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ILLINOIS STATUTORY SHORT FORM\*  
POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PROPERTY

POWER OF ATTORNEY made this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

Linda VanBaren a/k/a

1. I, LINDA D. VAN BAREN, of Crete, Illinois, hereby appoint my husband, ROBERT L. VAN BAREN, of Crete, Illinois, 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 amendments), but subject to any limitations on or additions to the specified powers inserted in paragraph 2 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 intentionally are neither modified nor limited in any way.

3. In addition to the powers granted above, I grant my agent the following powers:

- (a) To make gifts to my family, relatives and charitable organizations previously supported by me to the extent such gifts are consistent either with estate and tax planning goals appropriate to my estate or with my past gifting practices.
- (b) To transfer property of mine to the trust heretofore created by me known as the "LINDA D. VAN BAREN TRUST, DATED DECEMBER 4, 2000".

4. My agent shall not have the right to delegate any or all of the foregoing powers involving discretionary decision-making to any person or persons.

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 the date it is signed.

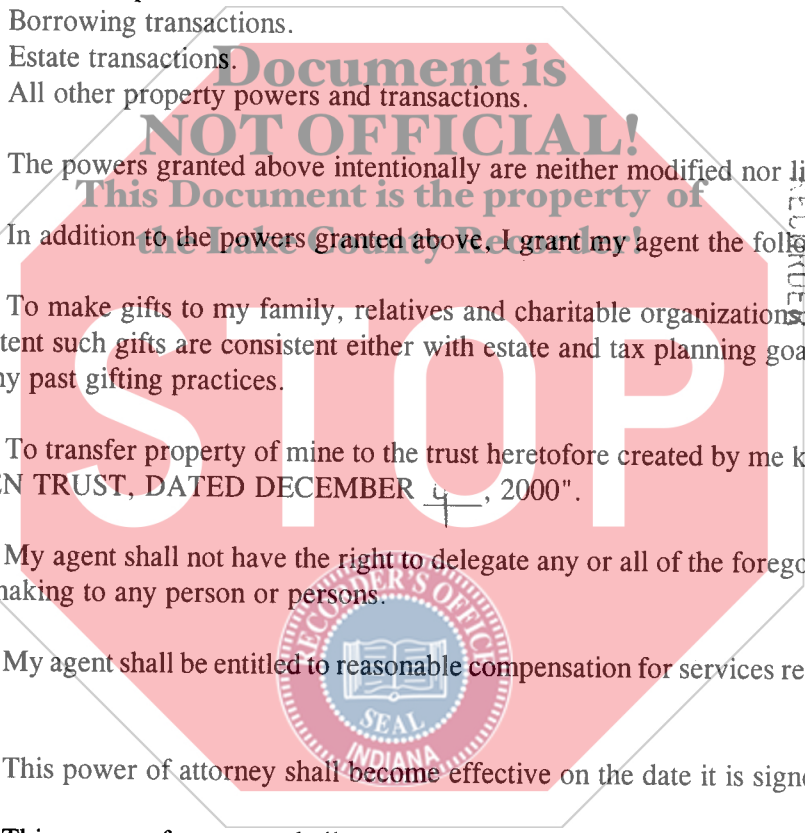
7. This power of attorney shall terminate on my death.

8. If the agent named by me shall die, become incapacitated, resign or refuse to act, I name Robert's brother, Steve A. Van Baren, as successor to such agent.

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9. If a guardian of my estate (my property) is to be appointed, I nominate the agent acting under this power of attorney as such guardian, to serve without bond or security.

10. 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: Linda D. VanBaren  
Linda D. Van Baren a/k/a Linda VanBaren

Specimen signature of agent:

[Signature]  
Robert L. Van Baren

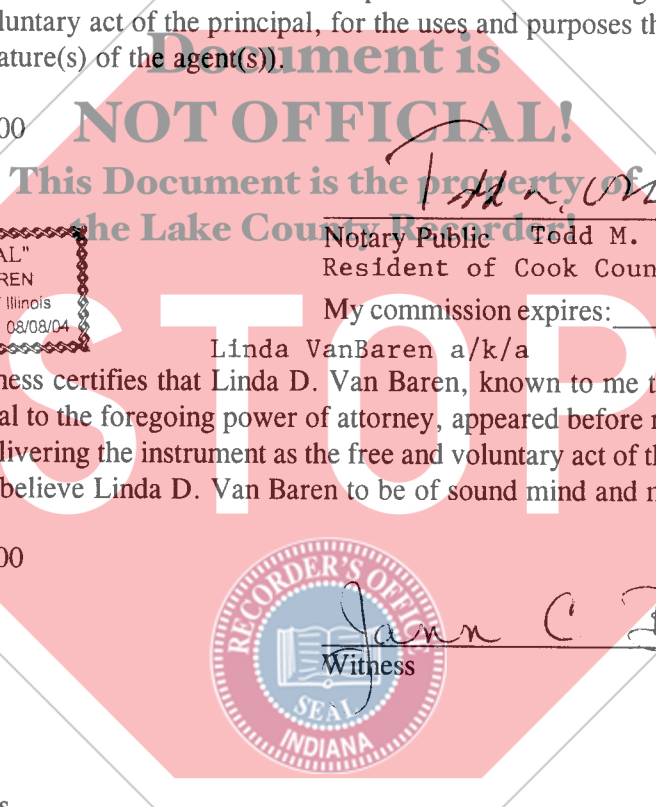
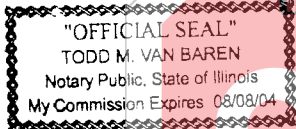
I certify that the signature of my agent is correct.  
Linda D. VanBaren  
Linda D. Van Baren a/k/a Linda VanBaren

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COUNTY OF COOK )

Linda VanBaren a/k/a

The undersigned, a notary public in and for the above county and state, certifies that Linda D. Van Baren, 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 (and certified to the correctness of the signature(s) of the agent(s)).

Dated: December 4, 2000



[Signature]  
Notary Public Todd M. Van Baren  
Resident of Cook County  
My commission expires: 8/08/04

Linda VanBaren a/k/a

The undersigned witness certifies that Linda D. Van Baren, 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 Linda D. Van Baren to be of sound mind and memory.

Dated: December 4, 2000



Jann C. Buensoma  
Witness

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