston, Harris County, Texas, am creating a durable power of attorney under the laws of the State of Texas. I hereby revoke all Powers of Attorney previously granted by me as Principal and terminate all Agency relationships created by me except:

Powers granted by me under any Medical Power of Attorney;

Powers granted by me on forms provided by financial institutions granting the right to write checks on, deposit funds to and withdraw funds from accounts to which I am a signatory; and

Powers granting access to a safe deposit box.

This is a durable general power of attorney given in order to coordinate the management, protection and conservation of my property, with property previously transferred to my revocable living trust, especially in the event I am unable for any reason to manage, protect and conserve my own property or transfer such property to my revocable living trust, and to avoid a guardianship as to the management, protection and conservation of property. The authority and legal capacity of my Agent will be that of a personal representative, trustee and attorney-in-fact.

# Article One Appointment of Agent

### Section 1.01 Initial Agent

I appoint ANITA KAY BRUNSTING to serve as my Agent.

### Section 1.02 Successor Agent

If ANITA KAY BRUNSTING fails to serve, I appoint the following persons to serve as successor Agent, in the order named:

First, CAROL ANN BRUNSTING Second, AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If a successor Agent fails to serve as my Agent, I appoint the next successor Agent named above to serve as my Agent.

My Agents, in the order listed above, are also my preference as guardian should a court appointed guardian of my person or estate be required.



### 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 sage of 21 years.

### Section 1.04 Prior or Joint Agent Unable to Act

A successor Agent or an Agent serving jointly with another Agent may establish that the acting Agent or joint Agent is no longer able to serve as Agent, by signing an affidavit that states that the Agent is not available or is incapable of acting. The affidavit may (but need not) be supported by a death certificate of the Agent, a certificate showing that a guardian or conservator has been appointed for the Agent, a letter from a physician stating that the Agent is incapable of managing his or her own affairs, or a letter from the Agent stating his or her unwillingness to act or delegating his or her power to the successor Agent.

## Article Two Effectiveness of Appointment - Durability Provision

### Section 2.01 Effectiveness

The authority granted to my Agent under this power of attorney shall be effective immediately upon signing.

### Section 2.02 Durability

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

### Section 2.03 Term of Durable Power of Attorney

This Durable Power of Attorney shall expire at the earlier of:

My death (except for post-death matters allowed under the laws of Texas), or

Upon my divorce or the annulment of my marriage if I am married and my spouse is named herein as my Agent, or

Upon my revocation of this Power of Attorney.

## Article Three Powers Granted to My Agent

I grant my Agent the powers set forth in the Durable Power of Attorney Act (Chapter XII of the Texas Probate Code, as amended) which is incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes, except to the extent that such Act conflicts with the powers set forth herein so that my Agent may act on my behalf. In addition, I further grant my Agent the authority to do everything necessary to exercise the powers listed below.

### Section 3.01 Power to Fund

My Agent may transfer any of my assets or any interest I have in any property, tangible or intangible, real or personal, to the trustee of any revocable trust agreement ("trust") created by me or by my Agent acting within the authority granted in Section 3.18 before or after the execution of this power of attorney, and including any trust that may extend beyond my incapacity or beyond my lifetime.

In order that my Agent may transfer property under this Section, I grant my Agent the following general powers for the specific purpose of transferring property to my trusts:

My Agent may transfer any interest I have in real or personal property, tangible or intangible to my trusts.

My Agent may assign any rights I have to receive income from any source to my trusts.

My Agent may execute all legal instruments and other documents necessary or convenient to transfer property to my trusts.

My Agent may terminate savings, checking, safekeeping, brokerage, investment advisory and custodial accounts in my name (alone or jointly with others) at any bank, broker or financial institution and transfer all or any part of my interest in the cash, stocks, bonds and securities of the accounts to my trusts.

My Agent may enter and remove my property from any safe-deposit box registered in my name (alone or jointly with others) and transfer the removed property to my trusts, and any institution in which a safe-deposit box is located shall be relieved of any liability to me, my heirs, or assigns as a result of my Agent's exercise of this power.

My Agent may designate the trust as beneficiary to receive any property, benefit or contract right on my death, or to change any existing designation to the trust as beneficiary.

I also grant my Agent general powers for the specific purpose of transferring any interest I may have in property owned by me to any general partnership, limited partnership, or limited liability company in which I have an interest. This power is subject to the same limitations as set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Section.

### Section 3.02 Power to Amend Revocable Living Trust Agreement

My Agent may amend, for the following express purposes, any revocable trust agreement ("trust") created by me before or after the execution of this power of attorney, and including any trust that may extend beyond my incapacity or beyond my lifetime:

To alter the administrative and investment powers of my Trustee;

To reflect tax or other legal changes that affect trust administration; or

To correct ambiguities, including scrivener errors, that might otherwise require court construction or reformation.

### Section 3.03 Power to Sell

Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may sell any interest I own in any kind of property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, including any contingent or expectant interest, marital right and any right of survivorship incident to joint tenancy or tenancy by the entirety. My Agent may determine the terms of sale and may grant options with regard to sales.

State law, and title companies that issue owners' and mortgagees' policies of title insurance, may impose a limitation upon the authority of an Agent to convey title to real estate without the actual joinder of the person represented. Any such impediment will serve to frustrate the very purpose for which this power of attorney is given. Therefore, I give to my Agent the unlimited authority to transfer, assign, convey and deliver legal and equitable title to any real estate, or interest in real estate which I may own to my Living Trust.

This authority will include any property in which I may have a homestead interest. I waive any requirements which may be imposed by law or by a title agency that I personally join in the conveyance. To protect the title agency and any other person, agency or entity who may rely upon the authority vested in this document, I bind myself, my estate, my successors and assigns and my Agent to indemnify and hold harmless any person, agency, or entity from any claim or loss, whatsoever in relying upon the authority provided by this document and the authority of my Agent.

My Agent may dispose of sales proceeds on my behalf as my Agent determines is appropriate.

### Section 3.04 Power to Buy

Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may buy any kind of property. My Agent may determine the terms for buying property and may obtain options to buy property. In addition, my Agent may arrange to insure the purchased property, and otherwise arrange for its safekeeping.

My Agent is authorized to borrow money for the purposes described in this Section and to secure the loan in any manner my Agent determines is appropriate.

My Agent is authorized to repay from my funds any money borrowed by me or on my behalf and to pay for any purchases made or cash advanced using my credit cards.

### Section 3.05 Power to Invest

My Agent may invest and reinvest all or any part of my property in any other property of whatever type, real or personal, tangible or intangible, and whether located inside or outside the geographic borders of the United States and its possessions or territories. Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may:

Invest in securities of all kinds, limited partnership interests, real estate or any interest in real estate whether or not productive at the time of investment, commodities contracts of all kinds, interests in trusts including investment trusts;

Participate in common, collective or pooled trust funds or annuity contracts;

Sell or otherwise terminate any investment made by me or on my behalf, and establish and terminate savings and money market accounts at banks and other financial institutions;

Establish and terminate accounts with securities brokers and use brokerage accounts to make short sales and to buy on margin, and pledge any securities held or purchased in brokerage accounts as security for loans and advances made to the account;

Invest and reinvest in such classes of stocks, bonds, securities, commodities, options, metals, or other property real or personal;

Establish and terminate agency accounts with corporate fiduciaries; and Employ and fire financial and investment advisors.

### Section 3.06 Power to Manage Real Property

My Agent may manage any real property I now own or may acquire in the future including my personal residence. Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may:

Lease and sublease property for any period, and grant options to lease or subdivide property, even if the term of the lease, sublease or option extends beyond the term of this power of attorney;

Eject and remove tenants or other persons from property, and recover the property by all lawful means;

Collect and sue for rents;

Pay, compromise or contest tax assessments and apply for tax assessment refunds;

Subdivide, partition, develop, dedicate property to public use without consideration, or grant or release easements over my real property;

Maintain, protect, repair, preserve, insure, build upon, improve, demolish, abandon and alter all or any part of my real property;

Employ laborers;

Obtain or vacate plats and adjust boundaries;

Adjust differences in the property's value on exchange or partition by giving or receiving consideration;

Release or partially release real property from a lien;

Enter into any contracts, covenants and warranty agreements regarding my real property that my Agent considers appropriate; and

Encumber property by mortgage or deed of trust.

My Agent may accept real property as a gift or as security for a loan.

Page 5

### Section 3.07 Power to Manage Tangible Personal Property

My Agent may manage any tangible personal property (including, but not limited to, any motor vehicle, trailer, water craft, or any similar property) I now own or may acquire in the future. Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may:

Lease and sublease property for any period, and grant options to lease or subdivide property, even if the term of the lease, sublease or option extends beyond the term of this power of attorney;

Recover my property by all lawful means;

Collect and sue for rents;

Pay, compromise or contest tax assessments and apply for tax assessment refunds; Maintain, protect, repair, preserve, insure, improve, destroy, and abandon all or any part of my property; and

Grant security interests in my property.

My Agent may accept tangible personal property as a gift or as security for a loan.

### Section 3.08 Power to Operate Businesses

My Agent may continue operating and managing any business in which I now or later own an interest for the period of time and in any manner my Agent considers appropriate. Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may:

Act as a director, general or limited partner, or associate or officer of the business;

Select and vote for directors, partners, associates and officers of the business and enter into owners' agreements with other owners of any business in which I have an interest;

Execute agreements and amendments to agreements necessary to the operation of the business including, but not limited to, stockholder agreements, partnership agreements, buy-sell agreements and operating agreements for limited liability companies;

Hire and fire employees;

Pay employees' salaries and provide for employee benefits;

Employ legal, accounting, financial and other consultants;

Continue, modify, terminate, renegotiate and extend any contracts with any person, firm, association or corporation;

Execute business tax returns and other government forms required for my business;

Pay all business related expenses;
Transact business for me in my name and on my behalf;

Contribute additional capital to the business;

Change the name or the form of the business;

Incorporate the business;

Enter into a partnership agreement with other persons;

Join in a plan to reorganize or consolidate my business, or merge my business with any other business;

Establish the value of the business under "buy-out" or "buy-sell" agreements to which I am a party;

Create, continue or terminate retirement plans for my business' employees and make contributions required by those plans;

Advance money or other property to the business and make loans of cash or securities to the business as my Agent considers appropriate; and

Borrow for the business and secure any loans with business assets or my personal assets.

My Agent may sell, liquidate or close a business upon terms my Agent considers appropriate, including a sale in exchange for cash, a private annuity and an installment note or any combination of those arrangements.

### Section 3.09 Power to Manage Partnership Interests

My Agent may manage any general, limited or special partnership interest I own now or in the future. Unless specifically limited by the other provisions of this power of attorney, my Agent may:

Exercise any right, power, privilege or option I may have or may claim under any contract with the partnership;

Modify or terminate my interest on terms and conditions my Agent considers appropriate;

Enforce the terms of the partnership agreement for my protection by instituting or maintaining any action, proceeding or otherwise as my Agent considers appropriate; and

Defend, arbitrate, settle or compromise any action or other legal proceeding to which I am a party because of my membership in the partnership.

### Section 3.10 Power Regarding Securities

My Agent may exercise all rights regarding securities that I own now or in the future. Specifically my Agent may:

Buy, sell, and exchange all types of securities and financial instruments including, but not limited to, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and commodity futures contracts and call and put options on stocks and stock indexes;

Receive certificates and other evidences of ownership with regard to securities;

Hold securities in bearer or uncertified form and use a central depository, clearing agency or book-entry system such as The Depository Trust Company, Euroclear or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York;

Place all or any part of my securities in the custody of a bank or trust company or in the name of its nominee;

Employ a broker-dealer as custodian for my securities and register the securities in the name of the broker-deal or its nominee;

Exercise voting rights with respect to securities in person or by proxy, enter into voting trusts, and consent to limitations on the right to vote;

Participate in any reorganization, recapitalization, merger or similar transaction; and

Exercise any subscription rights, option rights (whether or not qualified under the Internal Revenue Code) or other rights to which I am entitled now or in the future, or to sell and dispose of these rights, and, if required, to sign my name to rights, warrants or other similar instruments.

### Section 3.11 Power to Collect and Settle My Obligations

My Agent may collect all rights and benefits to which I am entitled now or in the future, including, but not limited to, rights to, cash payments, property, debts, accounts, legacies, bequests, devises, dividends and annuities. In collecting my obligations, my Agent may demand, sue for, arbitrate, settle, compromise, receive, deposit, expend for my benefit, reinvest or otherwise dispose of these matters as my Agent determines appropriate.

My Agent may use all lawful means and methods to recover these assets and rights, to qualify me for benefits and claim benefits on my behalf, and to compromise claims and grant discharges regarding the matters described in this Section. My Agent may convert my assets into assets that do not disqualify me from receiving benefits, or my Agent may divest my assets altogether. In any divestment action or asset conversion, I direct my Agent to avoid disrupting the dispositive provisions of my estate plan as established by me prior to my incapacity.

#### Section 3.12 Power Regarding Governmental Benefits

All Powers described in this section are exercisable with respect to all federal and state (or any subdivision thereof) programs existing when this power of attorney was executed or for which I become eligible after this power of attorney is executed. The power of attorney shall extend to any state in which I live when my Agent's powers become effective.

My Agent is appointed as my "Representative Payee" for the purposes of receiving Social Security benefits. My Agent may collect all benefits payable to or for my benefit by any governmental agency or body, such as Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). My Agent shall have the full power to represent me and deal

in all ways necessary concerning rights or benefits payable to me by any governmental agency including, without limitation, Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI), Medicaid and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI).

#### My Agent may:

Execute vouchers in my name for allowances and reimbursements payable to me by the United States, a foreign government, a state, or a subdivision of a state to me, including allowances and reimbursements for my transportation, my wife's, children's and other individual's customarily or legally entitled to be supported by me, and for shipment of their household effects.

Take possession, remove and ship any of my property from a post, warehouse, depot, dock, or other place of storage, whether governmental or private, and execute and deliver a release, voucher, receipt, bill of lading, shipping ticket, certificate, or other instrument for that purpose.

Prepare, file, and prosecute my claims for benefits or assistances, financial or otherwise, for any claim to which I am entitled under a statute or government regulation.

Prosecute, defend, arbitrate, settle, and propose or accept a compromise with respect to any benefits I may be entitled to receive.

Receive the financial proceeds of any type of claim described in this Section and invest, disburse, or use the proceeds on my behalf for any lawful purpose.

Sign on my behalf any document necessary to permit my return to my residence following my incapacity or other condition that prevents me from currently living there.

Execute any trust agreement described in 42 U.S.C. § 1396p(d)(4) with any trustee or trustees that my Agent selects. In addition, my Agent may deliver and convey any or all of my assets to the trustee or trustees of the trust as well as designate the trust as payee of any income to which I maybe entitled.

File applications for certification of eligibility, or renewals of such certification, any necessary forms or submissions of any nature, and to execute vouchers on my behalf for any and all allowances, compensation, and reimbursements properly payable to me by the Government of the United States, or any agency or department thereof, including, but not restricted to, medical, dental, hospital, or other health care claims or other payments under Veteran's Administration, Medicare, Medicaid, or any other social security programs. Further, such powers shall include, but not be limited to, the powers set forth in Section 501 of the Texas Probate Code, which are incorporated herein for all purposes.

Take any action necessary in order to seek qualification on my behalf for any and all government benefits that I may be entitled to, including, but not limited to, Social Security Disability, Medicaid, and Medicare. This power includes any acts necessary to achieve eligibility for these programs including gifting of my assets to the agent themselves or other persons and selling or swapping any of my property or exchanging any property for assets that would be exempt under the rules of these programs. Any authority granted to my attorneys herein shall be limited so as to prevent this general power of attorney from causing my attorneys to be taxed on my income or from causing my assets to be subject to a general power of appointment by my attorneys, as that term is defined in Section 2041 of the Internal Revenue Code (or any successor provision).

Power to arrange for my maintenance and support and to incur expenses in my name therefore and to pay from my funds or from funds in my name expenses in connection with my maintenance and support, including, without limitation, my living expenses and all other expenses for my reasonable comfort, maintenance and support, and further including medical or surgical services, nursing services or hospital room or services for me or for my benefit, or any other thing or service incidental thereto deemed by my agent to be necessary or appropriate.

# Section 3.13 Power Regarding My Retirement Plans and Other Employee Benefits

My Agent may exercise all rights and collect all qualified retirement benefits to which I am entitled now or in the future. Specifically, my Agent may:

Establish, using any of my assets, one or more qualified retirement plans in my name;

Make contributions, including "rollover" contributions, or cause contributions to be made, to any qualified retirement plan my Agent considers appropriate using my assets;

Receive and endorse checks and other distributions to me from any qualified retirement plans, or arrange for the direct deposit of those checks or distributions in any of my accounts;

Elect any form of payment from my qualified retirement plans and to withdraw benefits on my behalf from the IRAs and retirement plans;

Make, exercise, waive or consent to any and all election and option that I may have regarding contributions to qualified retirement plans, investments and administration of the retirement plans, and distribution or other forms of qualified retirement benefits available to me; and

Borrow money, purchase assets from any of my qualified retirement plans and sell assets to any of my qualified retirement plans if the plan authorizes these actions.

My Agent may make primary and contingent beneficiary designations, whether revocable or irrevocable, change primary and contingent revocable beneficiary designations, and consent or waive consent in connection with the designation of primary and contingent beneficiaries and the selection of joint and survivor annuities under any employee benefit plan. But my Agent may not directly or indirectly designate a greater share or portion of any benefit than my Agent would have otherwise received unless all other beneficiaries under the IRA or plan consent to the change in beneficiary designation.

For all purposes of this Section, "qualified retirement plan" means a plan qualified under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code, an individual retirement arrangement under Section 408 or Section 408A or a tax-sheltered annuity under Section 403. The term "qualified retirement benefits" means

the amounts held in or distributed pursuant to a plan qualified under Section 401, an individual retirement arrangement under Section 408 or Section 408A, a tax-sheltered annuity under Section 403 or any other benefit subject to the distribution rules of Section 401(a)(9).

### Section 3.14 Power Regarding Bank Accounts

My Agent may establish bank accounts of any type in one or more bank institutions that my Agent may choose. My Agent may modify, terminate, make deposits to, write checks on, make withdrawals from and grant security interests in any account in my name or to which I am an authorized signatory, except accounts held by me in a fiduciary capacity. In exercising this authority, it does not matter whether or not the account was established by me or for me by my Agent. My Agent is authorized to negotiate, endorse or transfer any check or other instrument with respect to any account, to contract for any services rendered by any bank or financial institution, and to execute, on my behalf as principal, any agency or power of attorney forms furnished by a bank with respect to accounts with the bank that appoints the bank or any person as my agent.

# Section 3.15 Power Regarding Safe-Deposit Boxes

My Agent may contract with any institution to rent a safe-deposit box in my name. My Agent may have access to any safe-deposit box in my name or with respect to which I am an authorized signer. This Section will apply whether or not the contract for the safe-deposit box was executed by me alone or jointly with others or by my Agent in my name. My Agent may also add to or remove the contents of a safe-deposit box, or terminate any rental contract for a safe-deposit box.

# Section 3.16 Power to Prosecute and Defend Legal Actions

My Agent may institute, supervise, prosecute, defend, intervene in, abandon, compromise, adjust, arbitrate, settle, dismiss, and appeal from any and all legal, equitable, judicial or administrative hearings, actions, suits or proceedings involving me in any way. This authority includes, but is not limited to, claims by or against me arising out of property damage or personal injury suffered by or caused by me or under circumstances such that the resulting loss may be imposed on me. My Agent may otherwise engage in litigation involving me, my property or my legal interests, including any property, interest or person for which or whom I have or may have any responsibility.

# Section 3.17 Power to Loan and Borrow

My Agent may make secured or unsecured loans to any person, entity, trust or estate on my behalf, for any term or payable on demand, with or without interest. My Agent may enter into or modify the terms of any mortgage, deed of trust or security agreement made in connection with any loan and may release or foreclose on the mortgage, deed of trust, or security.

My Agent may borrow money on my behalf at interest rates and on other terms that my Agent considers advisable from any person, institution or other source including, if my then-acting Agent is a corporate fiduciary, its own banking or commercial lending department.

My Agent may encumber my property by mortgages, pledges, and other hypothecation and shall have the power to enter into any mortgage or deed of trust even though the term of the mortgage or deed of trust may extend beyond the term for which this power of attorney is effective.

My Agent may borrow money for any purpose on any life insurance policy owned by me on my life even though the term of the loan may extend beyond the term for which this power of attorney is effective. My Agent may grant a security interest in the policy to secure the loan. In this regard, my Agent may assign and deliver the policy as security. No insurance company will be under any obligation to determine the necessity of the loan or how my Agent applies the loan proceeds.

# Section 3.18 Power to Create Revocable Trusts for my Benefit

My Agent may execute a revocable trust agreement with any trustee or trustees that my Agent selects. All income and principal must be paid under the trust agreement, to me or another person for my benefit or applied for my benefit. The income and principal of the trust must be paid under the agreement in the amounts that I or my Agent requests or that the trustee or trustees determine. The remaining income and principal must be paid on my death to my personal representative under the agreement. The trust agreement must provide that it may be revoked or amended by me or my Agent at any time. The trust agreement, however, must provide that any amendment by my Agent must be of a type that by law or under the provisions of this power of attorney could have been included in the original trust agreement. In addition, my Agent may deliver and convey any or all of my assets to the trustee or trustees of the revocable living trust, or convey any or all of my assets to a revocable living trust that exists now or is created by me after the creation on this power of attorney.

Further, I hereby vest in my Agent all of the power and authority given to trustees by the trust laws of the State of Texas upon establishing such revocable trust. If my Agent determines that it is in my best interest under the facts and circumstances then existing, I authorize my Agent to take possession of any and all of my property and estate, as Trustee, and to hold, conserve and administer such property for me and my general welfare. My Agent will be responsible only for the property of my estate over which the Agent shall assert direct control, and will not have liability for the loss of income from, or the depreciation of the value of, assets which the Agent does not possess or which are retained in the form my Agent received them.

My Agent is authorized, upon my death, to make, direct payment for any expense related to my hospitalization, illness, treatment and care prior to my death, and any expenses related to my death and the settlement of my estate. The trust created by this document will continue for a reasonable period of time in which to conclude any administration, pay expenses of termination (including the discretionary payment of expenses and estate settlement costs) and to make distributions of the trust property to my Living Trust.

My Agent may be sole trustee of my revocable living trust or one of several trustees.

If the trustee is not an individual, it must be a bank or trust company authorized to do trust business in the state in which I or my Agent reside now or in the future.

# Section 3.19 Power to Revoke Trusts

I grant my Agent full power and authority to revoke any and all revocable trust agreements of which I am a founder, settlor, grantor, trustmaker and/or contributor. Immediately after the revocation of the aforesaid revocable trust agreement, or as soon as is practicable after such revocation, my Agent shall convey the said trust assets to the beneficiaries named therein, if in the judgment of my Agent it is advisable to do so.

My Agent may be sole trustee of my revocable living trust or one of several trustees.

### Section 3.20 Power to Withdraw Funds from Trusts

(

My Agent may withdraw and receive the income or principal of any trust over which I have a right of receipt or withdrawal. My Agent may request and receive the income or principal of any trust with respect to which the trustee has the discretionary power to make distributions to me or on my behalf. In connection with this, my Agent may execute and deliver to the trustee a receipt and release or similar document for the income or principal received. My Agent may exercise in whole or in part, release or let lapse any power of appointment held by me, whether general or special, or any amendment or revocation power under any trust even if the power may be exercised only with the consent of another person and even if my Agent is the other person, subject to any restrictions on exercise imposed on my Agent under this power of attorney.

### Section 3.21 Power to Renounce or Resign from Fiduciary Positions

My Agent may resign or renounce for me any fiduciary position I hold now or in the future including personal representative, trustee, guardian, attorney-in-fact, and officer or director of a corporation and any governmental or political office or position. In so doing, my Agent may file an accounting with the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction or settle on the basis of a receipt, release or other appropriate method.

### Section 3.22 Power to Disclaim or Release Property Interests

My Agent may renounce and disclaim any property or property interest or power to which I may become entitled by gift, testate or intestate succession. My Agent may release or abandon any property interest or power that I may own or hold now or in the future, including any interest in, or right over, a trust, including the right to alter, amend, revoke or terminate the trust. My Agent may claim an elective share in any estate or under any will. But my Agent may not make any disclaimer that is expressly prohibited by the law or other provisions of this power of attorney.

### Section 3.23 Power Regarding Insurance

My Agent may purchase, maintain, surrender, collect, or cancel:

All kinds of life insurance or annuities on my life or the life of any one in whom I have an insurable interest;

Liability insurance protecting me and my estate against third party claims;

Hospital insurance, medical insurance, Medicare supplement insurance, custodial care insurance, and disability income insurance for me or my dependents; and

Casualty insurance insuring my assets against loss or damage due to fire, theft, or other commonly insured risk.

My Agent may pay all insurance premiums, select any options under the policies, increase coverage under any policy, borrow against any policy, pursue all insurance claims on my behalf, and adjust insurance losses. This authority shall apply to both private and public plans, including Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and Workers' Compensation.

My Agent may decrease or terminate coverage under any insurance policy insuring my life. My Agent may receive and dispose of the cash value received if the policy is decreased or terminated and dispose of the cash value as my Agent considers appropriate.

### Section 3.24 Power Regarding Taxes

My Agent may represent me in all tax matters and proceedings before any agent or officer of the Internal Revenue Service, state and local authorities and in any court, for all periods.

My Agent may:

Prepare, sign, and file all federal, state, and local tax returns including income, gift, FICA and payroll tax returns on my behalf;

Prepare, sign, and file claims for refunds, requests for extensions of time to file returns or pay taxes, extensions and waivers of applicable periods of limitation, protests and petitions to administrative agencies or courts (including, but not limited to, the United States Tax Court);

Sign consents and agreements under Section 2032A of the Internal Revenue Code or any successor section and consents to split gifts, closing agreements, and any power of attorney form required by the Internal Revenue Service or any state or local taxing authority with respect to any tax year;

Pay taxes due, collect and dispose of refunds as my Agent determines appropriate, post bonds, receive confidential information and contest deficiencies determined by the Internal Revenue Service or any state or local taxing authority;

Exercise any election I have under federal, state or local tax law and allocate any generation-skipping tax exemption to which I am entitled;

Engage representation for me in any and all tax proceedings by attorneys-at-law, Certified Public Accountants, enrolled agents, and other licensed tax professionals; and,

Settle with the Internal Revenue Service, its agents and representatives, any questions concerning my liability for and the collection, refund or payment of said taxes, and to possess all of the authorities and all of the powers set forth in Form 2848 of the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, as amended or revised hereafter, including the power to receive refund checks due to me, from the date of this instrument until this instrument is revoked.

### Section 3.25 Power to Deal with My Spouse

My Agent may deal with my spouse on my behalf. In dealing with my spouse, my Agent may partition, transfer and exchange any of my marital property estate, whether separate or community property between my spouse and me. My Agent may enter into and execute on my behalf marital property agreements, partition and exchange agreements or community property agreements or may enforce, amend or revoke any marital property agreement between my spouse and me but only with respect to rights in and obligations with respect to property owned by my spouse, by me or by both of us and with respect to reclassification of management and control over our property.

### Section 3.26 Power to Make Gifts

My Agent may make gifts on my behalf. In order to make gifts, my Agent may withdraw assets from any trust created by me or by my Attorney-in-Fact acting within the authority granted in Section 3.18 and from which I may withdraw assets.

For purposes of this power of attorney, my Agent may forgive any debts owed to me, and any debt forgiven will be considered a gift to the debtor.

For purposes of this Section, "my beneficiaries" shall mean my wife, my descendants and beneficiaries, including contingent beneficiaries, named in my Will or my revocable living trust.

As mentioned in Section 3.12, my Agent may gift or otherwise spend down my estate for Medicaid eligibility and planning.

My Agent may make gifts on the following terms and conditions:

### (a) Continuation of My Gifting

My Agent may honor pledges and continue to make gifts to charitable organizations that I have regularly supported in the amounts I have customarily given. My Agent may make gifts in order to assure the continuation of any gifting program initiated by me prior to the time I became incapacitated.

My Agent may make special occasion gifts to my estate plan beneficiaries, family members, or friends, in equal or unequal amounts, that reflect my past giving and my relationship with such individuals.

# (b) Gifts to My Agent

I specifically authorize gifts to my Agent, but only a Special Agent appointed under the provisions of Section 7.03 may make gifts to my Agent. My Agent may not make gifts to himself or herself, his or her estate, his or her creditors, or the creditors of his or her estate.

# (c) Gifts in Excess of the Annual Federal Gift Tax Exclusion

Only a Special Agent appointed under the provisions of Section 7.03 may make gifts in excess of the annual federal gift tax exclusion to my beneficiaries.

If my Agent determines that gifts in amounts in excess of the annual federal gift tax exclusion are in my best interest and the best interests of my beneficiaries, my Agent, by unanimous vote if more than one Agent is serving, shall appoint a Special Agent unrelated by blood or marriage to any Agent to review the facts and circumstances and to decide whether such gifts should be made. I recommend, but do not require, that my Agent select an independent certified public accountant, attorney-at-law, or corporate fiduciary to serve as the Special Agent under such circumstances.

Neither my Agent, nor the Special Agent appointed by my Agent, shall be liable to any beneficiary for exercising or failing to exercise its discretion to make gifts.

# (d) Gifts for Tuition

My Agent may prepay the cost of tuition for any of my beneficiaries. My Agent shall make the payments directly to the educational institution or by establishing and contributing to a Qualified State Tuition Program established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code.

### (e) Gifts for Medical Expenses

My Agent may pay medical expenses for any of my beneficiaries as permitted under Section 2503(e) of the Internal Revenue Code. My Agent shall make the payments directly to the medical provider.

# (f) Gift Splitting Authorized

My Agent is authorized to consent to the splitting of gifts under Section 2513 of the Internal Revenue Code or under similar provisions of any state or local gift tax laws.

### (g) Methods of Making Gifts

My Agent may make gifts of my property under this Section outright, in trust or in any other manner that my Agent considers appropriate.

By way of example and without limiting my Agent's powers under this Section, my Agent is specifically authorized to make gifts by creating tenancy in common and joint tenancy interests or establishing irrevocable trusts including charitable or non-charitable split interest trusts. My Agent may make gifts by establishing and contributing my property to corporations, family limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies or other similar entities and by making gifts of interests in any of those entities.

To accomplish the objectives described in this subsection, my Agent may establish and maintain financial accounts of all types and may execute, acknowledge, seal and deliver deeds, assignments, agreements, authorizations, checks and other instruments. My Agent may prosecute, defend, submit to arbitration, settle or propose or accept a compromise with respect to a claim existing in favor of or against me based on or involving a gift transaction on my behalf. My Agent may intervene in any related action or proceeding.

My Agent may perform any other act my Agent considers necessary or desirable to complete a gift on my behalf in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

# (h) Standard for Making Gifts

It is my desire that in making gifts on my behalf, my Agent consider the history of my gift making and my estate plan. To the extent reasonably possible, I direct my Agent to avoid disrupting the dispositive provisions of my estate plan as established by me prior to my incapacity.

# (i) Ratification of Gifts

I specifically ratify any gifts made by my Agent under the terms of this power of attorney.

# Article Four Care and Control of Principal

My Agent may, in my Agent's sole and absolute discretion, exercise the following powers with respect to the control and management of my person.

### Section 4.01 Power to Provide for My Support

My Agent may do anything reasonably necessary to maintain my customary standard of living, including:

Maintain my residence by paying all operating costs, including, but not limited to, interest on mortgages or deeds of trust, amortization payments, repairs and taxes, or by purchasing, leasing or making other arrangement for a different residence;

Provide normal domestic help;

Provide clothing, transportation, medicine, food and incidentals; and

Make all necessary arrangements, contractual or otherwise, for my care at any hospital, hospice, nursing home, convalescent home or similar establishment, or in my own residence should I desire it, and assure that all of my essential needs are met wherever I may be.

### Section 4.02 Power to Provide for Support of Dependents

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

# Section 4.03 Power to Protect or Dispose of Property

If my Agent determines that I will never be able to return to my residence from a hospital, hospice, nursing home, convalescent home or similar facility, my Agent may dispose of my residence. In so doing, my Agent may sell, lease, sublease or assign my interest on terms and conditions that my Agent considers appropriate.

My Agent may store and safeguard any items of tangible personal property remaining in my residence and pay all storage costs. Alternatively, my Agent may sell any items that my Agent believes I will never need again on terms and conditions that my Agent considers appropriate.

As an alternative to storing my tangible personal property, my Agent may transfer custody and possession, but not title, of any property item to the person named in my Will or my revocable living trust as the person entitled to receive that property item on my death.

### Section 4.04 Power to Provide for My Recreation and Travel

My Agent may, at my expense, allow me to engage in recreational and sports activities as my health permits, including travel.

### Section 4.05 Power to Provide for Religious and Spiritual Needs

My Agent may provide for my religious and spiritual needs, including involvement of religious clergy and spiritual leaders in my care and my membership in religious and spiritual organizations consistent with my religious beliefs. My Agent may purchase religious books, tapes and other materials for my use and benefit.

### Section 4.06 Power to Provide for Companionship

My Agent may arrange any form of companionship for me necessary to meet my needs if I am unable to arrange for such companionship myself.

### Section 4.07 Power to Make Advance Funeral Arrangements

My Agent may make advance arrangements for my funeral and burial, including a burial plot, marker and any other related arrangements that my Agent considers appropriate.

# Article Five Incidental Powers

My Agent may perform those acts and execute and deliver those legal documents necessary or appropriate to the exercise of the powers set forth in this power of attorney, including, but not limited, to the following incidental powers.

### Section 5.01 Power to Commence Court Proceedings

My Agent may commence any court proceedings necessary to protect my legal rights and interests under this power of attorney including, but not limited to:

Actions for declaratory judgments from any court of competent jurisdiction interpreting the validity of this power of attorney and any of the acts sanctioned by this power of attorney; provided, however, that my Agent need not seek a declaratory judgment to perform any act sanctioned by this power of attorney;

Actions for mandatory injunctions requiring any person or entity to comply with my Agent's directions as authorized by this power of attorney; and

Actions for actual and punitive damages and the recoverable costs and expenses of such litigation against any person or entity who negligently or willfully fails or refuses to follow my Agent's directions as authorized by this power of attorney.

### Section 5.02 Power to Employ and Discharge Personnel

My Agent may employ and remove investment advisors, accountants, auditors, depositories, custodians, brokers, consultants, attorneys, expert advisors, agents and employees to advise or assist my Agent as my Agent considers appropriate.

# Section 5.03 Power to Sign Documents

My Agent may sign, execute, endorse, seal, acknowledge, deliver and file or record all appropriate legal documents necessary to exercise the powers granted under this power of attorney.

### Section 5.04 Power to Submit Costs for Payment

If my Agent incurs costs in performing any powers granted under this power of attorney, or in enforcing compliance with the powers given to my Agent under this power of attorney, my Agent may submit those costs to any person who has the authority to pay those costs such as the trustee of my revocable living trust or to my guardian or conservator. My trustee, conservator or guardian shall promptly pay those costs.

### Section 5.05 Power Regarding My Mail

My Agent may open, read, respond to and redirect my mail. My Agent may represent me before the U.S. Postal Service and all other mail or package carriers in any matter relating to mail or delivery services including the receipt of certified mail.

### Section 5.06 Power Regarding Memberships

My Agent may establish, cancel, continue or initiate my membership in organizations and associations of all kinds.

### Section 5.07 Power Regarding Custody of Documents

My Agent may take, give or deny custody of my important documents, including my Will and any codicils, trust agreements, deeds, leases, life insurance policies, contracts or securities. My Agent may disclose or not disclose the whereabouts or contents of those documents as my Agent believes appropriate.

# Section 5.08 Power to Care for My Pets

My Agent may provide for the housing, support, and maintenance of my pet animals. My Agent may contract for and pay the expenses of their proper veterinary care and treatment. But if my Agent decides that the care and maintenance of my pet animals is unreasonably expensive or burdensome, my Agent may give the pet animals to persons willing to care for and maintain them.

# Article Six Limitation on Powers

All powers granted to my Agent under this power of attorney are subject to the limitations set forth in this Article.

### Section 6.01 Tax Sensitive Powers

No individual serving as my Agent may exercise any fiduciary power or discretion if the exercise of that power or discretion would:

Cause any income generated by my property to be attributed to my Agent for federal income tax purposes;

Cause the value of any property subject to this power of attorney to be included in my Agent's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes;

Cause any distribution made or allowed to be made by my Agent to be treated as a gift from my Agent; or

Discharge a legal obligation of my Agent.

If the exercise of a power by my Agent under this power of attorney would cause any of the foregoing results, a Special Agent appointed under the provisions of Section 7.03 may exercise the power or discretion.

### Section 6.02 Life Insurance on the Life of My Agent

No individual Agent may exercise any powers or rights in a policy owned by me that insures the life of that Agent. Any powers and rights regarding the policy will be exercised solely by another Agent serving under this power of attorney, or by a Special Agent appointed under the provisions of Section 7.03 of this power of attorney.

### Section 6.03 Prohibition on Power over Prior Transfers

No Agent may exercise any power or authority over any irrevocable trust created by my Agent to which I am a trustee or a beneficiary or any asset given to me by my Agent.

### Section 6.04 My Agent to Avoid Disrupting My Estate Plan

If it becomes necessary for my Agent to liquidate or reinvest any of my assets to provide support for me, I direct that my Agent, to the extent that it is reasonably possible, avoid disrupting the dispositive provisions of my estate plan as established by me prior to my incapacity.

If it is necessary to disrupt the dispositive provisions of my estate plan, my Agent will use his or her best efforts to restore my plan as soon as possible. My Agent will make reasonable efforts to obtain and review my estate plan. I authorize any person with knowledge of my estate plan or possession of my estate planning documents to disclose information to my Agent and to provide copies of documents to my Agent.

# Article Seven Administrative Powers and Provisions

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

### Section 7.01 Release of Information

My Agent may release and obtain, as the case may be, any and all information regarding my financial investments and taxes, including any information regarding stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, bank accounts, tax returns, retirement accounts, pension plans, and any other documents or information regarding my financial affairs and taxes from my attorneys-at-law, financial advisors,

Page 20

insurance professionals, accountants, stockbrokers, stock transfer agents, and any other persons having such information.

I release these persons or entities from any liability for releasing the above-referenced information to my Agent in reliance on this Section.

If my Agent is an attorney-at-law or other accounting or financial professional, the professional regulations of my Agent's profession and federal law may prohibit my Agent from releasing information about my financial affairs to others if I am a client of my Agent. This instrument, therefore, is a limited waiver of any privilege (such as the attorney-client privilege) that I have established with any Agent as a client. The privilege is waived for the limited purpose of permitting my Agent to perform his or her duties under this power of attorney.

### Section 7.02 Nomination of Guardian of my Person and my Estate

If at any time proceedings are initiated for the appointment of Guardian of my person and my estate, I nominate the person serving, or named to serve, as my Agent under this power of attorney at the time the proceedings are initiated.

If any person I have nominated is appointed Guardian of my person and my estate, I request that the court grant to such Guardian of my person and my estate all or as many of the independent powers listed below as the court shall find appropriate.

The power to contract for the estate, to carry out existing contracts, and so bind my estate.

The power to operate, at the risk of loss to the estate, any business, farm, or enterprise of the estate.

The power to grant and take options.

The power to sell any real or personal property of the estate at public or private sale.

The power to create by grant or otherwise easements and servitudes on any property of the estate.

The power to borrow money on the estate's behalf and give security for the loan.

The power to purchase real or personal property on the estate's behalf.

The power to alter, improve, and repair or raze, replace, and rebuild the estate's property.

The power to lease the estate's property for any purpose (including exploration for and removal of gas, oil and other minerals and natural resources) and for any period, including a term commencing at a future time.

The power to lend the estate's money on adequate security.

The power to exchange property of the estate.

The power to sell estate property on credit if any unpaid portion of the selling price is adequately secured.

The power to commence and maintain an action for partition on behalf of the estate.

The power to exercise stock rights and stock options on behalf of the estate.

The power to participate in and become subject to and to consent to the provisions of a voting trust and of a reorganization, consolidation, merger, dissolution, liquidation, or other modification or adjustment affecting estate property.

The power to pay, collect, compromise, arbitrate or otherwise adjust claims, debts or demands upon the estate.

The power to employ attorneys, accountants, investment counsel, agents, depositories and employees and to pay the expense from the estate's assets.

### Section 7.03 Appointment of a Special or Ancillary Agent

If for any reason any Agent is unwilling or unable to act with respect to any property or any provision of this power of attorney, my Agent shall appoint, in writing, a corporate fiduciary or an individual to serve as Special Agent as to the property or with respect to the provision. The Special Agent appointed must be an individual that is not related or subordinate to my Agent within the meaning of Section 672(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. My Agent may revoke any such appointment at will.

If my Agent determines that it is necessary or desirable to appoint an Ancillary Agent to act under this power of attorney in a jurisdiction other than this one, my Agent may do so. In making an appointment, my Agent may sign, execute, deliver, acknowledge and make declarations in any documents that may be necessary, desirable, convenient or proper in order to carry out the appointment.

A Special or Ancillary Agent may exercise all powers granted by this power of attorney unless expressly limited elsewhere in this power of attorney or by the instrument appointing the Special or Ancillary Agent. A Special or Ancillary Agent may resign at any time by delivering written notice of resignation to my Agent. Notice of resignation shall be effective in accordance with the terms of the notice.

### Section 7.04 Agent Authorized to Employ My Attorney

My Agent may employ the attorney who prepared this power of attorney or any other attorney employed by me in connection with my estate plan or business matters and I specifically:

Waive any and all conflicts of interest that might arise through such employment;

Authorize the attorney to make full disclosure of my estate plan and business to the Agent; and

Authorize the attorney to accept the engagement.

# Section 7.05 Fiduciary Eligibility of Agent

My Agent shall be eligible to serve in any other fiduciary capacity for me or for my benefit, including trustee, guardian, conservator, committee, executor, administrator, or personal representative.

### Section 7.06 Reimbursement for Expenses and Compensation

My Agent may pay himself or herself, from my assets, fair and reasonable compensation authorized by law for services performed under this power of attorney and, in addition, my Agent may reimburse himself or herself for all reasonable expenses incurred for carrying out any provision of this power of attorney. "Fair and reasonable" compensation shall be equivalent to such compensation charged by banks or trust companies which provide similar services and are located in the county in which I reside.

# Section 7.07 Liability of Agent

I release and discharge any Agent acting in good faith from any and all civil liability and from all claims or demands of all kinds whatsoever by me, my estate, and my heirs, successors and assigns arising out of the acts or omissions of my Agent, except for willful misconduct or gross negligence. This protection extends to the estate, heirs, successors and assigns of my Agent.

### Section 7.08 Ratification and Indemnity

I agree that any third party who receives a copy of this document may act under it. I agree to indemnify the third party for any claims that arise against the third party because of reliance on this power of attorney. Further, I ratify and confirm all that my Agent will do or cause to be done by reason of the authority vested by this power of attorney and by law. No person, firm, agency or entity will be obligated to see to the application of any payment delivered to my Agent for or on my behalf.

### Section 7.09 Amendment and Revocation

I may amend or revoke this power of attorney at any time. Amendments to this document must be made in writing by me personally (not by my Agent) and must be attached to the original of this document and recorded in the same county or counties as the original if the original is recorded.

# Section 7.10 Resignation

My Agent may resign by the execution of a written resignation delivered to me or, if I am mentally disabled, by delivery to any person with whom I am residing or who has my care and custody.

### Section 7.11 Signature of Agent

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

NELVA E. BRUNSTING by [enter Agent's name], her Agent.

### Section 7.12 Interpretation

(

This power of attorney is a general power of attorney and should be interpreted as granting my Agent all general powers permitted under the laws of the State of Texas, including, but not limited to, the

powers set forth in Article XII ("Durable Power of Attorney Act") of the Texas Probate Code, as amended. 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 7.13 Use of "Agent" Nomenclature

The word "Agent" and any modifying or equivalent word or substituted pronoun includes the singular and the plural and the masculine, feminine and neuter genders.

### Section 7.14 Third Party Reliance

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

Any party dealing with my Agent may conclusively rely upon an affidavit or certificate of my Agent that:

The authority granted to my Agent under this power of attorney is in effect;

My Agent's actions are within the scope of my Agent's authority under this power of attorney;

I was competent when I executed this power of attorney;

I have not revoked this power of attorney; and

My Agent is currently serving as my Agent.

Any person, entity or institution dealing with my Agent will be entitled to rely upon my Agent's sworn statement that this general power of attorney has not been revoked and that Agent is authorized and empowered to serve. I indemnify and hold harmless any person, firm, institution or agency from any loss or claim whatsoever when reliant upon such statement, and to this end, I bind myself, my estate, my heirs, successors and assigns. I vest in my Agent the authority to record this power of attorney at any reasonable time, and to the extend I may lawfully provide, my Agent may do so at any time before the Agent is to act with respect to any third party who may be asked to rely upon this document.

I grant my Agent full power and authority to indemnify and hold harmless any third party who accepts and acts under this Durable General Power of Attorney. No person who acts in reliance on the representations of my Agent or the authority granted under this Durable General Power of Attorney shall incur any liability to me, my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns as a result of permitting my Agent to exercise any power granted under this Durable General Power of Attorney.

# Section 7.15 Effect of Duplicate Originals or Copies

If this power of attorney has been executed in multiple counterparts, each counterpart original will have equal force and effect. My Agent may make photocopies (photocopies shall include: facsimiles and digital or other reproductions, hereafter referred to collectively as "photocopy") of this power of attorney and each photocopy will have the same force and effect as the original.

# Section 7.16 Governing Law

This power of attorney's validity and interpretation will be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. To the extent permitted by law, this power of attorney is applicable to all my property, whether real, personal, intangible or mixed, wherever located, and whether or not the property is owned by me now or in the future.

### Section 7.17 Severability

If any provision of this power of attorney is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect.

# Article Eight Declarations of the Principal

I understand that this power of attorney is an important legal document. Before executing this power of attorney, my attorney explained to me the following:

The power of attorney provides my Agent with broad powers to dispose of, sell, convey and encumber my real and personal property.

The powers will exist for an indefinite period of time unless I revoke the power of attorney or I have limited their duration by specific provisions in the power of attorney.

This Durable Power of Attorney will continue to exist notwithstanding my subsequent disability or incapacity.

I have the power to revoke or terminate this Durable Power of Attorney at any time.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Principal

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR PRINCIPAL

#### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

Before me, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared NELVA E. BRUNSTING, as Principal, known to me (or proved to me through satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and official seal this day, \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

Notary Public, State of Texas

THE ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OR AGENT, BY ACCEPTING OR ACTING UNDER THE APPOINTMENT, ASSUMES THE FIDUCIARY AND OTHER LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN AGENT AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING APPROPRIATE RECORDS OF EACH TRANSACTION, INCLUDING AN ACCOUNTING OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS. AS A FIDUCIARY, AN ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OR AGENT IS HELD TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF GOOD FAITH, FAIR DEALING, AND LOYALTY WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCIPAL. FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THESE STANDARDS MAY SUBJECT AN ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OR AGENT TO LEGAL ACTION. DEPENDING ON THE DEGREE OF MISCONDUCT, AN ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OR AGENT MAY BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGES OR MAY BE CHARGED WITH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. 
 From:
 Anita Brunsting

 To:
 "Candace Curtis"

 Subject:
 RE:

 Date:
 Sunday, October 24, 2010 12:56:11 PM

You're welcome, it wasn't that big a deal. Hope Kevan is ok. Love, Anita

From: Candace Curtis [mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net] Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2010 1:19 PM To: Anita Brunsting Subject: Re:

Thank you Anita. I know it was a lot of work.

From: Anita Brunsting <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net> To: at.home3@yahoo.com; cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net; Candy <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Sent: Sat, October 23, 2010 10:48:16 AM Subject:

This is the last 3

Based on the comments that Anita has been making to me for the past 4 months, I am concerned too, that she wants to see how much control she has.

# --- On Mon, 10/25/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Monday, October 25, 2010, 6:01 PM

Now the truth comes out. None of us is entitled to copies of the trust documents, since Mother is the only beneficiary. Amy and Anita are trying to take over and will probably do anything and everything they can to cut the rest of us out. I was already depressed today. I'm over the edge now.

| From:    | Carole Brunsting                     |
|----------|--------------------------------------|
| To:      | Candace Curtis                       |
| Subject: | Re:                                  |
| Date:    | Tuesday, October 26, 2010 9:34:04 AM |

I am glad you wrote because I could not sleep last night either and it is difficult to keep my mind on my work. I went over and over all the events of what has happened since Daddy passed away and Anita has been scheming and manipulating with Mother and even tried to get Carl involved. Candace has not been looking out for Mother's best interest. Candace has been allowing Anita to be the one to strong arm Mother into signing papers when I do not believe she understood what she was signing, she only wanted to shut Anita up.

All Anita was suppose to do or find out was placing Carl's money in medical trust for MOTHER to manage and now all of a sudden Amy is co-trustee and your money is in trust and I wonder about mine as well.

I am working on a time line of how and when all this happened and will show that they pressured Mother to make changes when she A) was accepting the fact that Carl was gravely ill B) she found out she had cancer C) she got pneumonia and was in the hospital D) had Drina breathing down her back because ANITA was to chicken to call Drina back E) had to decide on her own about giving Drina money because ANITA and AMY were to busy to be bothered to call me or Mother back and it is what Mother wanted to do but she knew Anita was going to chastise her for giving her money that was her own to give away as she saw fit. F) also during that time Mother had 2 PET scans, a CT scan and a bron scope for which she was sedated.

Now I understand why Mother kept putting off signing the changes to the Trust. I thought the papers were written only to put Carl's money in trust. I did not know that Amy was replacing Carl and your money was going into trust. I never saw the documents as Candace had them at her office, but Mother kept delaying going over there with various excuses. She was afraid to tell Anita she did not want to make all the changes, but Anita talked her into it.

The closer Anita comes to taking control the comments to me have been: A) it is a good thing I am trustee now and not Carl because you can make more changes to the trust than you realize and Carl would have been making all the decision and had final say over distribution B) she was going to find a way to fold Carl's money back into the trust if Carl died before Drina C) she was taking over all investment when ANITA is the one that moved the money over to this Edwards office that Mother works with and attended all the meetings D) Anita wanted to find out if she could sell the farm as one unit because she said she could get more per acre rather than us each sell our parcels when we wanted too. E) Now I find out that ANITA contacted Carl about a year ago about putting both our money in trust that she and Carl would control and Carl said no.

Candy I am so deeply hurt by all of this and disgusted at the same time. I am so angry with Candace because she allowed all this to happen and it impacts Mother. Amy will just go along with Anita now that her name is on the trust. But if she only knew that ANITA called CPS and they went out and spoke with Amy's neighbors about her kids and spied on her house for a report back to Anita and the report was they did not find any reason to take Jack and Ann. Anita wanted Carl and Drina to adopt them. I think at this point I need to find an attorney to speak with. Now that Anita sent out the trust documents even though she should not have, Drina will hire a lawyer and this will never see the of day. And she will have Carl's full support.

### --- On Tue, 10/26/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 11:07 AM

Carole,

I promised myself when I hung up from the call that I was through with all of this. I broke my promise all night last night and didn't get a wink of sleep. I cannot let it go. Anita has been manipulating Mother since Daddy passed away. Rather than say "Candy, you are NO LONGER entitled to know anything about any of it" she has been lying and saying she had no idea what was going on. The fact that she has been talking to Candace and pushing for Mother to resign as trustee is truly sick. Now that she and Amy are dead set on having Mother declared incompetent I DON'T WANT THEM TO HAVE CONTROL OF MY SHARE OF THE TRUST. But they do, thanks to Candace, who does not know me from Adam. I don't think Mother realized what she was signing in August. She is not a stupid woman and would certainly understand the intent of the document if anyone explained it to her. THEY DID NOT. If they did explain it to her until she understood, I think she would have had second thoughts.

How dare Candace tell you that if you don't participate in the call you will not have any say in it. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SAY IN IT ANYWAY. At least Mother and Anita think you're smart enough to be your own trustee.

When Amy and Anita were griping about Edward Jones and I suggested that they write a letter for Mother to sign, Amy ONLY thought that was a good idea. Anita said nothing. SHE WANTS TO GET HER HANDS ON THE MONEY SO SHE CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF INVESTING.

Bottom line. I'm truly scared about my future security and the fact that I have no control whatsoever over my destiny. If that's what Mother intended I would really have liked to hear it from her. I would also like to know what I did that made her feel it was necessary to take such drastic measures without consulting me.

I cannot sleep, I cannot keep my mind on my work, and I cannot get these thoughts out of my head.

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> To: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Sent: Mon, October 25, 2010 9:17:05 PM Subject: Re: Based on the comments that Anita has been making to me for the past 4 months, I am concerned too, that she wants to see how much control she has.

## --- On Mon, 10/25/10, Candace Curtis cocurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Monday, October 25, 2010, 6:01 PM

Now the truth comes out. None of us is entitled to copies of the trust documents, since Mother is the only beneficiary. Amy and Anita are trying to take over and will probably do anything and everything they can to cut the rest of us out. I was already depressed today. I'm over the edge now. Oh Candy thank you!!! I feel that I have been fighting this battle with Anita and now Amy alone. Anita is going to be the one responsible for keeping Mother sick because she is such a control freak and will not LET IT GO!! Let Mother decide what she wants to do. It is Mother's money, not ANITA's and not AMY's.

# --- On Tue, 10/26/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 12:05 PM

I just called Mother. She DID NOT know the full implications of what she signed. I told her Anita had been manipulating her since Daddy passed away. She said she should have been included on the call. She said that she would not have given Anita the authority to manage MY MONEY. I told her that Amy and Anita are conspiring with Candace to have her declared incompetent so they can take CONTROL.

I don't really know what will happen now. I think that the August document should be declared null and void.

After talking to her for at least 30 minutes I realized that she is NOT incompetent. It's her memory that is failing, not her ability to manager her affairs. This happens when people get old. She might not remember to pay a bill, but she knows that bills must be paid. She doesn't remember that I know Carl had encephalitis, but she knows Carl had encephalitis. She has the ability to UNDERSTAND something when it's explained to her, although she might not remember what it is that she understood at the time.

Please change the password on Mother's bank account. Please also tell Mother that Anita checks her bank account to see what she is doing and that she also reads her private emails.

Mother did say that Anita drives her crazy.

Love you,

С

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> To: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Sent: Tue, October 26, 2010 9:34:02 AM Subject: Re: I am glad you wrote because I could not sleep last night either and it is difficult to keep my mind on my work. I went over and over all the events of what has happened since Daddy passed away and Anita has been scheming and manipulating with Mother and even tried to get Carl involved. Candace has not been looking out for Mother's best interest. Candace has been allowing Anita to be the one to strong arm Mother into signing papers when I do not believe she understood what she was signing, she only wanted to shut Anita up.

All Anita was suppose to do or find out was placing Carl's money in medical trust for MOTHER to manage and now all of a sudden Amy is co-trustee and your money is in trust and I wonder about mine as well.

I am working on a time line of how and when all this happened and will show that they pressured Mother to make changes when she A) was accepting the fact that Carl was gravely ill B) she found out she had cancer C) she got pneumonia and was in the hospital D) had Drina breathing down her back because ANITA was to chicken to call Drina back E) had to decide on her own about giving Drina money because ANITA and AMY were to busy to be bothered to call me or Mother back and it is what Mother wanted to do but she knew Anita was going to chastise her for giving her money that was her own to give away as she saw fit. F) also during that time Mother had 2 PET scans, a CT scan and a bron scope for which she was sedated.

Now I understand why Mother kept putting off signing the changes to the Trust. I thought the papers were written only to put Carl's money in trust. I did not know that Amy was replacing Carl and your money was going into trust. I never saw the documents as Candace had them at her office, but Mother kept delaying going over there with various excuses. She was afraid to tell Anita she did not want to make all the changes, but Anita talked her into it.

The closer Anita comes to taking control the comments to me have been: A) it is a good thing I am trustee now and not Carl because you can make more changes to the trust than you realize and Carl would have been making all the decision and had final say over distribution B) she was going to find a way to fold Carl's money back into the trust if Carl died before Drina C) she was taking over all investment when ANITA is the one that moved the money over to this Edwards office that Mother works with and attended all the meetings D) Anita wanted to find out if she could sell the farm as one unit because she said she could get more per acre rather than us each sell our parcels when we wanted too. E) Now I find out that ANITA contacted Carl about a year ago about putting both our money in trust that she and Carl would control and Carl said no.

Candy I am so deeply hurt by all of this and disgusted at the same time. I am so angry with Candace because she allowed all this to happen and it impacts Mother. Amy will just go along with Anita now that her name is on the trust. But if she only knew that ANITA called CPS and they went out and spoke with Amy's neighbors about her kids and spied on her house for a report back to Anita and the report was they did not find any reason to take Jack and Ann. Anita wanted Carl and Drina to adopt them.

I think at this point I need to find an attorney to speak with. Now that Anita sent out

the trust documents even though she should not have, Drina will hire a lawyer and this will never see the of day. And she will have Carl's full support.

### --- On Tue, 10/26/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 11:07 AM

Carole,

I promised myself when I hung up from the call that I was through with all of this. I broke my promise all night last night and didn't get a wink of sleep. I cannot let it go. Anita has been manipulating Mother since Daddy passed away. Rather than say "Candy, you are NO LONGER entitled to know anything about any of it" she has been lying and saying she had no idea what was going on. The fact that she has been talking to Candace and pushing for Mother to resign as trustee is truly sick. Now that she and Amy are dead set on having Mother declared incompetent I DON'T WANT THEM TO HAVE CONTROL OF MY SHARE OF THE TRUST. But they do, thanks to Candace, who does not know me from Adam. I don't think Mother realized what she was signing in August. She is not a stupid woman and would certainly understand the intent of the document if anyone explained it to her. THEY DID NOT. If they did explain it to her until she understood, I think she would have had second thoughts.

How dare Candace tell you that if you don't participate in the call you will not have any say in it. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SAY IN IT ANYWAY. At least Mother and Anita think you're smart enough to be your own trustee.

When Amy and Anita were griping about Edward Jones and I suggested that they write a letter for Mother to sign, Amy ONLY thought that was a good idea. Anita said nothing. SHE WANTS TO GET HER HANDS ON THE MONEY SO SHE CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF INVESTING.

Bottom line. I'm truly scared about my future security and the fact that I have no control whatsoever over my destiny. If that's what Mother intended I would really have liked to hear it from her. I would also like to know what I did that made her feel it was necessary to take such drastic measures without consulting me.

I cannot sleep, I cannot keep my mind on my work, and I cannot get these thoughts out of my head.

```
From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>
To: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Mon, October 25, 2010 9:17:05 PM
```

### Subject: Re:

Based on the comments that Anita has been making to me for the past 4 months, I am concerned too, that she wants to see how much control she has.

### --- On Mon, 10/25/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Monday, October 25, 2010, 6:01 PM

Now the truth comes out. None of us is entitled to copies of the trust documents, since Mother is the only beneficiary. Amy and Anita are trying to take over and will probably do anything and everything they can to cut the rest of us out. I was already depressed today. I'm over the edge now.

| From:    | Carole Brunsting                     |
|----------|--------------------------------------|
| То:      | Candace Curtis                       |
| Subject: | Re:                                  |
| Date:    | Tuesday, October 26, 2010 1:33:05 PM |

#### Candy,

Do not regret calling Mother because I know that Mother loves you very much. Mother used to print all your emails and give them to Daddy and he would carry them around and ask me if I had seen them to know what you were doing. I know how much Daddy cared about Kevan. He read me the letter he wrote to him and if you would like, I will find the email I wrote supporting Kevan when he wanted to buy the business. The negative NEVER came from Daddy. Maybe Mother, but I cannot tell anymore because Mother seems so clear in what she wants to do then all of a sudden something changes. Mother never put a moments thought into helping you in any way. The focus right now needs to be on keeping Mother going and keep the trust the way it was originally written. Anita has either lied, or withheld the truth from me to many times now so I don't know what is the truth any more.

I wish we could all work together on all of this, but for some reason Anita feels it necessary to do all this under a cloak of secrecy. That is why I wanted someone in charge that would keep everyone updated on what was going on and let everyone have an opinion of what to do. NOT take it and run with it and make changes and sneak around behind our backs.

I have tried to maintain communication with everyone to let you know about Mother and Daddy. Amy never said anything negative about anyone expect maybe Mother and Daddy, but even then she kept it at a minimum. I think Carl and Drina judged everyone in the family but I have come to accept it. Marta lives 4 blocks from me and I have never been invited over to their house. It is hard to discuss anything with Anita unless you agree with her because when she fights she hits below the belt with comments and she takes on a tone that she is smarter than you are, so I don't disagree with her much. I finally told her a few weeks ago that I found it hard to talk to her because she minimizes everything I say regarding the trust and the farm and how to care for Mother. I finally told her to her face that what I told her about my personal life was told to her because I trusted her and the last few years have been very difficult and then she uses it against me. I told her I will never trust her again. And then Amy piles in and corners me in the utility room and tells me how I am overstepping my bounds like I am some kind of homeless bum.

As the years have past you have been more accessible and easier to talk to. I never spoke with you that much and only kept up on what your were doing though the emails Mother and Daddy would read to me. It has only been the last year that I felt the opportunity to get to know you better and you can ask Carl, Anita and Mother that I have told them how great you are doing and how much I enjoy our conversations.

Don't forget that Daddy did not remember many names or faces in the end and the Sunday before he died he was asking for you.

--- On Tue, 10/26/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

a set of the set

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 2:59 PM

6.8 M ......

С ---

ŝ

I left a message for Amy to call me and then called Anita. After talking to Anita I realized that telling Amy what so-and-so said to so-and-so would be hurtful and mean. What Anita said my siblings said about me is also hurtful and mean. I DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT ANY OF IT. If that's the way any one of you feels, so be it. There is no integrity OR TRUTH in any of the statements made, only personal agenda for fuel. I am appalled that I lowered myself to become a party to any of it. I now regret calling Mother and I will not take anything she said to heart because I can't believe her based on what Anita said. I can't believe Anita because I know she lies and withholds information.

| From:    | Carole Brunsting                     |
|----------|--------------------------------------|
| To:      | Candace Curtis                       |
| Subject: | Re:                                  |
| Date:    | Tuesday, October 26, 2010 1:43:46 PM |

منكبون الأ

а Т

I agree not to tell Amy because it will only hurt her. Amy worked hard without help from any one to build her business and take care of her kids and she never asked Mother for anything. She gets no child support from Wayne. And we all spent years worrying about her and she handled everything on her own. I have really enjoyed talking to her again and was hopeful it would last but that does not appear to be the case.

--- On Tue, 10/26/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 2:59 PM

С---

I left a message for Amy to call me and then called Anita. After talking to Anita I realized that telling Amy what so-and-so said to so-and-so would be hurtful and mean. What Anita said my siblings said about me is also hurtful and mean. I DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT ANY OF IT. If that's the way any one of you feels, so be it. There is no integrity OR TRUTH in any of the statements made, only personal agenda for fuel. I am appalled that I lowered myself to become a party to any of it. I now regret calling Mother and I will not take anything she said to heart because I can't believe her based on what Anita said. I can't believe Anita because I know she lies and withholds information.

| From:    |   | Carole Brunsting                      |
|----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| To:      |   | Candace Curtis                        |
| Subject: | : | Re: One more                          |
| Date:    | • | Thursday, October 28, 2010 8:45:46 AM |
|          |   |                                       |

I like it. An attorney called me this morning based on the referral notice I sent out last night and from the very brief conversation that I had with him, Anita had NO RIGHT to remove Carl as trustee if provisions were already in place for someone to step in for him. Anita took full advantage of his illness to have his name taken completely out of all the documents. He asked if Carl knew about the change and if he or his wife who was acting as his power of attorney was ever consulted about the change as CARL was the one with the power , not Anita. Anita wanted Carl out of the way and took the chicken XXXt way to move up and take over. The lawyer said act quickly and he said to stay tight lipped about it.

So I think the real issue may be that Anita went about removing Carl while he was only ill and still alive and she knew that was not necessary but wanted to make the changes while he could do nothing about it. We all know that Carl will get back to normal at some point and will carry on, but now he will find out what Anita did behind his back. Mother needs to know that Anita had no right to remove him as trustee and power of attorney. What a skank.

### --- On Thu, 10/28/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: One more To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010, 10:34 AM

the second

Candace DOES know she fucked up. That's why she had such a nasty attitude towards both you and I. Anita is smug and Amy plays dumb.

I hope Carl goes home today! If he does I hope the sun is shining. 10 minutes smiling into the sunshine + coffee + the Beatles = a sharper, happy Carl. I have a strong feeling that he will recover in leaps and bounds ALL ON HIS OWN, with support from his wife and family. The fact that Daddy is looking over us gives me strength. I can feel him stronger than ever before.

My suggestion is that when Dr. White finds Mother competent the following should happen:

1. You need to complete your time-line to demonstrate that due to various factors (badgering, low oxygen, Carl's illness, her illness, pneumonia, general stress and worry due to all of this), Mother was incompetent and under extreme duress when she signed everything she signed, particularly the Power of Attorney. We can compose a letter to Candace for Mother to sign, demanding that she wants to have papers drawn up to revoke anything she agreed to between the first of July and now.

2. As Mother gathers strength over the next few weeks she will go to her MD Anderson appointments, etc. and move towards treatment and recovery. I want to stress nutrition, adequate good sleep, and stress-free living.

3. In the meantime she can sell what she needs to, to pay for Robert or Tino or whoever Drina needs to assist her with Carl (if she even needs someone - Carl may recover a lot in a few weeks at home). The cost will be minimal compared to the \$100k shithead got to buy her house.

Going forward, Mother will have to tell Candace IN WRITING what she wants done with the trust. You can help her compose the letters. There can be no question when it's in writing. You can assist Mother in reviewing the paperwork before she signs (at home - at her leisure), to make sure all her wishes have been incorporated. This should never be done under the pressure and duress she was subjected to. Mother can take as much time as she needs to read and understand that everything will be as she wants it to be.

The fair and equitable solution in my mind is:

Make all five of us successor co-trustees and require a majority to make any change whatsoever. Then, if Mother steps down there will be no shenanigans. Everything will be transparent and we'll all know everything everyone else knows. That way when Anita wants to sell the farm, or move away from Edward Jones, she can put it up for a vote among us. All five of us are intelligent people and none of us can honestly say we have NEVER made a wrong choice in our lives. This way Mother will be at peace to live out her life, and she will die knowing that she has not pitted one against the other, or given control of one over the other, or played favorites, or been bullied into doing something she didn't really want to do, or would not have done in the first place.

Now this may go AGAINST the norm, or what Candace and her ilk would recommend, but fuck them. They are attorneys who get paid to do what their clients want them to do and they love having to draw up documents. Fees, fees, fees, \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

If Anita succeeds in her agenda and becomes trustee, we should have her competency tested just to show her what it feels like. If everything stays the way it is right now, that's the first thing I'm going to do when the day comes that she's in charge of me. Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na,

Love you,

С

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net Sent: Wed, October 27, 2010 9:32:06 PM Subject: One more

And do not overlook an exploration of the family's motives in requesting a competency evaluation, she cautioned. Do family members have reason for wanting their oddly behaving relative to be declared incompetent?

This is from an article about not rushing to declare and elderly person incompetent.

Mother passes the smell test and I have to make sure Tino does not let her out of the house without her clothes being ironed and SEE!!! MOTHER MADE THE APPOINTMENT TO GET HER HAIR DONE!!! CANDY THAT IS IT!!! MOTHER DOES CARE ABOUT HER APPEARANCE!! She will not go out without her makeup one and I have to get her a nail file all the time. Mother also called Edward Jones on her own and sold \$10K so she would have enough money to live on.

She was temporarily incompetent when she was to low on oxygen and if they made her walk to Candace's office I know for a fact her levels were to low because Dr. White joked about it. Tino did not take her so she had to walk from the parking lot to the office. She did not understand what she was signing because she was to short of breath and I can prove that. Candane has to know she F\*\*\*ed up.

### --- On Wed, 10/27/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Found this To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2010, 10:38 PM

، دد ب

There are any number of situations that may cause you to question the competency of a family member to make sound life decisions, such as when:

- An elderly person suddenly changes a will or trust in a manner that is significantly different from all previous wills or trusts, which could result in will litigation if not appropriately handled during the elder's life.
- A family member has suspicion that the elderly person is being unduly influenced by others

Anita is unduly influencing Mother and now Amy has piled on. Mother never would have made these changes on her own. This was all done by the hand of Anita who put herself in charge of everything.

| From:    | Carole Brunsting                       |
|----------|----------------------------------------|
| To:      | Candace Curtis                         |
| Subject: | Re: One more                           |
| Date:    | Thursday, October 28, 2010 10:06:08 AM |

The sad thing is no one is fighting over their inheritance. This all came about because Anita wanted to take over the investments so maybe there would be \$1000 more to divide and to be able to tell Drina and Carl they could not have their own money. This is not about you, me or Carl. This is about Anita and her sick desire to control it all.

All I wanted was for Mother to have peace and anything she wanted without Anita fuming over every check she writes. I don't want to have Amy and Anita telling me what I should and should not be doing in caring for Mother. The must carry tremendous guilt or have extremely low self esteem to be heartless. And neither shows any compassion for Carl and his situation.

### --- On Thu, 10/28/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: One more To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010, 11:43 AM

Candace and that firm are already in big trouble. For them to take Anita's word over the truth, or incorporate changes Anita said to make, is MALPRACTICE. For Candace to notarize Mother's signature is also inappropriate. The problem is, since neither you nor I have a comprehensive copy of the trust and amendments, we don't know what the truth of the matter is. If we all get to be trustees then we'll all have copies of everything, including the statements from Edward Jones, etc. At this point who is successor trustee? Do we know? I really want to avoid litigation. We just need to scare Anita somehow. She's much too smug.

I was talking to Owen about it this morning and he actually brought up the \$100k to Anita. He was there when Daddy announced it. He can't believe Anita is doing this.

Rik said that if we are all made co-trustees we should put something in there to the effect that if any of us starts a lawsuit against another or about the trust, they inherit \$1 and the remainder gets divided among the others. PERIOD.

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> To: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Sent: Thu, October 28, 2010 8:59:43 AM Subject: Re:<sup>{</sup>One more

Candy,

The more I think about this the whole key is Carl. When I was listening to Mother's call with Candance, Mother told Candace that Carl was trustee, not Anita and was
not following the changes Candane was telling her she had made to have Carl removed.. Legally, I wonder if what Candace did was right without consulting Carl or his power of attonery since Carl has always been present at all meetings.

### --- On Thu, 10/28/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <a>ccurtis@sbcglobal.net></a> Subject: Re: One more To: "Carole Brúnsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010, 10:34 AM

11

Candace DOES know she fucked up. That's why she had such a nasty attitude towards both you and I. Anita is smug and Amy plays dumb.

I hope Carl goes home today! If he does I hope the sun is shining. 10 minutes smiling into the sunshine + coffee + the Beatles = a sharper, happy Carl. I have a strong feeling that he will recover in leaps and bounds ALL ON HIS OWN, with support from his wife and family. The fact that Daddy is looking over us gives me strength. I can feel him stronger than ever before.

My suggestion is that when Dr. White finds Mother competent the following should happen:

1. You need to complete your time-line to demonstrate that due to various factors (badgering, low oxygen, Carl's illness, her illness, pneumonia, general stress and worry due to all of this), Mother was incompetent and under extreme duress when she signed everything she signed, particularly the Power of Attorney. We can compose a letter to Candace for Mother to sign, demanding that she wants to have papers drawn up to revoke anything she agreed to between the first of July and now.

2. As Mother gathers strength over the next few weeks she will go to her MD Anderson appointments, etc. and move towards treatment and recovery. I want to stress nutrition, adequate good sleep, and stress-free living.

3. In the meantime she can sell what she needs to, to pay for Robert or Tino or whoever Drina needs to assist her with Carl (if she even needs someone - Carl may recover a lot in a few weeks at home). The cost will be minimal compared to the \$100k shithead got to buy her house.

Going forward, Mother will have to tell Candace IN WRITING what she wants done with the trust. You can help her compose the letters. There can be no question when it's in writing. You can assist Mother in reviewing the paperwork before she signs (at home - at her leisure), to make sure all her wishes have been incorporated. This should never be done under the pressure and duress she was subjected to. Mother can take as much time as she needs to read and understand that everything will be as she wants it to be. The fair and equitable solution in my mind is:

Make all five of us successor co-trustees and require a majority to make any change whatsoever. Then, if Mother steps down there will be no shenanigans. Everything will be transparent and we'll all know everything everyone else knows. That way when Anita wants to sell the farm, or move away from Edward Jones, she can put it up for a vote among us. All five of us are intelligent people and none of us can honestly say we have NEVER made a wrong choice in our lives. This way Mother will be at peace to live out her life, and she will die knowing that she has not pitted one against the other, or given control of one over the other, or played favorites, or been bullied into doing something she didn't really want to do, or would not have done in the first place.

Now this may go AGAINST the norm, or what Candace and her ilk would recommend, but fuck them. They are attorneys who get paid to do what their clients want them to do and they love having to draw up documents. Fees, fees, fees, \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

If Anita succeeds in her agenda and becomes trustee, we should have her competency tested just to show her what it feels like. If everything stays the way it is right now, that's the first thing I'm going to do when the day comes that she's in charge of me. Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na.

Love you,

С

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net Sent: Wed, October 27, 2010 9:32:06 PM Subject: One more

ر.

And do not overlook an exploration of the family's motives in requesting a competency evaluation, she cautioned. Do family members have reason for wanting their oddly behaving relative to be declared incompetent?

This is from an article about not rushing to declare and elderly person incompetent.

Mother passes the smell test and I have to make sure Tino does not let her out of the house without her clothes being ironed and SEE!!! MOTHER MADE THE APPOINTMENT TO GET HER HAIR DONE!!! CANDY THAT IS IT!!! MOTHER DOES CARE ABOUT HER APPEARANCE!! She will not go out without her makeup one and I have to get her a nail file all the time. Mother also called Edward Jones on her own and sold \$10K so she would have enough money to live on.

She was temporarily incompetent when she was to low on oxygen and if they made her walk to Candace's office I know for a fact her levels were to low because Dr. White joked about it. Tino did not take her so she had to walk

from the parking lot to the office. She did not understand what she was signing because she was to short of breath and I can prove that. Candane has to know she  $F^{***ed}$  up.

--- On Wed, 10/27/10, Carole Brunsting *<cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Found this To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2010, 10:38 PM

There are any number of situations that may cause you to question the competency of a family member to make sound life decisions, such as when:

- An elderly person suddenly changes a will or trust in a manner that is significantly different from all previous wills or trusts, which could result in will litigation if not appropriately handled during the elder's life.
- A family member has suspicion that the elderly person is being unduly influenced by others

Anita is unduly influencing Mother and now Amy has piled on. Mother never would have made these changes on her own. This was all done by the hand of Anita who put herself in charge of everything.

1. t and a sec

en an U andar an From:Carole BrunstingTo:Candace CurtisSubject:Re: Legalmatch Follow UpDate:Friday, October 29, 2010 12:59:07 PM

Sorry, I meant Anita not Amy. Mother's memory is better than mine.

## --- On Fri, 10/29/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Legalmatch Follow Up To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, October 29, 2010, 2:46 PM

I didn't know that Amy had any contact with Candace. If she did, then, yes, it was illegal. Mother, as far as we know, is still the trustee and sole beneficiary of the trust. That said, Mother is the only one who can tell Candace what to do, or talk to her for that matter. If Candace followed instructions from anyone else and drew up papers for Mother to sign based on those instructions, she's in big trouble. The problem is, we don't know. How are we going to find out for sure?

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> To: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Sent: Fri, October 29, 2010 12:21:32 PM Subject: Re: Legalmatch Follow Up

Wow. My dream are usually about driving into deep water and then waking up. Glad Mother went to the doctor as she has a bladder infection and has to go back in 10 days so I will cancel the appt for next Fri and reschedule for the next Monday. The doctor said there is nothing wrong with Mother's memory as Mother remembered so many details of her last visit and she said to keep the focus on M D Anderson and nothing else. Mother is much stronger and I will sit with her and go over everything she signed and explain to her that she has to undo and if Dr. White needs to write Mother a note to force Candace to make the changes Mother wants then so be it.

I do think that Candace and Amy broke some laws. And yes I think Anita is trying to cover up that the \$100K comes out of her inheritance and I will keep digging through paperwork this weekend until I find the agreement that spells that out.

--- On Fri, 10/29/10, Candace Curtis *<occurtis@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Re: Legalmatch Follow Up To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, October 29, 2010, 10:40 AM

ð.

. ..

2......

Hey,

No, thanks for sending it. I have a ton of stuff to do today at work, so it will be late this afternoon before I can dig into it. I need to look up the definition of first-tier beneficiary. Based on the reply from the attorney, it sounds like we have a real problem child on our hands. I woke up in a cold sweat last night after an extremely vivid nightmare. In the dream I had been in a car accident. I was taken to the hospital unconscious. My face was cut to shreds and my left arm was hanging by a thread. Anita told them to cut my arm off and refused plastic surgery on my face. Then she decided I didn't need a 3bedroom house since it was just me, so she sold it and moved me into a rental trailer with rats. I woke up when the rats were running all over me and I only had one arm to get them off.

Honestly, I think the main reason Anita wants control is to deal with the 100k she received. Was it intended to come from her share in the end, or 1/5 from each of us? If it was meant to come out of her 1/5 in total, that's why she's doing all this. When you do the math, using \$2.5M, each 1/5 would be \$500,000k made up of \$300k in farmland and \$200k in cash. This would basically give Anita \$100k in cash and her farmland. To be so selfish to want to change EVERYTHING in her favor is really sad. She and Amy WILL sell the farm and no one can say anything about it. That's why I want all 5 of us as successor co-trustees. EVERYONE GETS A VOTE AND THE MAJORITY WINS. It's the ONLY FAIR WAY.

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net Sent: Thu, October 28, 2010 6:49:00 PM Subject: Fw: Legalmatch Follow Up

S wet -

Do you have this document?

--- On Thu, 10/28/10, Kevin Prendergast <kmpkmp2002@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Kevin Prendergast <kmpkmp2002@yahoo.com> Subject: Fw: Legalmatch Follow Up To: cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010, 7:05 PM

Ms. Brunsting:

Thank you for your time on the phoen today. I know this may be a little too technical but I attached a legal education paper on trusts. You can already see where your sister did things that are not allowed.

Please call me, I would not want to delay too long to get started. I am fairly open next week and this weekend.

Kevin

# --- On Thu, 10/28/10, kmpkmp2002@yahoo.com <kmpkmp2002@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: kmpkmp2002@yahoo.com <kmpkmp2002@yahoo.com> Subject: Legalmatch Follow Up To: cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010, 3:54 AM

Ms Brunsting

Please see my reply on legalmatch. I need to speak with you or I need more details about what the sibling is doing to Mom. I have done a number of similar cases but I can't give you an idea of what needs to be done unless I am aware of the past history.

For example...are they using her durable power of attorney? Have the filed for a guardianship?

Thanks

Kevin Prendergast

?

| From:    | Anita Brunsting                                      |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------|
| To:      | "Carole Brunsting"; "Candy Curtis"; "Amy Tschirhart" |
| Subject: | RE: Mother"s health update                           |
| Date:    | Sunday, November 14, 2010 8:59:17 PM                 |

Her first oncologist Dr. Quesada said that mom is not a good candidate for chemo, because it is immunosuppressive and could make her lung infection much much worse. Just something to mention to the new dr's. Thanks

**From:** Carole Brunsting [mailto:cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net] **Sent:** Friday, November 12, 2010 1:31 PM **To:** Anita K Brunsting; Candy Curtis; Amy Tschirhart **Subject:** Mother's health update

. .

#### Anita/Amy/Candace-

Mother is becoming so dependent on her oxygen that we took her to Dr. Gidvani yesterday. Dr. Gidvani said her lungs sound good but that Mother is loosing muscle mass because she is not eating enough and that is what is causing her to be on the oxygen more. Mother weighed 137 yesterday and Dr. Gidvani would like to see her gain at least 10 lbs. She gave her a prescription for Megase to increase her appetite and recommended a high protein diet. Mother does drink Ensure but she told her to drink at least two a day. Tino does a very good job of meal planning for Mother but one of you might want to put together a suggested grocery list and best places that he can pick up dinner. Mother does have her favorites such as Luby's, Black-eyed Pea, Chick-fil-a but if Tino has a preselected list of the best meals and foods to buy that would make his job easier.

I spoke with Dr. Gidvani about MD Anderson and that they have not set the appointment yet and she said that she has no pull with them. So she recommended that Mother see the oncologist that works in her clinic as he came from MD Anderson. She said her first choice is MD Anderson but Mother might as well get stated with treatment which she can do by going to a clinic close to her house for chemo.

She felt that MD Anderson may have a research program that Mother may be able to participate in so to take her to the appointment once we get it and see what they have to offer. Dr. Rodriguez is only available for new appts on Monday so I made an appt for Mother on 11/22 at noon.

By then we should have heard something from MD Anderson and can cancel Dr. Rodriguez or take her to both. Please let me know if you have any other suggestions or would like to make any changes in doctors or course of treatment. Carole

 From:
 Carole Brunsting

 To:
 Anita K Brunsting; Candy Curtis; Amy Tschirhart

 Subject:
 Re: Cancer treatments

 Date:
 Thursday, November 25, 2010 4:26:29 PM

1.150

http://www.mayoclinic.org/bile-duct-cancer/

More reading

## --- On Thu, 11/25/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Cancer treatments To: "Anita K Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com> Date: Thursday, November 25, 2010, 6:16 PM

Now that Mother has been denied by MD Anderson we need to decide what to do next. Robert mentions Cancer Center Treatment of America but the closest one is in Tulsa. I am forwarding two links from their website because they do mention several methods of treatment.

### http://www.cancercenter.com/cancer-type.cfm

Anita, do you know the name of the cancer Mother has. All I know is bile duct but they talk about two types here.

Also, look at lung cancer and they types of treatments. Dr. Gidvani hinted at the fact that perhaps MD Anderson could help in some way with Mother's lungs.

This place it two far but I thought the information was worth reading. Carole

| From:        | Anita Brunsting                                      |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| To:          | "Carole Brunsting"; "Amy Tschirhart"; "Candy Curtis" |
| Subject:     | story corps - mother                                 |
| Date:        | Thursday, November 25, 2010 6:15:11 PM               |
| Attachments: | What is your earliest memory.docx                    |

. 7

I don't know if you've heard of it, but StoryCorps is a non-profit org aimed at recording at getting as many people to share something about their lives. They want you to record conversations w/ a loved one and send them to them, but they also have a list of good questions to start a conversation. Tomorrow is the National Day of Listening, when Storycorps is really promoted, but I thought I'd take some of their questions and ask them of mom. I did that tonite w/ her over the phone, and the attached is what I could type (as direct from her as possible) of her responses. Some of the questions had me asking my own for clarification or to get more info on something I didn't know much about - so you'll see the extra's added.

Hope you enjoy it or find it interesting.

Anita

What is your earliest memory?

Swinging in the swing in your background, I was about 3 I guess, in Iown on the farm, in the country about 5 miles from Hospers

### What is your favorite memory about Candy?

. - .

She's not going to appreciate this but, Putting her toe in her mouth at 4 months, in Cincinnati (I think – gee, I'll have to figure that out – we adopted her in Cincinnati, we moved to Niagra Falls in Sept, so that was in Cincinnati, we were in Niagra falls for 6 months,

How did you end up in Niagra Falls? we followed one of Daddy's partners, I'd guess you'd say. They were working for Vulcan Copper and Supply and they weren't really happy toward the end in Cinn, so Tom left and Daddy followed him, olin mathison (the company in Niagra Falls) – it was govt work and he wasn't allowed to tell me what he did.

About Carole? Oh, she was so fat and plump just like a marshmallow, and beautiful baby, she really was. She modeled a dress when she was 4 for local dress shop. In Pryor, the dress shop's name was Nettie's – on Main St., she was the only girl her age modeling dresses.

About Carl? Playing with our neighbor boy, let's see what was his name, the last name was Lindsay, it wasn't Robert that was his father's name, Steven, Steven! They'd toss the football to each other and played outside, because was so much room out there, it was in Pryor.

About Amy? One Sunday morning, she came out of the room, she was about 2, she was all dressed for church, surprised the heck out of us, I can still her coming out of that bedroom.

About Anita? You in the sink at Gramma Brunsting's taking a bath, you were pretty young, about a year I think. That was at the farm.

What was the happiest moment of your life? Well, I'm going to have to say when we got Candy, because it was "pop,pop,pop" after that; o she relaxed me and we had 4 more after that. I wasn't so worried after that (getting Candy).

ì.

What was the saddest moment of your life? Well, .uh, I guess when I lost my brother at sea.

How did it happen? Well we got mixed stories, I think they ran out of fuel, and they tried to make it to another station, you know, landing place and they couldn't make it. The plane ran out of fuel and they crashed in the South China Sea. It happened in February, I believe, and it took them several weeks to get him back home.

Who has been the most important person in your life? Well, I suppose Daddy – well because he was very supportive, and he did so many things, he was just so capable – he was the master of all trades.

Who has been the biggest influence on your life? What lessons did that person teach you?

Oh gosh, I don't, Oh! My 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin Nelson Nieuwenhuis, he taught our Sunday school class when I was in high school class, and he was also a history teacher at Northwestern College in Orange City, Hospers Public High School. He taught me a lot about the bible.

What are you proudest of in your life? Proudest of? I guess being day chairman at MAM for 18 months. Well I was a pretty good day chairman, it took a little extra attention to do that.

How would you like to be remembered? Well, I guess as someone who got along quite well w/ most people.

| From:    | Amy Tschirhart                                    |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| To:      | Anita K Brunsting; Candy Curtis; Carole Brunsting |
| Subject: | Re: Mother update                                 |
| Date:    | Friday, November 26, 2010 7:25:29 PM              |

I guess we should have had Thanksgiving up here like we had originally planned. I wonder why Mom wasn't coughing at all yesterday while we were cooking or later in the afternoon? Do you think it might be the mold in that house? We found a pan that she had left in the oven that had about 1-inch of mold growing in it. Robert took it outside and cleaned it out for us. My eyes and Ann's were itching the whole time we were there.

#### Amy

### --- On Fri, 11/26/10, Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Mother update

To: "Anita K Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Candy Curtis" <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>, "Amy Tschirhart" <at.home3@yahoo.com> Date: Friday, November 26, 2010, 5:16 PM

Mother had a bad coughing spell last night that lasted 45 minutes and coughed so hard and so long that she coughed up blood again. At one point Tino wanted call 911, but it eventually subsided. Tino was so worried and I was too because Mother has not had any kind of coughing spell like this for months. I was able to get her into Dr. Pohil's office this morning and she was seen by the doctor on call. She took Mother's vitals and listened to her chest and said it sounded clear. The doctor concluded that what was making Mother cough was the smokey smell that was in the air from the turkey cooking. She said that Mother needs to avoid, any type of smoke, strong perfumes, or any type of heavy scents in the air that would make it harder for her to breath. She said the same thing happened to her husband one Thanksgiving and that is when they discovered he had asthma. So we can cook in the house but we just need to be careful what is being cooked. She talked with Mother about getting on the course of antibiotics for her lung condition but only gave her a prescription for Leviguin because that does seem to help her and she will leave the other to Dr. Pohil.

Mother had a chest xray which will be read by the radiologist and we will have the results on Monday.

This doctor said that Dr. Pohil's patient base is so huge now and he stays so busy that he is not taking any new patients. She said that Dr. Gidvani is excellent in critical care and if Mother every went into the hospital, Dr. Gidvani is the doctor she would want.

I told this doctor about MD Anderson denying Mother as a patient and she said there are several other excellent doctors and not to just give up on it. I also asked her about inhaled antibiotics and she said there are a couple that Mother might be able to use should she decide to take on the antibiotic course of treatment for her lungs. The leviquin has been the drug that has made a remarkable difference in her not coughing anymore.

The last good thing about the appointment today is that Mother was out of portable oxygen so we were able to borrow a tank which made it possible for Mother to go to her hair appt this afternoon. I spoke with her hair dresser about the possibility of coming out to Mother's house instead of Mother having to go in and she said she might be able to to that next time. The hair dresser is 65+ and said she is also compromised health wise in what she can do but feels that she might be able to accommodate this request.

When we got home Tino wiped the kitchen down and we put bowls of soda in the oven and around the kitchen and cracked the windows. He is staying with Mother tonight until she has her pajamas on to make sure she does not start coughing again. This doctor like Dr. Gidvani did not seem concerned about Mother being on oxygen so much of the time. If the new doctor on Monday feels the same way then I will let it go and make sure we keep the house fully stocked with portable tanks for the bedroom and for traveling. The portables just do not last very long but are nice to have.

Carole

n

また

1 Auren

بر المرجور

· · · · ·

P14652

From:Carole BrunstingTo:Candace CurtisSubject:Interesting articleDate:Wednesday, December 01, 2010 10:35:44 AM

. v.

ł

## http://realestate.yahoo.com/promo/7-towns-where-land-is-free.html

P14653

| From:    | Carole Brunsting                            |
|----------|---------------------------------------------|
| То:      | Candace Curtis                              |
| Subject: | Re: No "how to" manual for raising children |
| Date:    | Friday, December 03, 2010 8:15:30 PM        |

Thanks. I am sorry that I get so carried away with emotions. I have always felt that Mother and Daddy compared me to the rest of you and I was considered the throw away of the family. So I over agrue a point just trying to be heard and understood. I am sick of being a doormat.

## --- On Fri, 12/3/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: No "how to" manual for raising children To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Friday, December 3, 2010, 6:41 PM

С ---

I raised Kevan and Andy to tell the truth, be kind and respectful to all living things, and to know that I loved them no matter what. They adored their Grandpa Brunsting as they do their Grandma Brunsting. They both got tears in their eyes when I told them their Grandma was in the hospital. Andy wanted to stay and help her after Daddy passed away. I know that the bond between them and Mother and Daddy was stronger than that of any of the other grandchildren and am grateful that they were able to enjoy some of the best years of Mother and Daddy's lives. I have not discussed any of this trust business with either of them. I know that Ann and Jack and Katie and Luke have been "a party" to this ugliness and I'm quite sure that their minds have been poisoned. It's a shame.

I had almost given up hope on getting things back to the way they were when you called this afternoon. You have a way of rekindling the fire.

Love you little sister,

С

| From:    | Carole Brunsting                       |
|----------|----------------------------------------|
| То:      | Candace Curtis                         |
| Subject: | Re:                                    |
| Date:    | Tuesday, December 07, 2010 11:21:09 AM |

٢.

N 2 8.

Drina was actually very thankful last night. I will call you tonight as my phone is about out of power. Carl will be at Mother's through the end of this week at the very least.

## --- On Tue, 12/7/10, Candace Curtis *<occurtis@sbcglobal.net>* wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 11:28 AM

I can only imagine the ugly words flying among the youngsters today re: Drina hurting her back. Carole, you are a selfless angel. Drina may never admit how much she appreciates you, but I'm telling you right now that if I had a choice I would want YOU to administer my trust money. You and I seem to be the only ones who understand "life".

| From:    | Carole Brunsting                         |
|----------|------------------------------------------|
| To:      | Candace Curtis                           |
| Subject: | Re: I called the house a few minutes ago |
| Date:    | Tuesday, December 07, 2010 12:53:57 PM   |

đ

and the second second

With Mother being a little more cranky maybe she will get Carl moving. Drina said he can get himself up to walk on the walker by himself. Poor Carl. He needs to get mad and whip this thing. I am glad you called Mother.

## --- On Tue, 12/7/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: I called the house a few minutes ago To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 2:24 PM

I had Mother laughing when I told her my idea for an experiment. She needs to need or want something across the room and just demand that Carl bring it to her. Maybe if he has to make a "snap" move he won't think about if first and just act. Then Carl has to drop something on the floor that he can't reach and ask Mother to get it for him. Then she'll have to get up and walk. I told Tino he could just set this up and leave the room for awhile.

Laughter, smiles, music, and sunshine are some of the best natural medicines in the world. I know there is no sunshine in Houston today, but they have all the rest...

P14656

 From:
 Carole Brunsting

 To:
 Candace Curtis

 Subject:
 Re: It was so good to laugh with you about social services

 Date:
 Thursday, December 16, 2010 9:48:27 AM

Sorry I did not get a chance to call you last night. I did not get home until after nine. Will call you tonight.

## --- On Wed, 12/15/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: It was so good to laugh with you about social services To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010, 4:56 PM

I know it's not really a laughing matter, but your "playing dumb" about what prompted their investigation was really funny.

I talked to Mother this morning. First she said Tino had gone to the hospital to pick Carl up. I'm hoping everything went as you planned. Then she said she didn't know why he was coming there and I explained to her about Drina's back. Then I told her that Drina didn't take very good care of him BEFORE she hurt her back. There was some small talk about the weather and sunshine and then she said "did you know Carl is back in the hospital?". HMMMM.

Owen told me this morning that his Mother is getting so forgetful. She's still driving too. She refuses to see a doctor and won't take medication anyway. She's lonely and depressed.

Rik has a gig tonight, so you can call me before 6:30 (8:30 your time) and I can talk. Otherwise, if you have anything to report, please text me. I'm looking forward to another good laugh or at least some good news. Kevan is having a really bad day today.

Love you,

С

| From:    | Carole Brunsting                        |
|----------|-----------------------------------------|
| То:      | Candace Curtis                          |
| Subject: | Re: Carl                                |
| Date:    | Thursday, December 30, 2010 10:39:06 AM |

Because Drina has said she might have to put Carl in a home, I am going to try and talk with her this weekend and tell her we agree but it should be the type of facility that TIRR would recommend and he can continue to get the type of treatment he needs and not a "home for the elderly". I will go by and talk to her this weekend. But where ever he goes, Drina needs to get back to her own life and let Carl heal and not play on everyone's emotions and she needs to stop second guessing his meds.

## --- On Thu, 12/30/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject: Carl To: fvaquera@hotmail.com, r.cantu1970@gmail.com, "Amy" <at.home3@yahoo.com>, "Anita" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> Date: Thursday, December 30, 2010, 11:56 AM

All,

 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

; -

I wanted to let you know what I have been doing this morning in my efforts to get Carl whole again. I am sorry I cannot be in Houston to help get this taken care of, but I expect you guys to step up to the plate when and if you have to. Carole, you are the key person here, since you are local.

I called the Texas Adult Protective Services in Austin 800-252-5400 and received reference # 56161835. I gave them your number Carole. They will check for an open case in Harris County and if they don't have one, one will be opened.

For additional advice I called the Houston Neuropsychology Group 713-799-2818 and TIRR.

Everyone I talked to said that if Drina will not obtain services for Carl, and Carl will not seek help of his own volition, our only alternative is the court system. They all stressed that the "neglect" and "abuse" should be documented and I got the distinct impression that they felt this is a case of neglect and abuse. Drina has not followed protocol and her failure to do so has compromised Carl's rehabilitation success. The situation is not uncommon, but they all say it's an unpleasant journey for those who have to go there.

I don't like to admit that quite often I can see where Drina is coming from (i.e. no meds, natural healing, etc.), but there comes a point when we must admit we are wrong, or ill equipped to handle the situation, and seek professional help. We gave reached that point.

I will continue my research on guardianship and/or medical conservatorship. It's

possible that managing Carl's finances may go hand-in-hand with being appointed his guardian. That would be a really good thing.

:

.

The social worker I talked to at APS asked why Marta didn't step in. I told her that Marta has a baby, a job, and her Mother to deal with. I think Drina would have too much influence if Marta was the guardian.

I know in my heart that Carl will be okay someday. I can hear "him" when I talk to him on the phone. I can't help but think that once he's exposed to others with brain injuries he will know that he's not alone or unique, that he has made some small progress, and that he has the ability to get much, much better, if not recover totally. If he is cut off from the love of his life and the rest of his family, it should give him the incentive to follow orders so he can go home once and for all.

I have been contemplating whether I should write or call Drina in an attempt to convince her to put Carl back in rehab and at the same time seek some grief counseling. Please let me know what you think as soon as possible. I don't want her to get wind of the plan, but everyone deserves a second chance.

C

ł