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## DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

OF

**Romanel Bell**

**NOTICE:** THE PURPOSE OF THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS TO GIVE THE PERSON YOU DESIGNATE (YOUR "ATTORNEY-IN-FACT") BROAD POWERS TO HANDLE YOUR PROPERTY, WHICH MAY INCLUDE POWERS TO PLEDGE, SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ANY REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE TO YOU OR APPROVAL BY YOU. THIS FORM DOES NOT IMPOSE A DUTY ON YOUR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT TO EXERCISE GRANTED POWERS; BUT WHEN POWERS ARE EXERCISED, YOUR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT WILL HAVE TO USE DUE CARE TO ACT FOR YOUR BENEFIT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS FORM AND KEEP A RECORD OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS TAKEN AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT. A COURT CAN TAKE AWAY THE

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POWERS OF YOUR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT IF IT FINDS THE ATTORNEY-IN-FACT IS NOT ACTING PROPERLY. YOU MAY NAME SUCCESSOR ATTORNEY-IN-FACTS UNDER THIS FORM. UNLESS YOU EXPRESSLY LIMIT THE DURATION OF THIS POWER IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BELOW, UNTIL YOU REVOKE THIS POWER OR A COURT ACTING ON YOUR BEHALF TERMINATES IT, YOUR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT MAY EXERCISE THE POWERS GIVEN HERE THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFETIME, EVEN AFTER YOU BECOME DISABLED.

## I. PRINCIPAL AND ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

I, Romanel Bell, also known as Joby, who reside at 1740 N Lotus Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60639, appoint the following person to serve as my attorney-in-fact, to act for me in any lawful way with respect to the subjects indicated below:

Reginald Dean  
Chicago, Illinois

## II. EFFECTIVE TIME

This power of attorney is effective immediately, and will not be affected by subsequent disability or incapacity of the principal. This is a durable power of attorney.

## III. POWERS OF ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

To the extent permitted by law, my attorney-in-fact may act in my name, place, and stead in any way that I myself could with respect to the following matters:

**YOUR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE ONLY IN THOSE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE INITIALED.**

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## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS:

- Manage, sell, transfer, lease, mortgage, pledge, refinance, insure, maintain, improve, collect and receive rent, sale proceeds, and earnings, pay taxes, assessments, and charges, and perform any and all other acts with respect to real property and interests in real property that I own now or later acquire.
- Defend, settle, and enforce by litigation a claim to real property and interests in real property that I own now or later acquire.
- Buy, lease, or otherwise acquire real property or an interest in real property, including the authority to enter into listing agreements and purchase and sale contracts, and to sign escrow instructions.
- Execute deeds, mortgages, releases, satisfactions, and other instruments relating to real property and interests in real property that I own now or later acquire.
- Hire and discharge accountants, bookkeepers, property managers, and other professionals providing services related to real property and interests in real property that I now own or later acquire.
- Exercise all powers with respect to real property and interests in real property that I could if present and under no disability.

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## TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS:

- Buy or otherwise acquire ownership or possession of, sell or otherwise dispose of, mortgage, pledge, assign, lease, insure, maintain, improve, pay taxes on, otherwise manage tangible personal property and interests in tangible personal property that I now own or later acquire, and exercise all powers with respect to personal property and interests in personal property that I could if present and under no disability.

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## STOCK AND BOND TRANSACTIONS:

- Buy, sell, pledge, and exchange stocks, mutual funds, bonds, options, commodity futures, and all other types of securities in my name.

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- Sign, accept, and deliver in my name certificates, contracts, or other documents relating to the foregoing, including agreements with brokers or agents.
- Exercise voting and other rights and enter into agreements relating thereto.
- Hire and discharge professionals providing services related to the management and investment of any securities in my name.
- Exercise all powers with respect to securities that I could if present and under no disability.



## BANKING AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

Conduct any business with banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, and other financial institutions, including but not limited to the authority to:

- Sign and endorse all checks and drafts in my name.
- Deposit and withdraw funds from accounts.
- Open, maintain, and close accounts or other banking arrangements.
- Open, continue, and have access to all safe deposit boxes, and add and remove items from them.
- Borrow money, pledge property as security, and negotiate terms of debt payments.
- Apply for and receive letters of credit, credit cards, and traveler's checks, and give an indemnity or other agreement in connection with letters of credit.
- Exercise all powers with respect to financial institution transactions that I could if present and under no disability.



## BUSINESS OPERATION TRANSACTIONS:

- Buy, sell, expand, reduce, or terminate a business interest, including but not limited to shares in a corporation, membership interests in a limited liability company, and partnership interests in a general, limited, or limited liability partnership.

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- Manage and operate any business or business interest that I now have or later acquire, including but not limited to the authority to:
  - Enter into, amend, enforce, and terminate any business contract.
  - Disburse, receive, and demand money in the operation of the business.
  - Merge, reorganize, or sell a business or part of a business.
  - Determine the location, nature, and method of operating the business.
  - Hire and discharge employees and agents.
- If an agent is permitted by law to act for a principal, and subject to the terms of any partnership or operating agreement, perform any duty and exercise any right, power, or privilege that I have under a partnership or operating agreement, to enforce the terms of a partnership or operating agreement, and to defend, arbitrate, and settle any legal proceeding to which I am a party because of membership in a partnership or limited liability company.
- Exercise a right, power, or privilege that I have as the holder of a bond, share, or instrument of similar character and to defend, arbitrate, and settle any legal proceeding to which I am a party because of any bond, share, or similar instrument.
- Exercise all powers with respect to business operation transactions that I could if present and under no disability.

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## INSURANCE AND ANNUITY TRANSACTIONS:

- Obtain, modify, renew, convert, rescind, pay the premium on, or terminate insurance and annuities of all types for myself and for my family and other dependents.
- Designate the beneficiary of the contract, but the attorney-in-fact may be named a beneficiary of the contract, or an extension, renewal, or substitute for it, only if the attorney-in-fact was named as a beneficiary under a contract procured by the principal before signing this power of attorney.
- Surrender and receive the cash value, borrow against, or pledge any insurance or annuity policy.

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- Exercise all powers with respect to insurance and annuity transactions that I could if present and under no disability.

() ESTATE AND TRUST TRANSACTIONS:

- To act for me in all matters that affect a trust, probate estate, guardianship, conservatorship, escrow, custodianship, or other fund from which I am now, claim to be, or later become entitled, as a beneficiary, to a share or payment, including but not limited to the authority to sign a qualified disclaimer pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 2518 and applicable state law, and petitions, objections, waivers, consents, receipts, settlements, and other agreements relating to the above-referenced matters or proceedings.
- Transfer any of my property to a living trust that I created as a grantor before this power of attorney was signed.
- Exercise all powers with respect to estate and trust transactions that I could if present and under no disability.

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LEGAL ACTIONS:

To act for me in all legal matters, whether claims in my favor or against me, including but not limited to the authority to retain and discharge attorneys on my behalf; appear for me in all actions and proceedings, commence actions in my name, sign all documents, submit claims to arbitration or mediation, settle claims, and pay judgments and settlements; and exercise all powers with respect to legal actions that I could if present and under no disability.

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PERSONAL AND FAMILY CARE:

To do all acts necessary to maintain my customary standard of living, and that of any individuals legally entitled to be supported by me, including but not limited to the authority to provide and pay for medical care, shelter, clothing, food, usual vacations, education, transportation, and dues for social organizations and to exercise all powers with respect to personal and family care that I could if present and under no disability. My attorney-in-fact is specifically authorized to hire and compensate household, nursing,

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and other employees necessary for my well-being and that of any individuals legally entitled to be supported by me, and to enter into contracts and commit my resources with respect to the provision of my residential care in a convalescent hospital, skilled nursing home, or alternative residential facility.

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GOVERNMENT BENEFITS:

Claim and collect benefits from the Social Security Administration, including, but not limited to, retirement benefits, supplemental social security, and social security disability benefits and, Medicare, Medicaid, or state, local, and other government programs or civil or military service, and to exercise all powers with respect to government assistance that I could if present and under no disability.

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RETIREMENT PLAN TRANSACTIONS:

To act for me in all matters that affect my retirement, deferred compensation, or pension plans, including but not limited to the authority to select payment options, designate beneficiaries, make contributions, exercise investment powers, make "rollovers" of plan benefits, borrow or sell assets from the plan, and, if I am a spouse who is not employed, waive my right to be a beneficiary of a joint or survivor annuity and to exercise all powers with respect to retirement plans that I could if present and under no disability.

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GIFTS:

Make gifts from my assets, including debt forgiveness. However, my attorney-in-fact is prohibited from giving any of my assets, interests or rights, directly or indirectly, to himself or herself, or to his or her creditors.

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## PET AND ANIMAL CARE:

To do all acts necessary to maintain the customary standard of living of all pets and animals currently supported by me, including, but not limited to, providing and paying for shelter, food, and veterinary care.

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## OTHER:

Reginald Dean will be assisting me with locating housing, receiving pension and other finances for myself and any other issues that affect my standard/quality of living.

My attorney-in-fact is empowered to take all further action, including the payment of expenditures and the preparation and execution of all documents, as my attorney-in-fact deems necessary or appropriate to fully effectuate the purposes of the foregoing matters.

## IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1) Reliance By Third Parties. I hereby agree that any third party receiving a duly executed copy of this document may rely on and act under it. Revocation or termination of this power of attorney will be ineffective as to a third party unless and until that third party receives actual notice or knowledge of the revocation or termination. For myself and for my heirs, executors, legal representatives, devisees, and assigns, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless any third party from any and all claims, because of good faith reliance on this instrument:
- 2) Severability. If any provision in this power of attorney is found to be invalid or unenforceable, this invalidity or unenforceability will not affect the other provisions of this document, and the other provisions will be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision.
- 3) Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney. I revoke all durable powers of attorney naming me as principal executed prior to this document, specifically excluding any health care powers of attorney and advance health care directives.



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- 4) Revocation. I may revoke this power of attorney at any time.
- 5) Maintenance of Records; Accounting. My attorney-in-fact shall provide an accounting for all funds handled and all acts performed as my attorney-in-fact upon my request or the request of a personal representative or a fiduciary acting on my behalf and as required pursuant to ILCS 45/2-7. Any requirement of my attorney-in-fact to file inventories and accounts with the county clerk or with the court is specifically waived unless required by court order or pursuant to state law.
- 6) Compensation and Reimbursement. My attorney-in-fact is entitled to reasonable compensation for services provided on my behalf pursuant to this power of attorney. My attorney-in-fact will be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred relating to his or her responsibilities under this power of attorney.
- 7) No Personal Benefit. Except as specifically provided in this document, my attorney-in-fact may not personally benefit from any transaction engaged in or on my behalf, or use my assets to discharge any of his or her own legal obligations, excluding me and those I am legally obligated to support.
- 8) Liability of Attorney-in-Fact. All persons or entities that in good faith endeavor to carry out the provisions of this power of attorney will not be liable to me, my estate, or my heirs for any damages or claims arising because of their actions or inactions based on this power of attorney. My estate will indemnify and hold them harmless. A successor attorney-in-fact will not be liable for the acts of a prior attorney-in-fact.
- 9) Copies. A copy of this durable power of attorney shall be effective as an original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this power of attorney on the date set forth below.

Date:

9-23-15 Romanel Bell  
Signature of Romanel Bell

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## WITNESS

The undersigned witness certifies that Romanel Bell, known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed as principal to the foregoing power of attorney, appeared before me and the notary public and acknowledged signing and delivering the instrument as the free and voluntary act of the principal, for the uses and purposes therein set forth. I believe Romanel Bell to be of sound mind and memory.

1. Margaret Barnes Scarlett (Signature of witness)      Margaret Barnes Scarlett (Print Name)  
4854 W. Monroe St. (Address)  
Chicago, Ill. 60644 (City, State, ZIP)

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Illinois

County of COOK

The undersigned, a notary public in and for the above county and state, certifies that Romanel Bell, known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed as principal to the foregoing power of attorney, appeared before me and the additional witness in person and acknowledged signing and delivering the instrument as the free and voluntary act of the principal, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Dated: Sept 23, 2015 (SEAL)



Signature of Notary Public: [Handwritten Signature]

My commission expires: June 8, 2016

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## EXHIBIT A

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Legal Description: LOT 7 IN BLOCK 8 IN MILLS AND SONS NORTH AVENUE AND CENTRAL AVENUE SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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