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**LEGAL LIFE DOCUMENTS**

**FOR NEWLY DIVORCED**

**INDIVIDUALS**

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U.S. Legal Forms™ thanks you for your purchase of a Newly Divorced Individuals Package. This package is an important tool to help you organize your legal affairs as you begin to think about entering a new stage of life. It contains key legal documents that are vital for you to maintain on file and safeguard in event of an emergency or unforeseen life event.

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#### **I. FORM LIST**

With your Legal Life Documents for Newly Divorced Individuals package, you will find state specific forms that will help you prepare for and protect yourself and your loved ones from events that may affect your health, your finances and your affairs. The Legal Life Documents Forms for Newly Divorced Individuals package contains essential life documents, such as Will, Living Will, Name Change and Power of Attorney forms for your state. Other useful forms are also included to assist Newly Divorced Individuals in getting their legal life in order.

The documents in this package are written to comply with the laws of your state and include the following:

- 1.) A Will that meets your specific needs
- 2.) A Written Revocation of Prior Will
- 3.) A General Power of Attorney effective upon disability
- 4.) A Statutory Equivalent of Living Will
- 5.) A Name Change Notification Form
- 6.) A Personal Planning Information and Document Inventory Worksheet

## II. DESCRIPTIONS OF FORMS

Brief descriptions of the forms contained in your U.S. Legal Forms™ Personal Planning Package are found below.

Last Will - Complete this form to detail in writing your wishes regarding who is to receive your property at death and who will administer your estate. It also enables you to appoint trustees or guardians, if applicable.

Revocation of Will - This Written Revocation of Will form is to revoke a prior will by separate written instrument. A separate revoking document is needed because when a new will is made, it will usually contain a clause revoking all prior wills. But what if the will containing the revocation clause is not favored by your heirs and they also have your old will which they do favor? Sometimes an unfavored will may be ignored by the heirs, destroyed or otherwise withheld from probate. Instead, a prior will is probated by your heirs. This written revocation is to make it clear that no prior will shall be probated and to provide additional evidence of your intent to revoke.

General Power of Attorney Effective Upon Disability – This General Durable Power of Attorney for Property and Finances Effective upon Disability form is a general, durable power of attorney which is effective ONLY upon the principal's disability, incompetency or incapacity. This form allows you to appoint an attorney-in-fact (agent) to make decisions regarding property, financial, business, banking, management and other matters for you. The powers granted to an Agent in this Power of Attorney are very broad, but do NOT provide for health care services.

Statutory Equivalent of Living Will - A living will allows you to provide instructions to your family and doctors, regarding the use of life sustaining medical treatment or procedures, should you have an incurable injury, disease, illness or condition and you are unable to express your wishes with regard to treatment.

Name Change Notification Form - This form is for use after you have changed your name through a legal process. It is used to notify companies, organizations, government agencies and others of the name change.

Personal Planning Information and Document Inventory Worksheets - A Legal Life Document -This form enables you to document matters relevant to your life and personal planning such as the location of your important legal documents, names of relatives, contact information, medical information, financial asset inventory and more.

If you need additional information, please visit [www.uslegalforms.com](http://www.uslegalforms.com) and look up forms by subject matter. You may also wish to visit our legal definitions page at <http://definitions.uslegal.com/>

### III. LEGAL DOCUMENT STORAGE

Once you prepare legal documents and forms in your U.S. Legal Forms™ Essential Legal Life Documents Package, it is highly recommended that you keep forms together. An optional USLegal Life Documents Organizer – small or large size is available for purchase from [www.uslegalforms.com](http://www.uslegalforms.com) to help store your legal documents.

Legal documents should also be kept in a very secure place such as a bank safe deposit box or personal home safe. You may wish to tell your attorney or a family member about the location of your Legal Life Documents Package in the event you are unable to communicate it to them when needed.

### IV. TIPS ON COMPLETING THE FORMS

The form(s) in this packet may contain “form fields” created using Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat (“.pdf” format). “Form fields” facilitate completion of the forms using your computer. They do not limit your ability to print the form “in blank” and complete with a typewriter or by hand.

It is also helpful to be able to see the location of the form fields. Go to the View menu, click on Toolbars, and then select Forms. This will open the Forms toolbar. Look for the button on the Forms toolbar that resembles a shaded letter “a”. Click this button and the form fields will be visible.

By clicking on the appropriate form field, you will be able to enter the needed information. In some instances, the form field and the line will disappear after information is entered. In other cases, it will not. The form was created to function in this manner.

### V. DISCLAIMER

These materials were developed by U.S. Legal Forms, Inc. based upon statutes and forms for the subject state. All information and Forms are subject to this Disclaimer:

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