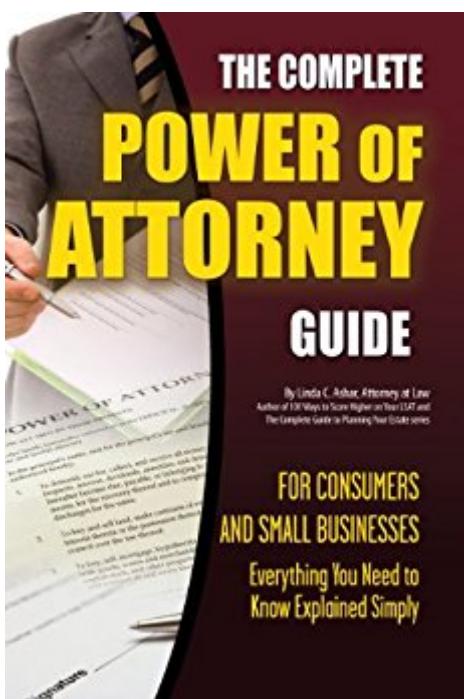


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# The Complete Power Of Attorney Guide For Consumers And Small Businesses: Everything You Need To Know Explained Simply



## Synopsis

Every year, thousands of medical, financial, and legal issues crop up due to the confusion surrounding the specific directions of an individual incapable of making the necessary decisions about their estate, body, or finances. The same problems can arise for small businesses and, for that reason, understanding what power of attorney entails, and how you go about establishing it, is a vital step. This guide helps you cut away the confusing red tape and finally understand exactly what power of attorney involves and how you can use it to your advantage. The first thing you will learn is the various forms of power of attorney that are available to you, including for financial purposes, medical and health care purposes, living wills, childcare, and all-in-one purposes. The details of what an agent can supply in each instance will be provided to help you understand what each specific style of power of attorney will provide. The process of choosing your agent will be outlined in detail for you, including who is applicable and what important factors should be included in every discussion related to who your power of attorney will be. You will learn how to select a lawyer and whether you will be able to afford one in certain instances. You will be able to see what is involved in working with a lawyer and what you need to do if you decide to fire that particular lawyer. The federal laws and then the specific state laws that apply to your situation will be provided with details about how you can further research them to know how they apply to even more specific situations. For those seeking financial powers of attorney, you will learn how to limit the power of attorney, how that power applies to real estate, and how to acquire and use an affidavit of attorney in fact. For those with health care related issues, you will learn how a durable power of attorney operates for health care, how to choose someone to make medical treatment decisions, the creation and application of a living will, the specific presentation of a do not resuscitate order, and how to determine the distribution of anatomical gifts. Finally, issues such as child care and the revocation of a power of attorney will be discussed. With the assistance of dozens of interviews across multiple different fields with experts in law, family, and business applications of a power of attorney, you will be provided with an extensive overview of everything you need to know to effectively utilize this highly valuable legal tool. This book is the essential tool every small business or individual with need of a power of attorney needs. Atlantic Publishing is a small, independent publishing company based in Ocala, Florida. Founded over twenty years ago in the company president's garage, Atlantic Publishing has grown to become a renowned resource for non-fiction books. Today, over 450 titles are in print covering subjects such as small business, healthy living, management, finance, careers, and real estate. Atlantic Publishing prides itself on producing award winning, high-quality manuals that give readers up-to-date, pertinent information, real-world examples, and

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Ashar, an attorney at law from Ohio with nearly three decades of experience, aimed to remove the legalese surrounding a power of attorney and other end of life planning documents, and she achieved that with a reader-friendly guide packed with information but doesn't read like a law school textbook. The Complete Power of Attorney Guide features a detailed breakdown of the different types of powers of attorney as well as important information to consider when drafting a POA, such as whom to name as your attorney in fact and how to handle end of life decisions. The guide walks a person step-by-step from selecting a type of power of attorney to signing the document and

everything in between all in an informative and easy-to-understand format. But what separates Ashar's guide from other power of attorney planning guides, is the information contained in the appendices of the 312-page book. It includes state specific information for laws governing powers of attorney, and the guide also features other end of life documents, including estate planning forms. This valuable information makes the Complete Power of Attorney Guide a one-stop resource for information on end of life planning.

Early on in this book the reader discovers that power of attorney is an ancient concept, dating back to Mesopotamian times. An additional point that becomes abundantly clear is that almost everyone will have at least one occasion in their life where they will find themselves in a position where having an agent to represent them would come in handy. If you care about your family and their future well-being you should read this book. Linda C Ashar details, in easy to understand language, why making plans for a power of attorney (POA) would serve you and yours well. Detailed studies of many different POA's are included and how they can help you and yours if issues should arise. Once you have decided that a power of attorney is needed the single most important item is choosing the person that will act as your Attorney-In-Fact or agent. Asher painstakingly covers the legal restrictions on who can and cannot be your agent. Also reviewed are the criteria you should use to choose your agent. Lastly, the responsibilities of the person you chose as your agent are reviewed. For anyone thinking of obtaining a POA this is a very important chapter. The next few chapters review, in detail, each different type of POA as well as the responsibilities of each party involved. The author also covers the limits of each of these POA's during the detailed reviews. The important pieces here that almost everyone can use are the review of the Health Care POA and the important documents to consider in addition to the POA. Included in these documents are the Living Will, the DNR order, the Anatomical Gift Form and the myths related to this form. Ashar, an attorney herself, reviews how to chose a proper attorney, how to work with your attorney on your POA and finally, if needed, how to fire your attorney. The last chapters cover laws specific to each state and how they relate to a POA and where one can research these laws. Also included is a large appendix that includes helpful sample forms and estate planning worksheets. Ashar does an admirable job with this book, showing how power of attorney is something everyone should at least consider in order to care for his or her family and finances should the unexpected ever occur and one can easily reach the conclusion that it is easier to plan for a POA than it is to plan for the unexpected.

The Complete Power of Attorney for Consumers and Small Business by Linda C. Ashar makes a

strong case for determining one, or more, for your self and members of your family. Ashar's outlines for POAs detail the specifics and encourage reader research state-by-state, seeing to it that their POAs don't merely suffice, they superbly serve individual needs. Ashar's "Jones Family" case study throughout the book provides real-world examples chapter-by-chapter, encouraging readers to follow the Joneses, and keep up. No matter your position on POAs, *The Complete Power of Attorney for Consumers and Small Business* provides the tools to take you through your thought process, and empower you.

This book is very easy to understand. It is well written, with clear paragraphs that are easy to follow. The author describes the pros and cons of the power of attorney and will help you avoid legal fees. The book also arms you with the vocabulary you will need to make your own Power of Attorney and provides proper forms. There are nice review checklists throughout the book to remind you of what you have read and why it is important. The book uses a hypothetical family. It would be impossible to not relate to one of the members of this family and understand why you need a power of attorney. I would recommend this book.

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