

**ILLINOIS  
LEGAL LIFE DOCUMENTS  
FOR NEWLY WIDOWED  
INDIVIDUALS**

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U.S. Legal Forms™ thanks you for your purchase of a Newly Widowed 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 Widowed Individuals package, you will find the 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 Individuals package contains essential life documents, such as Affidavit of Heirship, Living Will and Power of Attorney forms for your state. Other useful forms are also included to assist Newly Widowed Individuals get their legal life in order.

This package contains essential legal documents for Newly Widowed Individuals who desire to organize their Legal Life. The documents in this package are state specific and include the following:

This package contains the following forms:

- 1.) An Heirship Affidavit
- 2.) A General Power of Attorney effective immediately
- 3.) A Revocation of Power of Attorney
- 4.) Statutory Declaration - Living Will
- 5.) 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.

Affidavit of Heirship- This Heirship Affidavit form is for a person to complete stating the heirs of a deceased person. The Heirship Affidavit is commonly used to establish ownership of personal and real property. It may be recorded in official land records, if necessary. Example of use: Person A dies without a will, leaves a son and no estate is opened. When the son sells the land, the son obtains an heirship affidavit to record with the deed. The person executing the affidavit should normally not be an heir of the deceased, or other person interested in the estate.

General Power of Attorney Effective Immediately -This General Power of Attorney is a general power of attorney which is effective IMMEDIATELY. You can use this form to appoint an attorney-in-fact (agent) to make decisions regarding property, financial, banking, management, business and other matters for you. The powers granted to an Agent in this Power of Attorney are very broad, but this Power of Attorney does NOT provide for health care services. This form complies with all applicable state statutory laws.

Revocation of General Power of Attorney -This is a Revocation of the General Power of Attorney which allow you to appoint an attorney-in-fact (agent) to make decisions regarding property, financial, management, banking, business and other matters for you. Specific reference is made to the previously executed power of attorney and the date of its execution.

Statutory Declaration - Living Will - This form is called a "Declaration" and it is the equivalent of a Living Will. It provides instructions to your family and doctors should you have an incurable injury, disease, illness or condition and you are unable to express your wishes with regard to treatment.

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, relatives names, 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 you 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**

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