

#### Cause Number C-1-PB-23-000919, Estate of June A. Bloch

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Jaden,

Please see attached correspondence of today's date.

Thank you,

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# COMMUNICATION PURSUANT TO AND SUBJECT TO TEXAS RULE OF EVIDENCE 408

September 12, 2025

Jaden Alexandra Riley 312 W 2nd St. Unit #A-2922 Casper, WY 82601-212 jadenalexandrariley@gmail.com Via Email

Re: Cause Number C-1-PB-23-000919, Estate of June A. Bloch, pending in the Probate

Court No. 1 for Travis County, Texas (the "Estate")

Dear Jaden:

I am in receipt of your email correspondence dated September 5, 2025, in which you declined my request for a phone call, instead asking that we communicate in writing.

As noted previously, I am representing Lindsey Bloch, as Independent Executor of the Estate of June A. Bloch, in the lawsuit you initiated regarding the above-referenced Estate. In your pleadings, you seek to contest the Will of June A. Bloch dated September 15, 2021, which was admitted to probate on or around May 18, 2023.

I had hoped to discuss this with you because what I have to say will come across more harshly in writing, but the claims you have asserted have no merit and will not be successful. June Bloch's September 15, 2021 Will was valid and was properly admitted to probate. June Bloch had the requisite capacity to do estate planning, had no medical issues that would have affected that ability, and her daughter Lindsey Bloch had zero involvement in the creation, drafting, execution, or dispositive provisions of the Will. Any claims to the contrary are false and inaccurate, and put simply, there is no evidence supporting any of your claims. Should this matter require us to proceed with litigation, we will vigorously aid our client in her duty to defend June Bloch's intent as expressed in her valid estate planning documents.

I imagine that you might not find such arguments persuasive, but I want to point out a series of facts that hopefully will clarify some of the potential outcomes of the litigation you have initiated. Assuming, for the sake of argument, that you were successful in setting aside June Bloch's 2021 Will, the result would be that her prior will would govern the disposition of her probate estate. I am enclosing a copy of June Bloch's Will dated July 17, 2017, and would direct your attention to Article 1.3 of that document, whereby June Bloch left you a gift of \$10,000.00. Ms. Bloch purposefully removed that gift from her subsequent estate planning documents, but at best, if you were to succeed in your efforts, the most you could possibly be entitled to is \$10,000.00.

I am very confident that June Bloch's 2021 Will is not going to be set aside, but my client would prefer that this matter be handled amicably and with some benefit to you. Accordingly, she has asked me to make the following proposal to resolve all claims and disputes: In exchange for you releasing any and all claims you could possibly have asserted regarding this Estate and the agreed dismissal of your lawsuit, you will be paid \$5,000.00 from the Estate. The settlement would be reduced to writing in a formal settlement agreement, one of the terms of which would require that the agreement be submitted to the probate court for the judge's approval in the Estate matter.

Note that this offer of settlement is being sent pursuant to and subject to Texas Rule of Evidence 408, and that the offer of settlement will remain valid until September 19, 2025. Please respond by that date to the offer if you plan to accept it.

If your status as a pro se litigant has changed and you are now represented by counsel, please forward him or her this letter and ask them to contact me.

Respectfully,

OSBORNE, HELMAN, SCOTT, KNISELY & STANTON, LLP

By: Michael B. Knisely

Enc.

#### JUNE A. BLOCH

WILL OF

I, JUNE A. BLOCH, also known as June P. Bloch, a resident of Travis County, Texas, and a citizen of the United States of America, declare that this is my will. I revoke any prior wills and codicils. This will is made in two (2) parts. PART ONE of this will disposes of my estate and names my fiduciaries and consists of pages 1-1 to 1-4. PART TWO contains definitions, powers of my fiduciaries, and other formal provisions and consists of pages 2-1 to 2-10.

#### PART ONE DISPOSITION OF ESTATE

#### ARTICLE 1.1 STATEMENT AS TO FAMILY

At the date of this will, I am single. My one (1) adult child now living is my daughter, Lindsey Ann Bloch. All references in this will to "my daughter" are to Lindsey Ann Bloch. All references in this will to "my children" are to Lindsey Ann Bloch.

#### ARTICLE 1.2 FIDUCIARY POWERS WITH RESPECT TO ALL DISTRIBUTIONS

All outright distributions under this will are subject to the provisions of Article 2.3.2.

#### ARTICLE 1.3 CASH GIFT

- 1.3.1 JADEN RILEY: If I am survived by any descendant of mine, then I give the sum of Ten Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) in cash to my niece, Jaden Riley, formerly known as Adrienne Jaffe, if she survives me.
  - 1.3.2 NO INTEREST: This gift shall not bear interest.

#### ARTICLE 1.4 GIFT OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

1.4.1 GIFT: I give all of my interest in any tangible personal to my descendants who survive me, in shares required to approximate a <u>per stirpes</u> distribution of such interest among them.



1.4.2 MEMORANDUM; SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: If my interest in tangible personal property passes to more than one (1) beneficiary hereunder, I may express my desires as to the division of my interest among the beneficiaries in a memorandum to my executor. This memorandum shall not be a part of this will or a codicil to this will, but I request, although I do not require, that my desires as so expressed be honored. In addition to any such memorandum that I may leave, I also request, but do not require, that the beneficiaries of my interest in tangible personal property ultimately dispose of such interest in tangible personal property in accordance with my wishes, however expressed by me.

#### ARTICLE 1.5 RESIDUARY ESTATE

- 1.5.1 IF ANY DESCENDANT SURVIVES: If any descendant of mine survives me, I give my residuary estate to my descendants who survive me, per stirpes.
- 1.5.2 CONTINGENT DISPOSITION: If at any time this will does not provide a person qualified to take all or any part of my residuary estate, then all or such part of my residuary estate shall be disposed of as follows:
  - [a] Twenty-five percent (25%) of such property shall be distributed to Jaden Riley, formerly known as Adrienne Jaffe;
  - [b] Twenty-five percent (25%) of such property shall be distributed to Deborah Swink;
  - [c] Twenty-five percent (25%) of such property shall be distributed to Anita Shelton; and
  - [d] Twenty-five percent (25%) of such property shall be distributed to Louise Holland.

However, if any individual named above is not living at my death, then my executor shall distribute such property to the remaining individual or individuals named above in proportion to their respective shares of such property. If none of the individuals named above is living at my death, then my residuary estate shall be distributed to those persons who would have constituted my heirs at law as then determined under and in the same proportions and amounts then provided by the laws of the State of Texas relating to descent and distribution of property as if I had died intestate and single at the time such property becomes subject to distribution under this Article.



#### ARTICLE 1.6 PROVISIONS APPLYING TO CONTINGENT TRUSTS

1.6.1 CREATION OF TRUST: If my executor determines that it is advisable to hold property in trust that would otherwise be distributed outright to a beneficiary pursuant to the powers granted to my executor under Article 2.3.2, then such property shall be held by my executor as trustee in a Contingent Trust for the benefit of such beneficiary. Each Contingent Trust created pursuant to the provisions of Article 2.3.2 shall be a spendthrift trust and shall be held, administered, and disposed of in accordance with the following terms and provisions of this Article 1.6.

As used in this Article 1.6, references to the "beneficiary" shall mean the person for whose benefit this Contingent Trust is created.

- 1.6.2 POWERS OF TRUSTEE; APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES: I grant to the trustee of this trust all of the administrative powers conferred on my executor under this will and all powers conferred on trustees by Texas trust law. Any trustee of this trust may resign as trustee, without judicial action, by giving at least sixty (60) days' written notice to the beneficiary of this trust. Such notice may be waived by any person entitled thereto. The resigning trustee also shall have the authority to appoint by written instrument an individual or corporate successor trustee, or a succession of one (1) or more individual and/or corporate successor trustees, with identical powers. Any corporate trustee of this trust shall be a bank (either state or national) with trust powers or a trust company.
- 1.6.3 INCOME AND PRINCIPAL DISTRIBUTIONS: The trustee may pay to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary such amount or amounts of the net income or principal or both of this trust as the trustee determines from time to time during the term of this trust to be advisable (subject, however, to the provisions of Article 2.2.5).
- 1.6.4 TERMINATION AND DISTRIBUTION: This trust shall terminate on the first to occur of (i) the date the beneficiary attains the age of twenty-five (25) years, provided he or she is not disabled, (ii) the date the beneficiary overcomes his or her disability or inability, provided he or she is then at least twenty-five (25) years of age, or (iii) the date of death of the beneficiary. Upon such termination, the trustee shall distribute then remaining trust estate, including accumulated, accrued, and undistributed income, to the beneficiary, if he or she is then living, or to the personal representative of the beneficiary's estate for administration as part of the beneficiary's estate, if this trust terminates on the beneficiary's death.



#### ARTICLE 1.7 EXECUTORSHIP

- 1.7.1 APPOINTMENT: I appoint my daughter, Lindsey Ann Bloch, as my independent executor. If she fails to qualify or ceases to serve, I appoint my niece, Jaden Riley, formerly known as Adrienne Jaffe, as my independent executor.
- 1.7.2 COURT ACTION: To the extent permitted by law, no action shall be had in any court exercising probate jurisdiction in relation to the settlement of my estate other than the probating and recording of this will and the return of a required inventory, appraisement, and list of claims of my estate.
- 1.7.3 ANCILLARY FIDUCIARY: I appoint as ancillary fiduciary the person or corporation that my executor appoints by a writing filed in the court in the ancillary jurisdiction in which my estate will be administered. Unless prohibited by applicable law or court rule, my executor may appoint itself as ancillary fiduciary.



#### PART TWO FORMAL PROVISIONS

#### ARTICLE 2.1 DEFINITIONS APPLYING TO THIS WILL

- EXECUTOR, TRUSTEE, AND ANCILLARY FIDUCIARY: The words 2.1.1 "executor" and "trustee" and the pronoun "it" in reference to such words always refer to the male or female person or persons or to the institution or to any combination of them then holding the executorship of my estate or a trusteeship of any trust under this will, as the case may be. The term "ancillary fiduciary" always refers to any representative of my estate necessary to administer my estate in any jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction in which I was domiciled at my death. Such words also refer to the initial appointee and any successor or alternate, including a corporation that succeeds another by merger, change of name, or otherwise. The appointment of a corporate executor, trustee, or ancillary fiduciary shall be deemed to include appointment of its corporate successor. The term "corporate trustee" means a bank (either state or national) with trust powers or a trust company. Any successor executor, trustee, or ancillary fiduciary shall have the same powers, authorities, obligations, and limitations as my initial executor, trustee, or ancillary fiduciary, unless another provision of this will specifically provides to the contrary. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this will, the term "fiduciary" refers individually and interchangeably to any executor, trustee, or ancillary fiduciary at any time acting under this will, and the term "fiduciaries" refers collectively and interchangeably to each and every executor, trustee, and ancillary fiduciary at any time serving under this will.
- 2.1.2 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: The term "personal representative" means the individual or entity authorized, by the terms of a will, court order, or otherwise, to represent the estate of the individual designated, including an executor, administrator, or guardian of such an estate.
- 2.1.3 DESCENDANTS: The term "descendants" includes both the children of the person or persons designated and the more remote descendants of such person or persons. A child in gestation who is born alive shall be considered a child in being throughout the period of gestation. A person who is under eighteen (18) years of age when legally adopted shall be deemed the child of his or her adoptive parent, but this presumption shall not operate to prevent a person who is otherwise defined as a descendant hereunder (but who has been adopted by a third party such that his or her legal status as a child of his or her natural parent or parents has been legally terminated) from qualifying as a child or otherwise exclude any such person as a beneficiary of my estate or of any trust created by or pursuant to this will. A person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older when legally adopted shall not be deemed the child of his or her adoptive parent.



- 2.1.4 BENEFICIARY: Unless the context indicates otherwise, in <u>PART ONE</u> and <u>PART TWO</u> the word "beneficiary" means any beneficiary then eligible to receive distributions. If any such beneficiary is a minor or under any disability, irrespective of whether legally so adjudicated, then the parent, guardian, conservator, person acting under a valid durable power of attorney, or person with whom the beneficiary resides shall act for the beneficiary for all purposes in such parts.
- 2.1.5 <u>PER STIRPES</u>: The term "per stirpes" means strict per stirpes and does not mean per capita with representation. For example, suppose that the individual whose descendants' shares are being determined had a son and a daughter. The son had one (1) child; the daughter had three (3) children. Suppose, further, that the son and daughter predeceased the individual. Under a <u>per stirpes</u> distribution, the son's child would be entitled to a one-half (1/2) share, and each of the daughter's three (3) children would be entitled to a one-sixth (1/6) share.
- 2.1.6 SURVIVORSHIP: For all purposes hereunder, a requirement that an individual survive a specified individual means survival of the specified individual by such individual by at least ninety (90) days (not including the date of death of the specified individual). Any gift under this will that is conditioned on the survivorship of one (1) or more persons shall be of no effect if such survivorship condition is not satisfied, and the property comprising such gift shall be disposed of under the provisions of this will as if such gift were of no effect. The preceding provisions of this Article shall not affect the appointment of any fiduciary hereunder.
- 2.1.7 TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY: The term "tangible personal property" shall mean all books, pictures and photographs, objects of art, glass, crystal, china, silverware, linens, household goods, furniture and furnishings, yard and gardening tools and equipment, jewelry, clothing, automobiles, boats, recreational vehicles and equipment, sporting goods, pets, livestock, farming vehicles and equipment, ranching vehicles and equipment, articles of household or personal use or ornament of all kinds, and other similar items, including any insurance policies on such property and the proceeds, if any, of any such policy. The term "tangible personal property" includes all books, photographs, and music in any digital format. The term "tangible personal property, even if represented by tangible or electronic documentation of ownership, and (ii) tangible personal property used by me in a trade, business, or profession or held by me as an investment (unless another provision of this will specifically provides to the contrary).
- 2.1.8 RESIDUARY ESTATE: The term "residuary estate" means all property in which I may have any interest that is not disposed of other than by Article 1.5. Any power of appointment that I have shall not be exercised by Article 1.5.



- 2.1.9 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE: "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, in effect on the date of my death (or at the referenced date), and reference to any provision or section of that Code shall be deemed to refer to the provision or section of the federal tax law in effect on the date of my death (or at the referenced date) that corresponds to the provision or section referred to that was in effect at the time of the execution of this will.
- DEATH TAXES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL CHARGES: In general, the term "death taxes and other governmental charges" shall mean all estate, inheritance, succession, and other death taxes imposed as a result of my death under the laws of any jurisdiction (whether a state, the United States, a foreign country, or otherwise) on the following: (i) any property (or the transfer or receipt of any property) or proceeds passing under this will, by beneficiary designation (including, but not limited to, beneficiary designations on retirement plans, and on life insurance, endowment, and annuity contracts), by operation of law, or by any other means of transfer, (ii) any property or proceeds includible in my gross estate under Sections 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, and 2041 of the Internal Revenue Code, and (iii) any adjusted taxable gifts (as defined in Section 2001(b)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code) I have made during my life. The term "death taxes and other governmental charges" shall not include any taxes and charges attributable to the inclusion of a trust (or separate share of a trust) in my gross estate under Section 2044 of the Internal Revenue Code. Such death taxes and other governmental charges shall include any interest and penalties on such taxes and charges.
- 2.1.11 GENERATION-SKIPPING TRANSFER TAX; GENERATION-SKIPPING TRANSFER TAX EXEMPTION: The term "generation-skipping transfer tax" means the generation-skipping transfer tax that would be imposed at the referenced time or event under Chapter 13 of the Internal Revenue Codé on any applicable generation-skipping transfer (as determined under Chapter 13 of the Internal Revenue Code). The term "generation-skipping transfer tax exemption" means the generation-skipping transfer tax exemption allowed by Section 2631(a) of the Internal Revenue Code to each individual transferor against the application of the generation-skipping transfer tax.

#### ARTICLE 2.2 GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES

2.2.1 POWERS: I intend my executor to be independent as that term is used and defined under Texas law. I grant to my executor all powers conferred on trustees by Texas trust law. In addition to those powers conferred by law, this grant includes without limitation the following powers, all of which may be exercised without the necessity of securing the approval or order of any court: (i) to acquire, by purchase (including purchase of securities on margin) or otherwise, retain, invest, reinvest, and manage, temporarily or permanently, any interest (including an undivided interest) in any realty or



personalty, without diversification as to kind, amount, or risk of nonproductivity and without limitation by statute or rule of law; (ii) to alter, improve, repair, replace, abandon, and demolish assets; (iii) to sell, exchange, encumber, lease for any period, or otherwise dispose of any asset of my estate, publicly or privately, with or without notice, wholly or partly for cash or credit, without appraisal, and to give options for those purposes; (iv) to advance or borrow money (with or without interest after taking into account attendant tax consequences), to guarantee payment of the liabilities of others, and to hold, mortgage, and pledge property for repayment; (v) to purchase from, borrow from, sell to, employ, contract with, and generally to deal with themselves individually and as fiduciaries of any estate or trust created by me or otherwise, or with any partnership, corporation, or financial or business organization in which they may own an interest, and to retain any profit or other reasonable compensation realized by such fiduciary as a result of any such dealings that are entered into in good faith and for fair and adequate consideration, notwithstanding any statute or rule of law to the contrary; (vi) to continue, invest in, or liquidate any partnership, corporation, or business; (vii) to abandon, compromise, contest, and arbitrate claims; (viii) to hold title in the name of a nominee; (ix) to make distributions in kind, in money, or partly in each, without requiring pro rata distribution of specific assets and without regard to differences in tax basis of any such property, at fair market value on the date of distribution; (x) to carry out the terms of any valid agreement that I may have entered into during my lifetime concerning property that I may own at my death; (xi) to determine all matters of estate accounting as established by controlling law or customary practices; (xii) to set up and maintain reasonable reserves for taxes, assessments, insurance premiums, repairs, improvements, depreciation, depletion, amortization, obsolescence, general maintenance of buildings or other property, and any other purpose; (xiii) to employ agents, accountants, brokers, attorneys-in-fact, attorneysat-law, tax specialists, realtors, investment counsel, and other assistants and advisers and compensate them out of principal or income or both; and (xiv) to delegate powers and duties to other persons, partnerships, corporations, and financial or business organizations. A fiduciary is fully authorized to continue any interest-free loans made by me that are outstanding at the time of my death and shall incur no liability whatsoever for so doing (but this provision shall not operate to relieve a fiduciary from an obligation to prevent any such loan from becoming barred under any applicable statute of limitation). I specifically direct that a corporate fiduciary may retain and shall not be obligated to sell or exchange any stock or other security issued by such fiduciary or by the parent or any subsidiary of such fiduciary.

The fiduciary responsible for holding any property of my estate in trust shall have the power at any time to name such trust, unless such trust is already named under this will.

Pursuant to Section 356.653 of the Texas Estates Code and Section 113.053(e) of the Texas Property Code, I also expressly authorize a fiduciary to carry out the terms of any buy-sell agreement pertaining to any partnership interest, stock, or other asset that I own at



my death, and to purchase (in its individual capacity) such partnership interest, stock, or other asset pursuant to the provisions of such buy-sell agreement.

#### 2.2.2 COMPENSATION:

- [a] AMOUNT: Each fiduciary shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for any professional or fiduciary services actually performed. With respect to any fiduciary, the portion of the compensation attributable to services as a fiduciary shall not exceed charges for similar services made from time to time by corporate fiduciaries in the same geographic area. All fiduciaries shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred in the administration of my estate or any trust created under this will. If an attorney or accountant is serving as fiduciary, it is my wish and intent that such attorney or accountant or the firm with which he or she is associated may nevertheless be employed to render any necessary or appropriate legal and/or accounting services to my estate or any trust created hereunder and be paid a reasonable fee for such services.
- [b] WAIVER: With respect to any taxable year of my estate or any trust hereunder, any fiduciary who is entitled to compensation for such taxable year may waive his or her right to receive all or any part of such compensation for such year by giving written notice to the beneficiary or beneficiaries of my estate or of such trust, as the case may be, within sixty (60) days of the later to occur of (i) the beginning of such taxable year, or (ii) the date such fiduciary begins to serve.
- 2.2.3 WAIVER OF BOND: A fiduciary shall not be required to give bond in any jurisdiction, unless bond is required by law or court rule that cannot be waived, in which event a surety shall not be required.

#### 2.2.4 FIDUCIARY LIABILITY:

- [a] LIABILITY OF FIDUCIARY: An executor or trustee hereunder shall not be liable for any act or omission to act with respect to my estate or the trust of which such individual or entity is serving as trustee unless such act or omission to act constitutes a breach of fiduciary duty or breach of trust committed intentionally, in bad faith, or with reckless indifference to the interest of a beneficiary of my estate or of such trust. By this provision, it is my express intention to limit such executor's or trustee's potential liability as fiduciary to the greatest extent permitted by Texas law.
- [b] LIABILITY FOR ACTS OF ANOTHER FIDUCIARY: An individual or entity serving as executor or trustee hereunder shall have no



duty or obligation: (i) to investigate the acts or failures to act of another fiduciary; (ii) to request a formal accounting from another fiduciary; or (iii) to investigate any accountings provided by another fiduciary. In addition, an acting fiduciary shall not be personally liable or individually responsible for the acts or omissions of another fiduciary, nor shall such fiduciary be personally liable for its failure to contest any accounting provided by another fiduciary. For purposes of this Article 2.2.4, the term "another fiduciary" shall mean any current or former personal representative of my estate, any current or former trustee or ancillary fiduciary acting under this will, and any personal representative of any estate or trustee of any trust from which distributions may be made to any fiduciary hereunder. A fiduciary shall be responsible or liable only for the assets actually delivered to it.

INDIVIDUAL TRUSTEE: An individual trustee of any Contingent Trust 2.2.5 created by this will shall not have any power whatsoever in the determination of accumulation of income, or of distribution (including but not limited to distributions to such individual and distributions in discharge of any legal obligation of such individual) of income or principal, or in the apportionment of receipts and expenses between principal and income, or in the establishment and maintenance of reserves in the trust, or any power in any other determination or distribution that would cause undistributed trust principal to be includible in such individual's estate for tax purposes, that would cause such individual to make a gift for tax purposes (whether by reason of a prior disclaimer by such individual, by reason of the making of such determination or distribution, or otherwise), or that would cause trust income to be taxed to such individual (except to the extent such individual receives or is deemed to receive distributable net income as a result of an actual or deemed trust distribution), but such determinations and distributions shall be made in the sole discretion of the other trustee then serving. If there is no other trustee then serving, such power shall not be exercised.

#### ARTICLE 2.3 DISTRIBUTION PROVISIONS

2.3.1 TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY: In lieu of distributing any items of tangible personal property that a recipient determines to be of no present or probable future use to such recipient, my executor may instead dispose of such items by sale (adding the proceeds of any such sale to my residuary estate), by gift to any charity or person, by abandonment, or by destruction. Distribution of my tangible personal property among my descendants (if more than one (1)) under Article 1.4.1 shall be in shares required to approximately effect a <u>per stirpes</u> distribution of such tangible personal property among my descendants as they agree, or as my executor determines if they do not agree within a reasonable time after my death. My executor shall act for any minor

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or incapacitated beneficiary in selecting, storing, safeguarding, insuring, and distributing such property.

FACILITATING DISTRIBUTIONS: In making any distribution of property 2.3.2 (including, but not limited to, any discretionary or terminating distribution) under the provisions of this will, the fiduciary responsible for such property may distribute such property to or for the benefit of the beneficiary: (i) directly to the beneficiary; (ii) on behalf of the beneficiary for the beneficiary's benefit; (iii) to any account in a financial institution including but not limited to a bank, savings institution, brokerage company, or registered investment advisory firm, either in the name of such beneficiary or in a form reserving title, management, and custody of such account to a suitable person for the use of such beneficiary; (iv) in any form of annuity; (v) in all ways provided by laws dealing with gifts or distributions to or for minors (including but not limited to the Texas Uniform Transfers to Minors Act) or persons under disability; (vi) to any trust of which the beneficiary is the principal or preferred beneficiary (to be added to and administered as a part thereof); or (vii) to any suitable person with whom the beneficiary resides or who has the care and control of the beneficiary, without obligation to see to the further application of such distribution. The receipt for distributions by any person named in this Article shall fully discharge the fiduciary. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article, however, I give no power or authority (and none shall be exercised) that would result in the loss of a federal estate tax charitable deduction for my estate or any exemption or exclusion from the generation-skipping transfer tax.

In addition, if any property of my estate is distributable outright under the provisions of this will to a beneficiary who is under the age of twenty-five (25) years or to a beneficiary who, in the opinion of the fiduciary responsible for such property, is under any disability or unable to administer distributions properly, then such fiduciary, in its sole and absolute discretion, in any jurisdiction, without intervention of a guardian, conservator, or other representative, and without supervision of any court, may hold such property in a separate Contingent Trust for the benefit of such beneficiary. Each Contingent Trust created under this will shall be held by the fiduciary for the beneficiary's benefit and disposed of pursuant to the provisions of Article 1.6.

### ARTICLE 2.4 DEBTS, EXPENSES, AND TAXES

- 2.4.1 PAYMENT OF DEBTS, EXPENSES, AND DEATH TAXES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL CHARGES: My executor shall pay my debts, expenses, and death taxes and other governmental charges as follows:
  - [a] PAYMENT OF DEBTS: My executor shall pay from my residuary estate all debts that are due and enforceable against my estate. This direction does not require my executor to prepay any debt.



- [b] PAYMENT OF EXPENSES: My executor shall pay from my residuary estate (i) the expenses of my last illness and funeral, and (ii) the expenses of administering my estate. For purposes of this Article, the "expenses of administering my estate" shall include but not be limited to the reasonable costs of safeguarding, insuring, packing, and storing my tangible personal property before its distribution, and of delivering and transporting any item to the place of residence (or other designated address) of the beneficiary of that item. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article to the contrary, the expenses of administering my estate shall be allocated between (and charged accordingly against) the income and principal of my residuary estate in accordance with controlling state law or (if and to the extent there is any uncertainty with respect to such law in this context) generally accepted principles of trust accounting (as though such assets were held in trust at the time of my death).
- [c] PAYMENT OF DEATH TAXES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL CHARGES: Except as otherwise provided in provision [d] below, my executor shall pay from my residuary estate all death taxes and other governmental charges imposed by reason of my death.
- [d] EXCEPTIONS: Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article 2.4.1, the following provisions shall control:
  - [i] If any generation-skipping transfer tax is payable at any time with respect to any generation-skipping transfer occurring by reason of my death, such tax shall be charged against the property constituting the generation-skipping transfer.
  - [ii] Any recapture of estate taxes under Section 2032A of the Internal Revenue Code shall not be paid from my estate.
  - [iii] If the assets of any <u>inter vivos</u> trust created by me are includible in my gross estate for federal estate tax purposes, the assets of such trust shall bear that portion of the total death taxes and other governmental charges that the taxable value of such <u>inter vivos</u> trust as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes bears to my total taxable estate as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, and such share of the death taxes and other governmental charges shall be charged against such inter vivos trust.

- [e] NATURE OF ASSETS: For purposes of this Article, there shall be no distinction between the real and personal properties comprising my residuary estate.
- 2.4.2 TAX ELECTIONS, DECISIONS: In determining the estate, inheritance, and income tax liability of my estate and any applicable generation-skipping transfer tax liability, the following provisions shall govern:
  - [a] GENERALLY: My executor shall exercise its own and sole discretion in determining: (i) the date that should be selected for the valuation of property subject to any such tax; (ii) whether any portion of my estate should be valued under any of the applicable provisions of Section 2032A of the Internal Revenue Code; (iii) whether any portion of the federal estate tax liability for my estate should be paid under any deferred payment option available to my estate under the Internal Revenue Code; (iv) whether a deduction should be taken as an income tax deduction or as an estate tax deduction; and (v) (to the extent permitted by federal income tax laws) the amount of distributable net income (for federal income tax purposes) that is deemed to be carried out to a beneficiary by reason of a distribution of appreciated property.
  - [b] GENERATION-SKIPPING TRANSFER TAX EXEMPTION: My executor shall exercise its own and sole discretion in determining how to allocate the generation-skipping transfer tax exemption under Sections 2631 and 2632 of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - [c] OTHER ELECTIONS; COMPENSATING ADJUSTMENTS: My executor shall also exercise its own and sole discretion with regard to any other such election or determination that is to be made by any personal representative of my estate. A compensating adjustment between income and principal or in the amount of any gift hereunder shall not be made as a result of any tax election by my executor.

#### ARTICLE 2.5 TEXAS LAW TO GOVERN

This will has been drawn and executed in the State of Texas. All questions concerning the meaning and intention of any of its terms, its validity, or the administration of any trusts or powers created herein shall be determined in accordance with the laws of this State.



#### ARTICLE 2.6 CAPTIONS; HEADINGS; ARTICLES:

The captions or headings above the various provisions of this will have been included only to facilitate the location of the subjects covered by each provision but shall not be used in construing this will or in ascertaining my intentions.

Unless otherwise expressly provided, (i) references to "this Article" shall mean the Article in which the reference appears (for example, references to "this Article" in Article 2.2.4[b] shall mean Article 2.2.4[b]), and (ii) all references to an "Article" shall mean the specific Article created under this will.

#### ARTICLE 2.7 NUMBER AND GENDER

Wherever the context so admits and such treatment is necessary to interpret this will in accordance with its apparent intent, the use herein of the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, and the use of the feminine, masculine, or neuter gender shall be deemed to include the other genders.

have subscribed my name to this will, consisting of fourteen (14) pages, on this day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2017, in the presence of the witnesses whose names are subscribed below.

The foregoing instrument was signed, published, and declared by JUNE A. BLOCH, the above-named testatrix, as and for her last will and testament in our presence and we, at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names to this instrument as attesting witnesses on the day and year last above written; and we certify that, in our opinion and belief, the said testatrix is of sound and disposing mind.



## SELF PROOF OF WILL

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
THE STATE OF TEXAS §  COUNTY OF TRAVIS §
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JUNE A. BLOCH, SARN STANDOW, Free School, and All of Said persons being by me duly sworn, the said JUNE A. BLOCH, testatrix, declared to me and to the said witnesses in my presence and in the presence of all of the said witnesses that said instrument is her last will and testament and that she had willingly made and executed it as her free act and deed for the purposes therein expressed; and the said witnesses each on his or her oath stated to me in the presence and hearing of the testatrix and of all of the said witnesses that the said testatrix had declared to them that said instrument is her last will and testament and that she executed the same as such and wanted each of them to sign it as a witness; and upon their oaths each witness stated further that they did sign the same as witnesses in the presence of each other and of the said testatrix and at her request; that the testatrix was at that time eighteen (18) years of age or over and was of sound mind; and that each of said witnesses was then at least fourteen (14) years of age.
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said JUNE A. BLOCH, testatrix, and by
the said Lois Ann Stanton, Frank Schiller, and Ciluk Petty, witnesses, this 17 day of
July , 2017.
NÁNCY G. HUG
Notary Public, State of Texas Notary ID# 13021905-7
My Commission Expires  My Commission Expires  My Commission Expires  My Commission Expires  Print Name: 1/27/4/106-
My Commission Expires: 01819 Print Name: 104704/106