South Carolina Wills & Trusts
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Further Power of Attorney Changes

In addition to the recent update of our South Carolina Statutory Durable Power of Attorney, we wanted to take things a step further and reformat those documents to more closely resemble our Wills and Trusts, rather than a print-it-and-fill-in-the-blanks type form suggested by the statute. We also made a few minor edits and corrections to increase the acceptability of the power. Given the faithful recitation of the words from the statute, this form should easily pass the "substantially similar" test and will look much nicer in an estate planning package.

We also note that these forms, reciting all the same powers contained in the statute, can get long and fatiguing for clients to read. For those with simpler matters, we have created a new form, the DPA Short Form, that refers to the various powers recited in each section of the Act, and incorporates them by reference, as is permitted. This may not be for everyone, but it simplifies what can be overwhelming to clients. When preparing a DPA, you will be asked if you want the Long Form or the Short Form.

Program Changes

Lawgic allows you to preset where files shared with others will be stored, which is typically done at the time of the initial install in the Lawgic.ini file. We have expanded this option by creating a Set Shared Folder function that is more easily accessible from the main program. It is located on the Edit menu, shown as Set Shared Folder. Selecting this will open a dialog box that allows you to choose the folder location where you can store your shared answer files. Even with a shared folder, you still have the option of saving to a local space.

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