



Power of Attorney – Connecticut

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New Power of Attorney Law Takes Effect October 1,

2016: <http://www.ctprobate.gov/news/Pages/New-Power-of-Attorney-Law-Takes-Effect-October-1.aspx>

WHAT IS A POWER OF ATTORNEY?

A power of attorney is a legal document by which one person, called the principal, gives another person, called his agent, the power to perform specified acts on the principal's behalf.

WHAT DOES “DURABLE” MEAN?

Since October 1, 2016 all Power of Attorney executed in Connecticut are presumed to be “durable” unless stated otherwise.

WHY SHOULD I HAVE A POWER OF ATTORNEY?

If you were to become unable to handle your own affairs, a power of attorney gives your agent the power to manage your financial affairs for you as you would prefer. If you became disabled, you might not be able to execute a power of attorney at that time. Under those circumstances, your spouse or your family might have to go to the probate court and seek appointment as a conservator, with the power to manage your financial affairs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information on Connecticut Law About Power of Attorney's, see the Connecticut Judicial Law Library website, <http://www.jud.ct.gov/lawlib/law/powersofattorney.htm>

For more information on living wills and durable power of attorney for health care, see the eLibrary paper “Advance Directives,” <http://uwc.211ct.org/advance-directives/>.

More detailed information on powers of attorney can be found at Powers of Attorney <https://ctlawhelp.org/en/power-of-attorney>) on the CTElderLaw website, <http://ctlawhelp.org/self-help-guides/elder-law>

TO FIND PROVIDERS IN CONNECTICUT'S COMMUNITY RESOURCES DATABASE:

Search by service name: [Lawyer Referral Services](#)

SOURCES: Connecticut General Assembly Office; The Connecticut Network for Legal Aid: Frequently Asked Questions About Powers of Attorney



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