DAVIDSON, DAWSON & CLARK LLP

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CLIENT MEMORANDUM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXECUTION OF A CONNECTICUT WILL

A Will is valid only if certain strict requirements are met. WE STRONGLY ADVISE THAT WILLS BE SIGNED ONLY UNDER ATTORNEY SUPERVISION, unless there is a true emergency and no attorney can be present. In such cases a will prepared by us can be executed by following these instructions exactly.

1. <u>ARRANGE FOR TWO ADULT WITNESSES AND A NOTARY</u> <u>PUBLIC TO BE PRESENT DURING THE SIGNING.</u>

- No beneficiary of your Will (or beneficiary's spouse) can be a witness.
- All persons must stay together throughout the will signing.

2. <u>MAKING CHANGES IN THIS WILL</u>

Please do not attempt to alter or change the provisions of this legal document, either in your own writing or otherwise. Such changes can have unintended consequences and may make your Will completely invalid. If you feel changes are absolutely essential, please telephone to discuss the matter before proceeding further. If a true emergency exists and you cannot contact us, then at a very minimum you and each of the witnesses should place your initials in the left-hand margin opposite each change in the original document, before it is signed.

3. <u>INFORM THE WITNESSES THAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO</u> <u>SIGN YOUR WILL, AND ASK THEM IF THEY ARE WILLING</u> <u>TO BE WITNESSES</u>

4. <u>ON THE LINE WITH THE RED SEAL:</u>

- Sign your name (exactly as on Page 1)
- Print the date of signing in the blank spaces in the line above.

5. <u>ON THE FOLLOWING TWO BLANK LINES</u>:

• Each witness must read the short paragraph obove the witness' signature lines, sign on one of the lines and print his or her town and state of residence.

6. <u>ON THE LAST PAGE</u>:

- The Notary should read the text to the witnesses and take their oaths.
- The witnesses each sign.
- The Notary signs on the line provided and prints the date in the <u>two</u> places provided.

7. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES

On the last page of this memorandum (not on the Will) have each witness and the Notary <u>print</u> his or her name and address.

8. <u>RETURN THE SIGNED WILL AND THIS FORM TO</u> <u>DAVIDSON, DAWSON & CLARK</u>

After the Will is signed, please *return the list of names and addresses to us*. If you also return the Will, we can assure you it has been properly signed.

9. <u>SAFEKEEPING OF YOUR WILL</u>

Most of our clients prefer to leave their original Wills in our vault to avoid risk of loss and delays in obtaining or locating it at a later date. If we keep your Will, we will mail to you one copy (or more, if you wish) for your file which will clearly indicate that the original is in our vault.

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

WITNESSES TO WILL OF :

<u>Name</u>

Address

NOTARY PUBLIC:

Name

Address

Return to:

DAVIDSON, DAWSON & CLARK 36 Grove Street New Canaan, Connecticut 06840

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