

POWER OF ATTORNEY

POWER OF ATTORNEY made this 5th day of MAY, 1997.

I, EVA MENDEZ, hereby appoint:

MIKE MENDEZ, of Schererville, Indiana as my attorney-in-fact (my "agent") to act for me and in my name (in any way I could act in person) with respect to the following powers, as defined in Section 3-4 of the "Statutory Short Form Power of Attorney for Property Law" (including all Short Form Power of Attorney for Property Law", including all amendments), but subject to any limitations on or additions to the specified powers inserted in paragraph or 3 below:

- a) Real estate transactions.
- b) Financial institution transactions.
- c) Stock and bond transactions.
- d) Tangible personal property transactions.
- e) Safe deposit box transactions.
- f) Insurance and annuity transactions.
- g) Retirement plan transactions.
- h) Social Security, employment and military service benefits.
- i) Tax matters.
- j) Claims and litigation.
- k) Commodity and option transactions.
- l) Business operations.
- m) Borrowing transactions.
- n) Estate transactions.
- o) All other property powers and transactions.

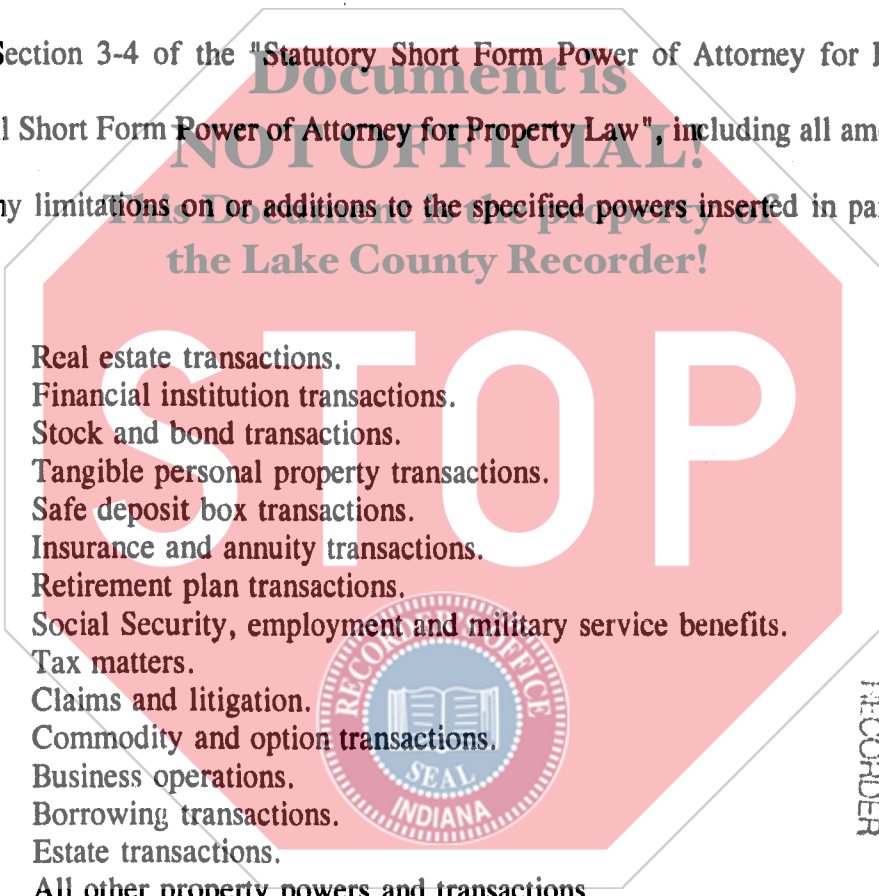
2. The powers granted above shall not include the following powers or shall be modified or limited in the following particulars (here you may include any specific limitations you deem appropriate, such as a prohibition or conditions on the sale of particular stock or real estate or special rules on borrowing by the agent):

3. In addition to the powers granted above, I grant my agent the following powers (here you may add any other delegable powers including, without limitation, power to make

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gifts, exercise powers of appointment, name or change beneficiaries or joint tenants or revoke or amend any trust specifically referred to below):

4. My agent shall have the right by written instrument to delegate any or all of the foregoing powers involving discretionary decision-making to any person or persons whom my agent may select, but such delegation may be amended or revoked by any agent (including any successor) named by me who is acting under this power of attorney at the time of reference.

5. My agent shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for services rendered as agent under this power of attorney.

6. This power of attorney shall become effective on 5-5-97.

7. This power of attorney shall terminate on DEATH.

8. If my agent shall die, or otherwise become unwilling or unable to act on my behalf, I hereby appoint my daughter, LINDA MENDEZ and HELEN MENDEZ as Co-Successor Agents. If a guardian of my person or my estate is so to be appointed, I nominate the following to serve as such guardian: MIKE MENDEZ.

10. If my guardian shall die or otherwise become unwilling or unable to act on my behalf, I hereby appoint LINDA MENDEZ and HELEN MENDEZ as Co-Successor Guardians.

11. I am fully informed as to all the contents of this form and understand the full import of this grant of powers to my agent.

Signed:

Eva B Mendez
EVA MENDEZ

