

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS 167TH AIRLIFT WING (AMC) MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

## DUAL REPRESENTATION AUTHORIZATION

Dear Client,

You and your spouse have requested to meet with an attorney together to discuss and execute both of your Wills and related documents. There exists a potential for conflicts of interest to arise between spouses concerning the division and distribution of their property. For this reason, each may retain separate, independent counsel at the onset to avoid the possibility that advice given to one of you is influenced by the representation of the other. Where both spouses express the desire to be represented by a single attorney, it is the practice of this office to raise the potential for conflicts of interest with you and require your independent consent prior to proceeding with dual representation. Your signature below will confirm the following:

- 1. You and your spouse have requested the same legal assistance attorney represent each of you in advising on and preparing your Will and related documents.
- 2. You recognize that you and your spouse's Will and related documents need not be uniform. They may be entirely unique from each other in content. Each of you will review your documents prior to execution to ensure they reflect your individual wishes. However, if yours and your spouse's Will and related documents have contents that are substantially or materially different from each other's Will and related documents, such differences might preclude me from further representing the both of you.
- 3. The scope of this representation will include the following:
  - a. Analysis of the assets owned by each of you at the time of your marriage, such as the manner in which the title was held.
  - b. Analysis of all property now owned by each of you, including the manner in which title to such property is now held, and a categorization of such property as separate, marital, community of quasi-community property;
  - c. Discussion concerning the manner in which you wish to dispose of any property you may have the power to dispose of at the time of your death; and
  - d. Preparation of the documents necessary to accomplish the desired disposition of your property.
- 4. You are aware that during the course of the representation, disagreements may arise between you and your spouse regarding ownership, and disposition of property. Such disagreements might preclude me from further representing the both of you.
- 5. Difference of opinion regarding the disposition of property does not, in and of itself, prevent an attorney from representing both husband and wife. However, during the course of the representation, conflicts of interest between you and your spouse may arise that might preclude me from further representing the both of you.

- 6. If a conflict of interest does occur, and it is of such a nature that I believe it impossible for me to ethically perform services for either of you, I will immediately cease all representation of both of you in this matter and advise that you both obtain independent counsel.
- 7. You agree that there will be complete and free disclosure of all information I receive from either of you within the course of representing you and your spouse. You further agree that such information shall not be confidential between you and your spouse regardless of whether I obtain such information when you and your spouse are both present or when only one of you is present. The disclosure authorization and conferences that may have taken place before the date of this letter.

Very Respectfully,

Legal Assistance Attorney 167HQ.JA.Legal@us.af.mil 304-6165336

I, (print your name)\_\_\_\_\_

have read and understand the foregoing letter and consent to being represented by,

\_\_\_\_\_, our legal assistance attorney,

together with my spouse, \_\_\_\_\_\_, in the certain of

our individual testimony instruments. I likewise consent to the free disclosure and exchange between my spouse and I of information received by said attorney within the scope of his/her representation of us in the same.

Signed the \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

(Client Signature)