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# **LEGAL DOCUMENTS PACKAGE FOR AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS**

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U.S. Legal Forms™ thanks you for your purchase of a Legal Documents Package for Authors and Publishers. This package is an important tool to help an author or publisher protect his or her rights when publishing written or electronic works.

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### **I. FORM LIST**

This package includes essential forms for defining the rights and obligations of an author and publisher of written and/or electronic works and preventing future disputes. The forms included are designed to handle the potential issues that may arise in a wide variety of transactions.

Included in your package are the following forms:

- 1. Agreement to Co-Publish Book
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### **II. DESCRIPTIONS OF FORMS**

Brief descriptions of the forms contained in your U.S. Legal Forms Legal Documents Package for Authors and Publishers are found below.

**Agreement to Co-Publish Book** - This agreement is between an investor and the author of a book whereby they agree that investor will invest a sum of money to go to the expenses of publishing and distributing the book in exchange for a percentage of the profits.

**Collaboration Agreement Between Writers** - This form is a collaboration agreement between two authors to share profits and expenses equally regarding the novel, book, or screenplay, etc. that they are writing together.

**Agreement Between Publisher and Author of a Book to Publish a Book** - This form is a sample of a standard agreement between a publisher and the author of a book to publish a book.

**Assignment of Rights to Unpublished Manuscript** - This form is a sample of a standard agreement between a publisher and the author of a book to publish a book.

**Assignment of Publication Rights to E-Books** - This form is used to assign the authors publication rights to another, by granting a non-exclusive license to the use of the author's works in electronic form.

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### 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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