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Notary Trivia

Notaries accompanied Columbus on all of his voyages to ensure to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella that all discovered treasures were accounted for. They witnessed noteworthy acts, like when Columbus first beheld the New World in 1492 by landing on San Salvador Island in the Bahamas.

Can a Notary Give You Advice About Your Documents?

In a word NO; unless that Notary is also a licensed Attorney.

I am often asked to provide blank Power of Attorney, affidavit or acknowledgment forms and many times the client asking for a form doesn't really understand why I can't give them what they want. In our last newsletter (you can find the 4th Quarter newsletter on our website at: <http://communimatics.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/4th-Quarter-2014-Notary-News-October-2014.pdf>) we featured an article about Powers of Attorney and the many different uses of this important document. Because there are so many different uses, there are a number of different kinds of Powers of Attorney, from one that gives broad powers to the person named to more limited documents that allows the named Attorney in Fact to perform more limited roles.

As a non-Attorney Notary Public, I cannot legally help you determine which kind of Power of Attorney you should use as this would be the act of practicing law without a license. If you need help in determining which form you need to use, be sure to contact your attorney so you'll have the correct form.

What are the Kinds of Powers of Attorney (POA)

General: A general Power of Attorney form allows your representative to manage all of your property-based and financial affairs. This type of POA grants them general authority.

Specific: A specific Power of Attorney form limits your representative's responsibilities to certain types of decisions. You can choose to allow someone to only make decisions in relation to business, for example.

Ordinary: An ordinary Power of Attorney is only valid while you, the principal, are capable of making decisions. This type of POA becomes invalid in the event that you become incapacitated.

Durable: An enduring Power of Attorney is when the contract continues even if you, the principal, become incapacitated.

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When Should You Have a Power of Attorney Form?

You should consider having a Power Of Attorney form if:

- You travel out of the country often
- You are employed in a hazardous work environment
- You have been diagnosed with a serious illness
- You have business or property that you would want maintained if you were unavailable
- You have children that would need to be provided for if you were to become incapacitated
- You want a specific person to be responsible for your affairs
- You have rules about how you run your business, property, or life, and you want to ensure they are upheld
- You are approaching old age and would like to designate a representative for yourself

Information from www.LawDepot.com

Powers You Can Grant Your Attorney-in-Fact

On a Power of Attorney form, the person granting authority to another is the "Principal". The person who is granted authority is called the "Attorney-in-fact" or "Agent". A Power of Attorney document allows you to choose what your personal representative, or attorney-in-fact, will be responsible for by designating certain powers to them. The powers that you can grant your attorney-in-fact include:

Real Estate: To buy, sell, rent, or otherwise manage residential, commercial, and personal real estate.

Business: To invest, trade, and manage any and all business transactions and decisions, as well as handle any claim or litigation matters.

Finance: To control banking, tax, and government and retirement transactions, as well as living trust and estate decisions. Financial powers also allows your representative to control personal insurance policies and to continue donating to any charities in your stead.

Family: To purchase gifts, employ professionals, and to buy, sell or trade any of your personal property.

General Authority: This grants your personal attorney the authority to make any decisions that you would be able to if you were personally present.

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