

Power of Attorney

My choices

Mark the lines you will initial. On signing day, copy them onto your real form.

My name _____

My initials _____

Everyday powers

On your paper, look for: **GRANT OF GENERAL AUTHORITY**

Most people initial only this line

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All preceding subjects

Everything below, with one set of initials. It is the last line of this list on your form.

Or initial only the ones you want:

☐	Real property
☐	Tangible personal property
☐	Stocks and bonds
☐	Commodities and options
☐	Banks and other financial institutions
☐	Operation of entity or business
☐	Insurance and annuities

☐	Estates, trusts, and other beneficial interests
☐	Claims and litigation
☐	Personal and family maintenance
☐	Benefits from governmental programs or civil or military service
☐	Retirement plans
☐	Taxes

On signing day

- 1 Initial **only the lines you marked**.
- 2 Leave **every other initial line empty**. Do not write "no" or draw a line through it.
- 3 Initial **only while your witness and the notary are watching**.

Bigger powers

On your paper, look for: **GRANT OF SPECIFIC AUTHORITY (OPTIONAL)**

The last line of List 1 does not cover these. You may leave them all empty.

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Make, change, or end a living trust for me

Your agent could make a living trust for you, move your things into one, change one, or end one. The form calls a living trust an "inter vivos trust."

On the form: Create, fund, amend, revoke, or terminate an inter vivos trust

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Give away my money or property

Your agent could give away your money or property. Georgia law caps each gift at the federal gift tax limit for the year, for each person. The cap is double if you are married. The Special Instructions part of your form can raise or lower the cap.

On the form: Make a gift, subject to the limitations of O.C.G.A. § 10-6B-56 and any Special ...

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Add or remove a co-owner who gets the property when I die

Your agent could add or take off a co-owner who gets the property when you die.

On the form: Create or change rights of survivorship

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Change who gets my insurance or retirement accounts

Your agent could change who gets your life insurance or retirement account when you die.

On the form: Create or change a beneficiary designation

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Hand the agent job to someone else

Your agent could hand the job to someone else.

On the form: Authorize another person to exercise the authority granted under this power of ...

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Give up my payments from my spouse's pension or annuity

Your agent could give up your right to keep getting payments from your spouse's pension or annuity after your spouse dies.

On the form: Waive the principal's right to be a beneficiary of a joint and survivor annuity ...

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Read my emails, texts, and online messages

Your agent could read your emails, texts, and other online messages.

On the form: Exercise authority over the content of electronic communications sent or received ...

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Do a job I hold for someone else, like trustee

If you act for someone else, like as a trustee, your agent could do the parts of that job the law lets you hand off. It only covers jobs named in the Special Instructions part of your form.

On the form: Exercise fiduciary powers that the principal has authority to delegate and that are ...

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Say no to money or property left to me

Your agent could say no to money or property left to you, so it goes to the next person in line.

On the form: Renounce an interest in property, including a power of appointment