

NO. 412,249-401

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

*Plaintiff,*

V.

ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, ET AL

*Defendants.*

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IN PROBATE COURT

NUMBER FOUR (4) OF

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

**CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS’ VERIFIED MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT WITH CONCURRENT PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT**

TO THE HONORABLE PROBATE COURT:

COMES NOW Candace Louise Curtis filing this Verified Motion for Partial Summary Judgment with Concurrent Petitions for Declaratory Judgment and in support thereof would respectfully show as follows:

**I.**

**Summary and Declaratory Judgment Issues**

This is a case involving numerous breaches of fiduciary duties by persons occupying the offices of trustee under questionable authority who, while exercising the powers of the office to perform improper transactions in a biased and self-serving manner, have affirmatively performed none of the duties required under the terms of the trust instruments, have affirmatively performed none of the duties required by Texas property statutes, and have affirmatively performed none of the duties required by the Texas common law.

Notwithstanding Defendants’ selective disclosures over these past five years and their continuing obfuscation, there has been more than adequate time for both honest and complete fiduciary disclosures and for pretrial discovery. The requisite evidentiary support for these motions is contained within the Court’s record. The evidence is clear, positive, uncontradicted, and of such nature it cannot rationally be disbelieved; there is no legitimate controversy as to any material fact; and Plaintiff is entitled to judgment as a matter of law on the issues expressly set out in this motion.

This motion for partial summary judgment seeks relief on four specific breaches of fiduciary duties at issue in the matters before the Court. Additionally, a de son tort claim and

petitions for declaratory judgments relate to the validity, efficacy and interpretation of instruments and the proper standing of parties.

The claims for breach of fiduciary relate only to the period of time between the death of our Mother Nelva Brunsting on November 11, 2011 and the filing of this motion. The several petitions for declaratory judgment relate to instruments authored after the incapacity and/or demise of Elmer Brunsting.

Plaintiff asks the Court to interpret the several claims for breach of fiduciary and the several petitions for declaratory judgment considering the totality of the circumstances in Toto with the records of the several proceedings.

## II.

### Summary Judgment

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 166(a):

*A party seeking to recover upon a claim, counterclaim, or cross-claim or to obtain a declaratory judgment may, at any time after the adverse party has appeared or answered, move with or without supporting affidavits for a summary judgment in his favor upon all or any part thereof. A summary judgment, interlocutory in character, may be rendered on the issue of liability alone although there is a genuine issue as to amount of damages.*

*The judgment sought shall be rendered forthwith if (i) the deposition transcripts, interrogatory answers, and other discovery responses referenced or set forth in the motion or response, and (ii) the pleadings, admissions, affidavits, stipulations of the parties, and authenticated or certified public records, if any, on file at the time of the hearing, or filed thereafter and before judgment with permission of the court, show that, except as to the amount of damages, there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law on the issues expressly set out in the motion or in an answer or any other response.*

In *Branult v. Bigham*, 493 S.W.2d 576 (Tex. App. -- Waco [10th Dist], 1973) the court held that:

*A person interested as or through a . . . trustee . . . other fiduciary . . . or cestui que trust in the administration of a trust . . . may have a declaration of rights or legal relations in respect to the trust. . . i. to ascertain any class of creditors, devisees, legatees, heirs, next of kin or others; ii. to direct the . . . trustees to do or abstain from doing any particular act in their fiduciary capacity; or iii. to determine any question arising in the administration of the trust . . . including the construction of . . . other writings.*

### III.

#### **Burden of Proof**

The burden of proof is on the fiduciary to show that he has fully performed his duties, and the means for such proof is full disclosure and a sufficient and proper accounting.

*Where facts lie peculiarly within the knowledge of a party and cannot, in the nature of the case, be known to his adversary, the party having knowledge has the burden of proving the facts. Spencer v. Petit, Tex. Civ. App., 17 S.W.2d 1102 @ 1106, (Affirmed, Tex. Com. App., 34 S.W.2d 798).*

In Frethey v. Durant, 48 N.Y.S. 839 (N.Y.A.D. 1 Dept. 1897), it was held that:

*when a fiduciary relation is shown to exist, and property or property interests have been entrusted to an agent or trustee, the burden is thrown upon such agent entrusted to render an account, and to show that all his trust duties have been fully performed, and the manner in which they have been performed. It is assumed that the agent or trustee has means of knowing, and does know, what the principal or cestui que trust cannot know, and is bound to reveal the entire truth.*

### IV.

#### **Beneficiaries Have Express Statutory Standing to Seek Declaratory Judgments**

Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code §37.005:

*Sec. 37.005. DECLARATIONS RELATING TO TRUST OR ESTATE*

*A person interested as or through an executor or administrator, including an independent executor or administrator, a trustee, guardian, other fiduciary, creditor, devisee, legatee, heir, next of kin, or cestui que trust in the administration of a trust or of the estate of a decedent, an infant, mentally incapacitated person, or insolvent may have a declaration of rights or legal relations in respect to the trust or estate:*

- (1) to ascertain any class of creditors, devisees, legatees, heirs, next of kin, or others;*
- (2) to direct the executors, administrators, or trustees to do or abstain from doing any particular act in their fiduciary capacity;*
- (3) to determine any question arising in the administration of the trust or estate, including questions of construction of wills and other writings; or*
- (4) to determine rights or legal relations of an independent executor or independent administrator regarding fiduciary fees and the settling of accounts*

### V.

#### **Summary of the Motion**

As the record will show, Defendants Anita and Amy Brunsting claim to be co-trustees for the entire Brunsting family of trusts. Anita claims to have become sole trustee for the entire Brunsting family of trusts via Nelva's resignation and trustee appointment on December 21, 2010. Plaintiffs Carl Brunsting and Candace Curtis are co-beneficiaries of the Brunsting family of trusts along with Defendants Amy, Anita, and Carole Brunsting. (see Exhibit 1 and Defendants' pleadings)

A fiduciary relationship exists as a matter of law. Amy and Anita owed and continue to owe fiduciary duties to Carl Brunsting and Candace Curtis. Anita and Amy have breached the fiduciary duties owed to all of the beneficiaries, and Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer egregious injury and are entitled to remedy as a matter of law, as hereinafter more fully appears.

## VI.

### **Breach of Fiduciary Claims**

1. Abuse of Discretion: Failure to create individual trust shares or fund personal asset trusts
2. Duty of Competence: Failure to account for known trust assets - EE Bonds
3. Duty to Account: Failure to render full, true, complete, and timely accountings
4. Breach of affirmative fiduciary duty of full disclosure.

## VII.

### **Summary of Petitions for Declaratory Judgments**

Plaintiff seeks the following declaratory judgments as supported hereinafter.

That:

1. the July 1, 2008 appointment of successor co-trustees is invalid<sup>1</sup>
2. the August 25, 2010 appointment of successor co-trustees is invalid as to the Family and Decedent's irrevocable trusts<sup>2</sup>
3. the December 21, 2010 appointment of successor trustees is invalid as to the Family and Decedent's irrevocable trusts<sup>3</sup>
4. the December 21, 2010 resignation instrument is invalid as to the Family and Decedent's irrevocable trusts<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit 11-a

<sup>2</sup> Exhibit 11-b

<sup>3</sup> Exhibit 11-d

<sup>4</sup> Exhibit 11-c

5. the 2005 restatement as amended in 2007 is the current law of the trust
6. Plaintiffs Carl Brunsting and Candace Curtis are the de jure trustees for the Family and Decedent's irrevocable trusts; and
7. Defendants Amy and Anita Brunsting are trustees de son tort, liable for any breaches of fiduciary committed by them while occupying the office of trustee for the Family and Decedent's irrevocable trusts; and
8. If Defendants cannot verify original appointment instruments before the Court Plaintiff asks for a declaratory judgment that Carl Brunsting and Candace Curtis are also the de jure trustees for the Nelva E. Brunsting Survivor's Trust.

### **VIII.**

#### **History of "The Trust" and the Significance of Trust Events**

In 1996 Elmer Brunsting and his wife Nelva Brunsting created the original Brunsting Family Living Trust<sup>5</sup> for their benefit and for the benefit of their 5 children (Original trust Exhibit 6).

That trust instrument named Founders Elmer and Nelva as the initial co-trustees, but in the event that both of them should cease to serve the successor trustee designation was listed:

- a. First Anita
- b. Second Carl and
- c. Third Amy

The original trust lay dormant until January 2, 2005 when it was restated in its entirety (2005 Restatement Exhibit 7). The successor co-trustees after the 2005 Restatement were:

- a. Carl Henry Brunsting and Amy Ruth Tschirhart<sup>6</sup>
- b. Alternate Candace Louise Curtis

The significant fact is that Elmer and Nelva jointly removed Anita entirely as a successor trustee in 2005. It must be presumed that Elmer and Nelva had a reason for removing Anita.

The Brunsting Family Living Trust was amended by both Elmer and Nelva for the first and only time in 2007 (Exhibit 8), and after that amendment the named successor co-trustees were:

- a. Carl Henry Brunsting and Candace Louise Curtis

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<sup>5</sup> Bates Brunsting001517

<sup>6</sup> Bates P326 obtained by Blackburn

b. Alternate Frost Bank

The significant facts here are that Elmer and Nelva jointly removed Amy as a successor co-trustee and they did not put Anita or Carole on as an alternate, but instead named Frost Bank.

It is also significant to note that this was the last A/B trust instrument signed by both Elmer and Nelva Brunsting and is inarguably the current law of “the trusts”.

**TRUST VITIATIONS**

Elmer Brunsting became incapacitated and was apparently declared by two doctors to be incompetent in June of 2008. Surfacing after more than three years of litigation and demands for production is a document referred to in other instruments as an appointment of successor trustees dated July 1, 2008.

July 1, 2008 Appointment of Successor Trustees

The only copy of this instrument thus far known, recently surfaced at pages 135-139 of a 143 page pdf document labeled “supplemental production” received from Anita Brunsting on June 25, 2015, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 11-a.

The quality of this copy is not only unacceptable but the instrument is invalid on its face, as under Article IV Section D of the restatement Nelva could only remove trustees she had individually appointed.

2005 Restatement Article IV Section D

*Section D. Resignation or Removal of Our Trustees. We may each remove any Trustee we may have individually named as our respective successors. Any appointee serving or entitled to serve as Trustee may resign at any time and without cause, and the instructions in this trust will determine who the successor will be. All removals or resignations must be in writing.*

Elmer had already been declared incompetent in June and was unable to sign trust amendments. His incompetence is mentioned in the July 1, 2008 instrument which was signed by Nelva alone. Because Elmer was incompetent and not deceased, there was no survivor’s trust to change trustee appointments for, and since the successor co-trustees for the family trust had been selected by Elmer and Nelva jointly, the successor co-trustees for the family trust could not be changed by Nelva alone under the terms of Article IV (D) of the restatement.

Thus, when Elmer passed on April 1, 2009 the successor co-trustees for the irrevocable Family and Decedent’s trusts could only be those named in the 2007 Amendment -- Carl and Candace, with Frost Bank as the alternate.

As Carl Brunsting was the first successor co-trustee in every instrument, nothing really changed after Elmer's death with the exception of the names of trust assets as to ownership interests. Assets were either transferred to a Decedent's Trust or a Survivor's Trust using various certificates of trust, but no individualized indentures for either trust were ever formally expressed. This is the first place where ambiguity finds fertile ground.

August 25, 2010 Qualified Beneficiary Designation and Testamentary Power of Appointment under Living Trust Agreement

On July 3, 2010 Carl Brunsting fell ill with encephalitis. Candace Freed's notes dated July 30, 2010 reveal that her instructions to change the trustee designations and dispositive provisions of the trusts came from previously removed successor trustee Anita Brunsting and not client Nelva Brunsting at all. (Exhibit 12)

The note says Anita's instructions were to make her and previously removed successor co-trustee Amy Brunsting successor co-trustees, with Frost Bank as the alternate. The notes also say to put Carl's inheritance under Amy and Anita's control. What Anita had requested and Freed drew up is exactly what Elmer and Nelva Brunsting intended to prevent with the 2005 Restatement and the 2007 Amendment, which are the last A/B trust agreement instruments signed by both.

The instructions from Anita to Freed find their way into an instrument expressed as a "Qualified Beneficiary Designation and Testamentary Power of Appointment under Living Trust Agreement" allegedly signed by Nelva Brunsting on August 25, 2010. However, Plaintiff finds no exhibits in the disclosures that would indicate the source of the instructions to also place her inheritance expectancy under the trusteeship of Amy and Anita Brunsting. Nelva Brunsting herself said that's not true. (Exhibit 13)

Exhibit 10 is a collection of various Bates stamped exhibits of the alleged August 25, 2010 QBD. Of note is the fact that there are three versions of the signature page. Attached to Anita's 156 page objection to the Court's approval of a distribution, filed December 5, 2014, is the version bearing Bates Stamp P229. This is also the version Plaintiff Curtis received by mail. One can easily see the CAN preceding the alleged signature of Nelva Brunsting.

The next version bearing Bates stamps P192, P7168, V&F000389, P-76 and P12755 show both signatures floating way above the lines. This version appears in Carole's 133 page objection to Plaintiff's application for distribution filed Feb.17, 2015. This version also appears

in a business records affidavit from Frost Bank (Exhibit 9) as having been attached to an email received from Amy Brunsting in December 2011.

The third version (P443) was obtained for Carl Brunsting by attorney Blackburn from Anita. P443 and P1015 match the version attached to Curtis' original federal complaint (as Exhibit P-40), identified in her attached affidavit as having been received from Anita Brunsting via email October 23, 2010.

### **REMOVAL OF NELVA BRUNSTING BY FORCE**

Nelva and Carl were excluded from a phone conference called by Candace Freed (Exhibit 5-a)<sup>7</sup> and held on 10/25/2010. After that conference Curtis had a phone conversation with Nelva regarding the alleged 8/25/2010 QBD. Carole later emailed Curtis about overhearing Nelva on the phone to Freed, telling Freed to change it back and that she wasn't going to follow the changes Freed had made to the trust (Exhibit 5-b). Subsequent to the phone conversation referred to in Carole's email, apparently Candace Freed requested that Nelva be evaluated for competency. Candace Freed later wrote a follow up email on November 17, 2010 explaining her reasons for subjecting Nelva to a competency evaluation. (Exhibit 14)

Defendant's, having failed in their attempt to have a very lucid Nelva Brunsting declared incompetent, and after disfiguring the Family, Decedent's, and Survivor's trusts with their 8/25/2010 QBD, still not being satisfied that the scheme to steal their siblings' inheritance expectancies was fool proof, Anita, Amy, Carole and Candace Freed converged on Nelva in her own home on December 21, 2010, leaving Nelva no place to retreat. (Exhibit 25)

Nelva is alleged to have voluntarily signed resignation papers prepared by Candace Freed that improperly gave Anita total control over the assets of the entire Brunsting family of trusts, but those changes could not be made under the law of the trust. Under Article III of the 2005 Restatement as lawfully amended in 2007, the family trust became irrevocable at the death of Elmer Brunsting April 1, 2009, but could also not be changed after Elmer's incompetency certification of June 2008, as it was an A/B trust requiring both Founders' agreement to effect any changes.

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<sup>7</sup> Plaintiff Curtis original petition filed in the federal court on February 27, 2012 was made a part of this Court's record Feb. 9, 2015 Document No. PBT-2015-47608



## IX.

### The Claims

Each of the following claims for breach of fiduciary relates to the period of time between the death of Nelva Brunsting and the filing of this motion. All of the Articles, exhibits and claims herein stated, and the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities are hereby incorporated by reference as if restated in every other Article and Claim.

Claim 1. Abuse of Discretion: Failure to Create Individual Trust Shares or Fund Personal Asset Trusts

Article X of the 2005 Restatement of the family trust requires the trustees to distribute the trust res into five Trust Shares for the five beneficiaries, to be created upon the death of the second Founder. (Exhibit 7)

The 8/25/2010 Qualified Beneficiary Designation and Testamentary Power of Appointment under Living Trust Agreement that Defendant's cling to, but have not produced, requires the trustees to establish five personal asset trusts upon the death of the second Founder.

Nelva Brunsting, the second Founder, died November 11, 2011. It does not matter which instrument was to be followed, the trustees are in breach for failure to act and failure to seek judicial guidance in either circumstance, which is a clear case of abuse of discretion.

The injunctive order issued by the federal court April 9, 2013 not only enjoins Defendants from spending trust funds without prior court approval but, in fact, also compels Defendants to deposit income into an appropriate account for the beneficiary.

*In light of what appears to be irregularities in the documents and the failure of the Trustee to act in accordance with the duties required by the Trust, the Court ENJOINS the Trustee(s) and all assigns from disbursing any funds from any Trust accounts without prior permission of the Court. However, any income received for the benefit of the Trust beneficiary is to be deposited appropriately in an account.*

On June 25, 2015 Amy responded to Curtis' 1st interrogatories (Exhibit 22) and in her answers she blames Carl and Candace for bringing litigation as the cause for her inability to meet her fiduciary obligations.

Answering interrogatory 1 Amy states: (emphasis added)

*The Personal Asset Trusts have not been established. This is a result of the various lawsuits that have been filed by Carl and Candace, as well as the injunction previously requested by Candace and Carl. If, as and when formed,*

*they will be formed according to the applicable trust documents and with the assistance of the appropriate professionals, as determined by the co-trustees*

Amy further claims in interrogatory No.2:

*Upon becoming co-trustee, my intent was to follow my mother's wishes as expressed in the documents drafted for her by her attorneys, at her request. Subsequently, the various lawsuits that have been filed by Carl and Candace, as well as the injunction previously requested by Candace and Carl have prejudiced my ability to do so.*

According to Anita Brunsting's June 4, 2015 answer No. 18 to Curtis' interrogatories regarding the irrevocable trust provisions for establishing personal asset trusts, Anita says Nelva "superseded" the irrevocable A/B trust agreement. (Exhibit 23) (Emphasis added)

*18. Describe the steps you have taken to honor the provisions of Article X, Section B(1)(a)(i) of the Brunsting Family Trust?*

*RESPONSE: Defendant objects to this interrogatory, as it is misleading, capable of causing jury confusion, and misconstrues the provisions and effects of the trust instruments. Defendant further objects because it is unclear which "trust" the question is seeking information about because the question is not limited to a time period (i.e., before Nelva's death or after Nelva's death) and is, therefore, vague. The referenced section was superseded by Nelva and therefore, is inapplicable.*

In Amy's Verified Answer to Plaintiff Carl Brunsting's Petition for Declaratory Judgment<sup>8</sup>, for Accounting, for Damages, for Imposition of a Constructive Trust, and for Injunctive Relief, filed May 13, 2013, Amy seeks to take refuge in the fact the personal asset trusts have not been "created" where she states:

*AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART is not liable as Trustee of the Carl Henry Brunsting Personal Asset Trust and the Amy Ruth Brunsting Asset Trust because such trusts have not been created and therefore do not contain any trust property.*

In Anita Brunsting's June 4, 2015 answer to Curtis' 1st written interrogatories (Exhibit 23) in response to number 19, Anita blames "the litigation" for failure to fund the personal asset trusts: (Emphasis added)

*19. Describe the steps you have taken to honor the provisions at Page 6 Item C of the August 25, 2010 QBD regarding PERSONAL ASSET TRUST PROVISIONS, as those provisions relate to the personal asset trusts for each of the five Brunsting beneficiaries?*

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<sup>8</sup> Filed with this Court 5/13/2013 BT-2013-154977

*RESPONSE: After Nelva's death, defendant began the process of collecting assets, informing trust beneficiaries, and working the attorneys specifically referenced in such section to implement the terms of the trust instruments. The trustees and their counsel provided trust documents and assets lists via email and/or mail in December 2011 and thereafter to beneficiaries. **Candace then brought litigation.***

The 2005 Restatement and the 2007 Amendment were the last A/B trust agreements signed by both Elmer and Nelva Brunsting. Limitations on the Founder's ability to amend or revoke "the trust" were provided in Article III Section B (Exhibit 7) which reads as follows: (*emphasis added*)

*Section B. We May Amend Our Trust*

*This trust declaration **may be amended by us** in whole or in part in a writing signed **by both of us** for so long as we both shall live. Except as to a change of trust situs, **when one of us dies, this trust shall not be subject to amendment, except by a court of competent jurisdiction.***

*Each of us may provide for a different disposition of our share in the trust by using a qualified beneficiary designation, as we define that term in this agreement, and the qualified beneficiary designation will be considered an amendment to this trust **as to that Founder's share or interest alone.***

Thus, any instruments claiming to have amended the irrevocable Family trust after the incapacity of Elmer Brunsting and any instruments claiming to amend the irrevocable Decedent's trust after Elmer's death are invalid on their face, and those would include the proclaimed changes in successor co-trustees as hereinafter more fully appears.

Pursuant to Article X of the 2005 Restatement, which Nelva had no power to supersede, the trustees were to establish five trust shares for the five beneficiaries at the death of the surviving founder.<sup>9</sup>

*Section A. Our Beneficiaries*

*Unless one of us shall otherwise direct in a qualified beneficiary designation as to his or her ownership interest in the trust, all trust property not previously distributed under the terms of our trust shall be divided and distributed in accordance with the terms of this trust declaration and as follows:*

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Share</i>
<i>CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS</i>	<i>1/5</i>
<i>CAROL ANN BRUNSTING</i>	<i>1/5</i>
<i>CARL HENRY BRUNSTING</i>	<i>1/5</i>
<i>AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART</i>	<i>1/5</i>

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<sup>9</sup> Exhibit 7 Article X page 10-1

There is no legal authority to support the notion that a suit brought by a beneficiary against a trustee for breach of fiduciary, or that animosity between the trustee and a beneficiary in any way relieves the trustee of performing the fiduciary duties the trustee owes to the beneficiary.

Nelva Brunsting died November 11, 2011. Article X of the 2005 restatement requires establishment of five trust shares at the death of the second Founder. The 8/25/2010 QBD requires distribution to 5 personal asset trusts at the death of the second Founder. Therefore, it matters not what instrument is relied upon, the trustees are in breach for failure to exercise discretion in either circumstance.

The federal Court found the trust required establishment of individual trust accounts and that the trustees had failed to fund the trust accounts. The injunction commands Defendants to deposit income into an appropriate account for the beneficiary and yet no income has been deposited appropriately into an account for any beneficiary. Defendants cannot blame the injunction for refusing to do what it commands!

There is no legal nexus between litigation and Defendants' proclaimed inability to act and no known legal authority exists to support such claims. Defendants have offered no valid defense as to why separate trust shares or personal asset trusts, have not been "set up", as Amy's March 6, 2012 affidavit claims. (Exhibit 1)

Defendants have offered no valid defense as to why separate trust shares have not been created, as required under the terms of the 2005 Restatement, or as to why personal asset trusts have not been "set up" as required under the terms of the 8/25/2010 QBD and as required under the terms of the federal injunction.

It should be judiciously noted here that the willful violation of a federal Court injunction is not merely a civil contempt but also a federal crime under Title 18.<sup>10</sup> If Defendants were uncertain what instruments to follow they had a constructive trustee duty to petition for judicial guidance, which they also failed to seek.

Claim 2.       Duty of Competence: Failure to Account for, Protect and Maintain  
Trust Assets - EE Bonds

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<sup>10</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 402 : US Code - Section 402: Contempt's constituting crimes

Defendants owe Plaintiff a duty to take possession of and protect trust assets. Defendants have known of the existence of U.S. Treasury EE Bonds held in the name of the family trust and have refused or otherwise failed to take possession, protect or account for the known EE Bonds.

Plaintiff Curtis sought an accounting for the EE Bonds in her initial complaint on February 27, 2012 (28 months after Anita claims to have become trustee). (Exhibit 5)

Fourteen months after Plaintiff Curtis' initial filing the federal Court issued an injunction to prevent wasting of the assets and a special Master was appointed to prepare an accounting of the income and disbursements of the trust from the date Anita Brunsting claims to have become sole trustee through May 31, 2013.

The Special Master appointed by the federal Court issued his report July 31, 2013 and the Defendants filed a response and an objection. On August 13, 2013 Curtis filed her response to Report of Master<sup>11</sup> and demanded at items 4 and 5 that Defendants account for U.S. Treasury EE Bonds held in the name of the trust.

A hearing was held September 3, 2013. While testifying the Special Master expressed questions as to the whereabouts of said bonds. (Exhibit 18)

Ten months later, still having no information about the EE Bonds, other than the Defendants' own production of April 2013, Plaintiff Curtis sent a letter of inquiry to the U.S. Treasury and subsequently received a response regarding the EE Bonds. (Exhibit 21)

December 14, 2014, Brad Featherston apparently emailed Plaintiff Curtis' prior counsel Jason Ostrom, and Carl Brunsting's counsel Bobbie Bayless asking for permission to "cash the bonds and deposit the money". (Exhibit 20)

Anita's June 4, 2015 answer to Curtis' interrogatories claims trustee failure to account for EE bonds is Plaintiffs' fault: (Exhibit 23) (Emphasis added)

*23. What was the date of your prior inquiry and why was the inquiry made more than one year after you were noticed of the existence of those EE Bonds?*

*RESPONSE: Candace and Carl consistently and repeatedly accused Carol of stealing bonds that were alleged to be in the name of Nelva or Elmer. **Defendant did not see a record of the bonds being in the name of the trusts.** In late 2014, Carol informed defendant that she could request a record of the outstanding bonds, which was done in mid to late 2014.*

*24. What claim(s), if any, were you asking to be processed?*

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<sup>11</sup> See Exhibit 17

*RESPONSE: None.*

*25. Did you subsequently submit the properly completed forms? If no, why not? If yes, what were the results and where are the transaction records?*

*RESPONSE: No, because Candace would not agree to the disposition of the bonds and the legal fees to seek court approval to cash the bonds in light of Candace's failure to agree made the transaction cost prohibitive.*

Defendants blame Carl and Candace for their refusal to account for the EE Bonds, but there is no legal nexus between alleged accusations that Carole stole the bonds and Defendants' fiduciary duty to account for the bonds. There is no legal authority to support the notion that a fiduciary's duty to account is somehow dependent upon a beneficiary's permission to cash bonds, and there is no rational connection between requesting the reissue of EE bonds and a beneficiary's permission to cash bonds. Defendants' posture is not a legal defense to failure to account.

Anita's response to Plaintiff Curtis' interrogatories claims that she did not know about EE bonds in the name of the trust<sup>12</sup> when 1) they are identified in Defendants' own disclosures<sup>13</sup> 2) Plaintiff Curtis specifically demanded Defendants account for the bonds in her August 13, 2013 Response to the Report of Master<sup>14</sup> 3) Plaintiff Curtis' original federal complaint mentions the EE bonds<sup>15</sup>, and 4) the Special Master mentioned his curiosity as to the whereabouts of the unaccounted for EE bonds while testifying at the hearing on the Masters report September 3, 2013.<sup>16</sup>

The refusal to secure and preserve known trust assets by certifying authenticated copies of trust documents to the US Treasury in order to cause the reissue of the US Treasury EE series bonds is not a mistake, inadvertence or excusable neglect.

Claim 3. Breach of Fiduciary Duty to Account: Failure to Render Full, True, Complete, and Timely Accounting

Beginning with Anita's acceptance of the appointment of successor trustee, (Exhibit 11-e) when Nelva allegedly resigned on December 21, 2010, semi-annual accountings to Nelva were thus required on the summer and winter solstice, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup> of each year.

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<sup>12</sup> Exhibit 23

<sup>13</sup> Exhibit 19

<sup>14</sup> Exhibit 17

<sup>15</sup> See This Courts record 02102015:1527:P0082

<sup>16</sup> Exhibit 18

Amy Brunsting claims to have become a successor co-trustee with Anita when Nelva died on November 11, 2011. (Exhibit 1) (Amy Affidavit) No accounting was rendered December 21, 2011. Amy's Affidavit claims they have done the best that they can in the short time since Mother's death, but if accountings had been timely and properly prepared for Nelva by Anita, then it would have been a simple exercise to update them with the December bank and brokerage information. Current bank and brokerage statements continue to be withheld as of this writing.

The first quasi-accounting in the form of spreadsheets<sup>17</sup> was received on April 5, 2012 in response to a December 2011 demand for a statutory accounting. The only other accounting was performed by the Special master and no formal statutory accounting has ever been performed or submitted to all of the beneficiaries.

Based upon Defendants' previous reference to the federal injunction as "questionable" and having received inadequate "accounting" information, Plaintiff Curtis has again become profoundly concerned about the economic health of "the trust" and did send demand for statutory accounting June 15, 2015. (Exhibit 24) The statutory time has long since run and no accounting has been rendered.

#### Claim 4. Breach of Affirmative Fiduciary Duty of Full Disclosure

Defendants have no legal defense for their refusal to honor the affirmative fiduciary duty of full disclosure and transparency. As can easily be seen from Plaintiff Curtis' original federal complaint and Affidavit, the lawsuits were brought to compel the performance of fiduciary obligations, primarily those of accounting and disclosure.

At this late juncture Defendants' only defense to their abject failure to perform any fiduciary duties, is to assert that Carl and Candace are no longer beneficiaries because they brought litigation to compel fiduciary accounting and disclosures. This is yet another defense effort to remove loyalty and accountability, the very essence of the fiduciary relationship itself.

### X.

#### **Conclusion – The Emperor Wears No Clothes**

Historiographically, we have obfuscation and subterfuge and what appears to be elder abuse; de-facto trustees assuming the office; troublesome disposition of trust assets; an absence of competent book keeping; failures to disclose and account; questionable documents; improper

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<sup>17</sup> Exhibit 2

changes to irrevocable trusts; stalking; illegal wiretapping; and an absolute and complete absence of any fiduciary duties fulfilled without judicial compulsion.

Defendants cannot blame their failures to act on litigation brought to compel honoring of fiduciary obligations. The injunctions applied for and issued to prevent further misapplication of assets and to compel the honoring of fiduciary obligations, are not an excuse for failure to act.

Defendants have stated no valid legal defense and their excuses are nothing but confessions. Taken together, mere 'incompetence' cannot explain the synchronicity of events.

Defendants' pleadings and answers to interrogatories confess what their intentions have been all along. The plot was to steal Carl and Candace's inheritance expectancies and then to declare their victims "disinherited" should they object, just as Candace suspected in her email to Carole in October of 2010, and just as Defendants stated in their answers to Plaintiff's interrogatories and objections as exhibited herewith.

Anita, Amy and Carole kept their consorted acts secreted, refused to answer, and waited for Carl and Candace to seek judicial remedy to spring their disinheritance trap. In other words, the 8/25/2010 QBD was intended to eliminate accountability and the duty of loyalty, which no Court has ever even attempted, as that would dissolve the fiduciary relationship itself, an improper act, which is exactly what Defendants appear to have intended from the onset.

Defendants' plot was also clearly depicted in the Affidavit attached to Plaintiff Curtis' original federal complaint, filed February 27, 2012, now a part of this Court's record.<sup>18</sup> (Emphasis added)

*I saw Carl and Drina for the first time since our Father's death, at our Mother's funeral. I did not know what to expect. Carl was talking to someone when Drina and I saw each other. In the blink of an eye we were hugging each other and crying. The deep wounds created by what had transpired over the last 16 months immediately began to heal. The bond between Carl, Drina and I was rekindled over the next few days. The difficulty for all of us was coming to grips with the notion that, apparently, behind our backs, Anita had made a concentrated effort to take control of the entire trust, and our individual inheritances, in such a manner that if Carl and I complain about it, she gets to keep it, all the while asserting to others that our Mother made this decision ON HER OWN. I know she did not, because she said so to me on the phone. She took my concern to heart and subsequently sent me a handwritten note saying, again, that it was not true.<sup>19</sup>*

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<sup>18</sup> Plaintiff Curtis original petition filed in the federal court on February 27, 2012 and made a part of this Court's record Feb. 9, 2015 Document No. PBT-2015-47608

<sup>19</sup> See Exhibit 13



Observe Amy's recent answers to interrogatories. (Exhibit 22 p.13 emphasis added)

*(k) What factors does the decision-maker measure in determining the beneficiary's need for a distribution?*<sup>20</sup>

*Answer:*

*"Objection. Respondent objects to this Request as phrased. It is harassing, inflammatory, prejudicial, assumes facts not in evidence, is misleading and capable of causing jury confusion. It is multifarious, consisting of more than one discrete subpart. It seeks to require the Respondent to interpret legal documents and render legal conclusions. **Additionally it is premature in the sense that Carl and Candace may no longer be beneficiaries as a result of the lawsuits they have filed.***

Curtis' original federal complaint and affidavit contains email threads between Carole Brunsting and Candace Curtis in October of 2010, that make it clear Anita and Amy were both browbeating Nelva and not allowing her control over her own estate.

Note the reference to Amy and Anita's disinheritance plot at page 4 of 4 of the following email thread (Exhibit 5-d):

*From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> Subject:*

*To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>*

*Date: Monday, October 25, 2010, 6:01 PM*

*Now the truth comes out. None of us is entitled to copies of the trust documents, since Mother is the only beneficiary. Amy and Anita are trying to take over and will probably do anything and everything they can to cut the rest of us out. I was already depressed today. I'm over the edge now.*

The threat of using an in terrorem clause against Carl and Candace for bringing litigation to construe a trust instrument, direct the trustees to do or abstain from doing any particular act in their fiduciary capacity, determine any question arising in the administration of the trust, including the construction of writings, is apparently the only response Defendants can muster.

Such threats are inconsequential. A cestui que right to declaration as to the validity and interpretation of instruments and to compel the trustee to do or abstain from doing any particular act, is a statutory and common law right belonging to the cestui que that prevails over any terms of a trust to the contrary.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> It should be noted here that this question was selected from the Northern Trust Company web site section advising the beneficiary on what questions to ask the trustee.

<sup>21</sup> Texas Property Code §115.001 vis-à-vis Property Code §111.0035; Branult v. Bigham, 493 S.W.2d 576; Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code §37.005

The exercise of a cestui que right to hold the trustee accountable cannot be diminished, let alone perverted into violation of an in terrorem clause.

By claiming beneficiaries Carl and Candace are disinherited for violating an in terrorem clause, Defendants seek to remove Plaintiffs' standing to demand accountings, distributions, or disclosures, or to hold the impostor trustees to honor any of the fiduciary duties of the office.

It should be noted that disinheritance threats in Defendants' objections to distributions, and in their responses to interrogatories, were made in anticipation of the joint no-evidence motion for partial summary judgment subsequently filed by Defendants' Amy and Anita that they later removed from calendar. Defendants Anita and Amy Brunsting filed a joint motion in an effort to validate their 8/25/2010 QBD, collectively claiming personal knowledge of its validity. It should be noted that when confronted individually they have each disavowed any personal knowledge of its alleged signing.

Plaintiff would love to discuss the content of the 8/25/2010 QBD instrument and have tried every conceivable means to get the Defendants to qualify the thing as evidence so that we would have something to talk about, but has been continually frustrated in that effort.

Plaintiff Curtis' response to Defendants' no-evidence motion also included a counter motion under Texas Evidence Codes §§1002, 1003. That motion remains pending and is incorporated by reference, along with Carl Henry Brunsting's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, as if fully restated herein.

The problem of the mysterious QBD would be resolved by the party claiming the existence of the QBD simply certifying the archetype of the instrument before the Court with a declaration as to the chain of custody. However, if Defendants could do that why would they not have certified trust instruments to the US Treasury to cause the reissue of the EE Bonds?

The eight Bates stamped copies (Exhibit 10) of the three 8/25/2010 QBD signature page versions connect all three Defendants with Candace Freed and that is no coincidence either. The fact that Nelva herself said in her own hand that it was not true (Exhibit 13) does not seem to affect Defendants' position of "we say Nelva instructed"<sup>22</sup>. Even if Defendants could produce the original and explain away the divergent copies of the original, it remains utterly worthless, collapsing under the weight of its own improprieties.

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<sup>22</sup> Exhibits 22 & 23

Amy and Anita's answers to Curtis' interrogatories<sup>23</sup> claim the trust instruments speak plainly for themselves, but nowhere does one find Nelva's alleged power to "supersede" the irrevocable trusts, or the "Nelva instructed" provisions.

Anita Brunsting was removed as a successor trustee by both Elmer and Nelva Brunsting with the 2005 Restatement (Exhibit 7), and Amy Brunsting was removed as a successor co-trustee by both Elmer and Nelva Brunsting with the 2007 Amendment.

All three of Anita Brunsting's claims of returning to successor trustee status are colorable and none more colorable than the December 21, 2010 resignation and appointment documents, whereby Anita claims to have become trustee over all of the family trusts.

Nelva, individually, held no power to remove the trustees for the Decedent's or Family trusts and, thus, neither Anita nor Amy Brunsting ever returned to the status of a trustee after their removal by both Elmer and Nelva acting jointly.

In her own words Anita admits to browbeating Nelva and withholding trust information. Anita imposed her own will as if she were the new Founder, reminding Nelva Brunsting that she was no longer trustee and no longer had access to the trust. (Exhibit 5-e)

## **XI.**

### **Prayers for Relief**

For the reasons presented and supported by competent evidence within the record, Plaintiff prays that her several motions for partial summary judgment be granted, that Plaintiffs' petitions for declaratory judgment be answered, and that Plaintiff and the several trusts receive all other general, special, legal and equitable relief to which Plaintiff and the trusts may be entitled.

Plaintiff asks the Court for findings of fact and conclusions of law, order and ruling, that Defendants Amy and Anita Brunsting are de son tort Trustees liable for breaches of fiduciary obligations occurring after the demise of Nelva Brunsting including but not limited to those specifically enumerated herein:

1. Failure to Distribute Assets to Trust Shares or Fund Personal Asset Trusts or otherwise distribute the trust property interests amongst the beneficiaries (abuse of discretion)
2. Failure to account for known trust assets, to wit U.S. Treasury EE Bonds
3. Failure to render full, true, complete, and timely accounting

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<sup>23</sup> (Exhibits 22, 23)

4. Breach of the ongoing duty of full disclosure

Plaintiff further asks the Court for findings of fact and conclusions of law along with declaratory judgment that:

1. The July 1, 2008 appointment of successor trustees is invalid;
2. The August 25, 2010 appointment of successor co-trustees is invalid as to the Family and Decedent's irrevocable trusts;
3. The December 21, 2010 resignation and appointment of successor trustees instruments are invalid as to the Family and Decedent's irrevocable trusts;
4. The 2005 restatement as amended in 2007 is the current law of the trust;
5. Plaintiffs Carl Brunsting and Candace Curtis are the de jure trustees for the Family and Decedent's irrevocable trusts; and
6. If Defendants cannot Verify original appointment instruments before the Court, Plaintiff asks for a declaration that Carl Brunsting and Candace Curtis be declared the de jure trustees for the Nelva E. Brunsting Survivor's Trust as well;
7. Defendants Amy and Anita Brunsting be compelled to specific performance in that they be ordered to verify the original trust instruments before the Court and submit certified copies to the United States Treasury for the reissue of U.S. Treasury EE Bonds;
8. Plaintiff asks that Defendants Amy and Anita Brunsting be removed from acting as trustees for the Family, Decedent's and Survivor's trusts, as appropriate;
9. Plaintiff asks that Carl Brunsting and Candace Curtis be declared de jure trustees as appropriate;
10. Plaintiff asks that Amy and Anita Brunsting be ordered to surrender all original trust documents, records of accounts, receipts and all other trust assets to de jure trustees Candace Curtis and Carl Brunsting forthwith; and
11. Plaintiff asks that Defendants are ordered to pay all costs for these motions and hearings and to award Plaintiff all other general, special, legal and equitable relief to which Plaintiff and/or the trusts may be entitled.

Plaintiff so moves this Honorable Court.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Candace L. Curtis

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CALIFORNIA JURAT ATTACHED

NO. 412,249-401

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

*Plaintiff,*

V.

ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, ET AL

*Defendants.*

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IN PROBATE COURT

NUMBER FOUR (4) OF

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

**CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' VERIFICATION**

TO THE HONORABLE PROBATE COURT AND TO ALL PARTIES:

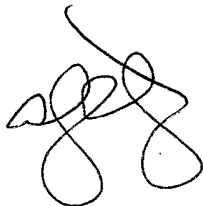
Candace Louise Curtis is a competent fact witness beyond the age of majority having personal knowledge of the matters before the Court and does bear witness under penalty of perjury by the attached California Jurat, and does solemnly swear that the facts presented in Plaintiff Curtis' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and Concurrent Petitions for Declaratory Judgment are true and correct representations of the record before the Court and that the law presented to the Court in the Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Plaintiff Curtis' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment with Concurrent Petitions for Declaratory Judgment represent the current condition of the relevant law.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Candace L. Curtis

1/25/2016

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# JURAT

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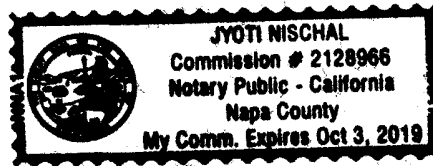
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Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 25 day of JAN

2016 by CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

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Signature (Seal)



## OPTIONAL INFORMATION

### DESCRIPTION OF THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

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## INSTRUCTIONS

The wording of all Jurats completed in California after January 1, 2015 must be in the form as set forth within this Jurat. There are no exceptions. If a Jurat to be completed does not follow this form, the notary must correct the verbiage by using a jurat stamp containing the correct wording or attaching a separate jurat form such as this one which does contain the proper wording. In addition, the notary must require an oath or affirmation from the document signer regarding the truthfulness of the contents of the document. The document must be signed AFTER the oath or affirmation. If the document was previously signed, it must be re-signed in front of the notary public during the jurat process.

- State and county information must be the state and county where the document signer(s) personally appeared before the notary public.
- Date of notarization must be the date the signer(s) personally appeared which must also be the same date the jurat process is completed.
- Print the name(s) of the document signer(s) who personally appear at the time of notarization.
- Signature of the notary public must match the signature on file with the office of the county clerk.
- The notary seal impression must be clear and photographically reproducible. Impression must not cover text or lines. If seal impression smudges, re-seal if a sufficient area permits, otherwise complete a different jurat form.
  - ❖ Additional information is not required but could help to ensure this jurat is not misused or attached to a different document.
  - ❖ Indicate title or type of attached document, number of pages and date.
- Securely attach this document to the signed document with a staple.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument was forwarded on the 26th day of January 2016, to the following via email:

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# Exhibit 1

Affidavit filed in the federal court by Defendant Amy Brunsting March 6, 2012



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

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CIVIL ACTION NO. H-12-CV-592

vs.

ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, and  
AMY RUTH BRUNSTING

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF REMOVAL OF LIS PENDENS**

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF COMAL §

Before me, the undersigned authority, appeared Amy Ruth Brunsting who after being duly sworn by me did state:

1. My name is Amy Ruth Brunsting. I am over 18 years of age, competent to make this affidavit, and have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.

2. This case involves the allegations of my sister, Candace Louise Curtis, who is disgruntled with the amount of information and accounting I and my sister have provided to her while acting in our capacity as Co-Successor Trustees of the Brunsting Family Living Trust.

3. The contentions of Candace are totally meritless, and I believe have more to do with the disappointment she feels in the fact that our parents did not feel she was competent to handle her own inheritance. She began issuing threats and demands within weeks after our mother died, and before we have had a chance to evaluate the proper handling of assets in the estate, including the largest asset, a farm in Iowa.

4. Her various complaints will be addressed in some greater detail if this court believes it has jurisdiction over the administration of a living trust. However, of immediate concern is the potential chilling effect that Candace filing of a *lis pendens* may have on the sale of our parent's residential homestead, which is scheduled to close on March 9, 2012.

5. As Co-Trustees, my sister and I have determined that it is impractical to give each of the five heirs, or the trusts set up for their benefit (as is the case for Candace), an undivided share of a house in Houston. We therefore have prepared and offered the house for sale. None of the heirs

have objected to this plan, including Candace. Our authority to sell is contained in Article IX, Section C of the Brunsting Family Living Trust. The specific provision regarding real estate appears on page 9-5 of the document under the heading of "Real Estate" and this section can be viewed in the copy of the trust supplied by Candace as an exhibit to her Complaint.

6. We first obtained an appraisal of the property. This is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". This appraisal, dated in January of this year, placed the fair market value of the property at \$410,000. We listed the property for \$469,000 and were fortunate enough to attract a buyer, Brett C. McCarroll, who offered \$469,000. The contract for this sale is attached as Exhibit "B". Although originally scheduled to close in February, the closing has been moved to this Friday, March 9.

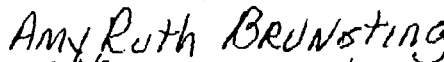
7. As further evidence of the fair value of the proposed sale, I attach the Harris County Appraisal District tax appraisal, showing the taxable value of the property to be approximately \$270,000.


8. We have attempted to provide Candace with enough information to evaluate her position in the trust administration, and have sent her preliminary spreadsheets with a listing of assets and liabilities, as best we have been able to determine in the short time since our mother's death on November 11, 2011. She is not satisfied with the information we have provided and has stated her objective of tying up the administration of the estate until she gets a response that satisfies her. She is the only one of the five heirs who has taken this position, and as can be gleaned from her lengthy, and mostly inaccurate unsworn statement, filed with the complaint, relates to her animosity towards the two of us in the manner we attempted to aid our mother in the final months of her life.

9. If this sale is not consummated on the scheduled closing date, we have no assurance that the buyer will await the resolution of Candace's complaints and the sale will, in all likelihood, be lost. This will result in further expense to the trust estate for maintenance and upkeep to the property without any appreciation in the value. The house was originally shown for sale fully furnished. It is now empty. It's "buyer appeal" has been diminished and this could also jeopardize future sale prospects if this sale is lost.

10. The sale of the house is important for the trust estate, and should not be endangered simply because Candace is mad. We are asking the court to lift the lis pendens so the sale can be consummated, for the benefit of all of the heirs.

  
AMY RUTH BRUNSTING



Sworn to and signed before me by  on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

*Teresa Simmons*  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



Church of Christ  
1665 Business Loop 35 S.  
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# Exhibit 2

April 5, 2012 spreadsheets A-J

<b>ELMER BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST ASSET LIST</b>				
<b>OWNER</b>	<b>ASSET CATEGORY</b>	<b>DEC 2010 VALUES</b>	<b>MARCH 2012 VALUES</b>	<b>MARCH 2012 COMMENTS</b>
	<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>			
	141 Acres, Iowa, Sioux County, (valued at estimated \$10,000/acre per Rich Ridders)	\$ 1,410,000.00	\$ 2,157,300.00	appraised value as of 2/7/2012, \$15,300/acre
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 1,410,000.00	\$ 2,157,300.00	
	<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>			
	Edward Jones Acct: #653-13579;	\$ 267,302.58	\$ 250,048.26	as of 2/24/2012
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 267,302.58	\$ 250,048.26	
	<b>DRIP ACCOUNTS</b>			
	Chevron Acct# 125175509293; 595.4547 shares @ \$106.78/share; tranferred to Anita Brunsting Trustee, 3/25/11	\$ 63,582.65	\$64,698.63	614.1303 Shares @ \$ 105.35/share; value as of 3/22/2012
	Chevron Acct#: ELMERH--BRDT--0100; 612 shares @ 106.78/share, 3/25/11; never transferred to Anita Brunsting as Trustee, remained as Nelva Brunsting Trustee	\$ 65,349.36	\$ 64,474.20	612 Shares @ \$105.35/share; value as of 3/22/2012
	ExxonMobil Acct#C0009467769, Shares 1908 @ \$82.73/share; value as of 3/24/11 when transferred to Anita Brunsting Trustee.	157,848.84	\$ 50,394.52	583 Shares @ \$86.44/share; value as of 3/16/2012
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 286,780.85	\$179,567.35	
	<b>CASH ACCOUNTS</b>			
	Bank of America Ckg acct#586027563536	\$ -	\$ 41,667.77	Established after mother's death. Includes deposit from farm rent profit bonus at end of 2011 of \$13,902.51 and first half of 2012 rent of \$26,437.50
	<b>NOTES RECEIVABLE</b>			

**Schedule A**

	\$20,000 note from Candy Curtis dated 6/15/2010	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ (20,000.00)	
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ (20,000.00)	
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
	Rental income from Iowa farm - mom deposited check in her personal checking acct as beneficiary of decedent's trust	\$ (15,510.00)	\$ 13,902.51	Bonus from profit on 2011 crops - deposited into decedent's trust checking acct 1/11/12
			\$ 26,437.50	First half of 2012 rent - deposited into decedent's trust checking acct 3/5/12
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 1,964,083.43	\$2,586,915.61	

<b>NELVA BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST ASSET LIST</b>				
<b>OWNER</b>	<b>ASSET CATEGORY</b>	<b>DEC 2010 VALUES</b>	<b>MARCH 2012 VALUES</b>	<b>MARCH 2012 COMMENTS</b>
	<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>			
	HS-Lt 31 Blk 4 Wilchester West Sec 1, 13630 Pinerock Ln., Houston, Harris County, Texas (value on tax role)	\$ 270,000.00	\$ -	House Sold- CLOSING DATE 3/12/11
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 270,000.00	\$ -	
	<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>			
	Edward Jones Acct: #653-13555-1-6	\$ 191,205.00	\$ 1.05	
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 191,205.00	\$ 1.05	
	<b>DRIP ACCOUNTS</b>			
	Chevron Acct# 124921356678; 706.0888 shares @ \$106.78/share; transferred to Anita Brunsting Trustee, 3/25/11	\$ 75,396.16	\$ 19,012.88	172.4055 Shares @ \$ 110.28/share; value as of 3/16/2012
	Deere & Co. Acct#806578316055 - as of 2/1/2011; 9.5807 shares @ \$92.96/share; never transferred to my name as trustee	\$ 890.62	\$ 719.40	9.7125 Shares @ \$74.07/share; value as of 11/2/2011
	ExxonMobil Acct#C0009467777, Shares 2101.968469 @ \$82.73/share; value as of 3/24/11 when transferred to Anita Brunsting Trustee.	173,895.85	\$ 72,256.12	835.910671 Shares @ \$86.44/share; value as of 3/16/2012
	MetLife Acct#124921356678, Share 95.00 @ \$45.05/share	\$ 4,279.75	\$ 3,685.05	95.00 Shares @ \$38.79/share, value as of 3/19/2012
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 254,462.38	\$ 95,673.45	
	<b>CASH ACCOUNTS</b>			
	Bank of America Ckg acct#586027563523	\$ -	\$ 446,235.69	Established after mother's death. Includes deposit from proceeds of sale of house: \$433,129.32
	Bank of America Ckg acct#0085190001143	\$ 5,215.37	\$ 1,471.75	
	Blue Bonnet Credit Union Sav? Acct#13332	\$ 10.91	\$ 10.91	
	Bank of America Ckg acct#586021229546 (joint acct w/ Carole set up to pay bills for and by Nelva Brunsting, value at start date 12/31/10)	\$ 25.00	\$ -	

## Schedule B

**NELVA BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST ASSET LIST**

OWNER	ASSET CATEGORY	DEC 2010 VALUES	MARCH 2012 VALUES	MARCH 2012 COMMENTS
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 5,251.28	\$ 1,482.66	
	<b>NOTES RECEIVABLE</b>			
	Anita Brunsting, 160 Exxon Shares already removed from total shares above	\$ -	\$ 13,830.40	160 Shares @ \$86.44/share, value as of 3/16/2012
	Anita Brunsting, 135 Chevron Shares already removed from total shares above	\$ -	\$ 14,887.80	135 Shares @ \$110.28/share, value as of 3/16/2012
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ 28,718.20	
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
	Household and Personal Goods	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	
	Jewelry	\$ 853.00	\$ 853.00	
	Coins	\$ 690.00	\$ 690.00	
	2002 Buick LeSabre, VIN# 1G4HR54K3YU229418	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	title never transferred to trust
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 12,043.00	\$ 7,043.00	
	<b>IRA/401K</b>			
	Edward Jones, Acct# 609-91956-1-9, as of 1/1/2011	\$ 54,367.51	\$ 199.20	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 787,329.17	\$ 133,117.56	



<b>BRUNSTING FAMILY IRREV TRUST - LIFE INSURANCE</b>				
<b>OWNER</b>	<b>ASSET CATEGORY</b>	<b>DEC 2011 VALUES</b>	<b>MARCH 2012 VALUES</b>	<b>MARCH 2012 COMMENTS</b>
	<b>CASH ACCOUNTS</b>			
	Bank of America Acct#008519206643 - life insurance premium drawn from this acct.; as of 12/6/2011	\$ 970.96	\$ -	acct closed; remaining balance of \$142.85 deposited into Survivor's Trust Checking on 3/8/3012
	Lincoln Financial Group	\$ -	\$ -	-balance 1/17/12;\$250440.00 payout to each beneficiary of \$50,088; additional interest paid 1/31/12; \$154.40; remaining balance of \$166.86 sent by check to Anita Brunsting Trustee in March 2012; deposited into Survivor's Trust Checking on 3/13/2012

FINAL		NELVA BRUNSTING SURVIVOR'S TRUST (ST) ASSET LIST		3/30/12
OWNER on 11/11/2011	ASSET CATEGORY			11/11/11 VALUES unless indicated otherwise
	<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>			
ST (Survivor's Trust)	HS-Lt 31 Blk 4 Wilchester West Sec 1, 13630 Pinerock Ln., Houston, Harris County, Texas (Value at right is what it went on the market for) Appraised value was \$410,000.00; actual sale price is fair market value; (Value net after sale: \$433,129.32)		✓	\$ 469,000.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$		469,000.00
	<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>			
ST	Edward Jones Acct #653-13555-1-6			\$ 1.05
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$		1.05
	<b>DRIP ACCOUNTS</b>			
ST	Chevron Acct #124921356678 36.8438 Shares @\$107.0650/share value on date of death (basis)		✓	\$ 3,944.68
LT (ST)	Deere & Co. Acct#806578316055 (Value at right reflects value on W's date of death) Basis: \$75.35/share with 9.7125 shares owned as of 8/1/2011 Reinvested shares		✓	\$ 731.84
ST	ExxonMobil Acct #C0009467777; Shares 671.987460 @\$79.79/share on date of death and new basis)		✓	\$ 53,617.88
ST	MetLife Acct #124921356678 95.00 shares @33.01/share basis		✓	\$ 3,135.95

<b>Key:</b>	H - Husband	SP - Separate Property	JT - Joint
	W - Wife	CP - Community Property	ROS - Rights of Survivorship
	LT - Living Trust	PRO - Probate	JTROS - Joint with Rights of Survivorship

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	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 61,430.35	
	<b>CASH ACCOUNTS</b>		
ST	Bank of America Ckg Acct #008519001143, accrued int of \$.00	✓	\$ 7,535.14
W	Blue Bonnet Credit Union Sav? Acct #13332, accrued int of \$.00 (as of 2/29/12 stmt); Note: Bluebonnet Acct #5805 was a credit card acct	✓	\$ 10.91
W or Carol ROS	Bank of America Acct# 586021229546 (account set up to pay bills for and by W); Value at right was closing value of the account	✓	\$ 1,479.67
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 9,025.72	
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
ST	Household and Personal Goods	✓	\$ 5,000.00
ST	Jewelry including Gold Watch and other Miscellaneous pieces (see attached itemized list); per Co-Tee based on similar assets	✓	\$ 853.00
H & W JT	2000 Buick LeSabre, VIN #1G4HR54K3YU229418 (Value per Co-Trustee via email 11/27/2011)	✓	\$ 5,500.00
W (ST)	IRS - Overpayment of Taxes for Tax Year 2010	✓	\$ 6,215.87
ST	Miscellaneous Coins	✓	\$ 690.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 18,258.87	
	<b>IRA/401K</b>		
W	Edward Jones, Acct #609-91956-1-9, ? is bene (shows portfolio summary, value as of 12/31/2011)	✓	\$ 245.52
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 245.52	

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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			\$ 557,961.51

**ILIT IRREVOCABLE TRUST OWNING LIFE INSURANCE**

	<b>LIFE INSURANCE</b>		
Brunsting IRREV Trust	\$250,000.00, ILIT, Policy #JP4432833, 5 kids are trust benes (claim has been made; actual payout as follows: \$250,440.00 (\$440 was death claim interest on the policy which is considered income to the trust earned after date of death)		\$ 250,000.00
<b>Grand TOTAL IRREV TRUST ASSETS</b>		\$ 250,000.00	

<b>ELMER BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST (DT) ASSET LIST</b>			3/30/12
<b>OWNER</b>	<b>ASSET CATEGORY</b>		<b>11/11/11 VALUES of</b>
	<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>		
DT (Decedent's Trust)	143+ Acres, Iowa, Sioux County, Iowa (valued at \$1,294,617.50 on H's Date of death); Value based on Appraisal at @\$15,300/acre	✓	\$ 2,190,000.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 2,190,000.00	
	<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>		
DT	Edward Jones Acct #653-13579 (Value as of W's DOD at right. Basis was set as of H's DOD); confirmed acct number through Doug Williams' office	✓	\$ 236,588.20
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 236,588.20	

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<b>DRIP ACCOUNTS</b>			
DT	Chevron Acct #125175509293 (Basis \$67.27/share was on H's Date of death); Value at right estimated as of W's Date of death 612.00 shares at \$107.0650/share.	✓	\$ 65,523.78
DT	Chevron Acct#125175509293 (Basis \$67.27/share was on H's Date of death); Value at right estimated as of W's Date of death 604.961 shares at \$107.0650/share	✓	\$ 64,770.15
DT	ExxonMobil Acct #C0009467769 (basis \$67.99/share basis on H's DOD) Value at right reflects estimated value on the date of W's date of death for 583 Shares (as of June 2011 and March 2012)	✓	\$ 46,517.57
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		\$ 176,811.50
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
DT	Rental income from Iowa farm -Normally rec'd payments 10/2011 (\$15,510.00/6 = \$2,585.00/mo) and next payment due 03/2012; Amount at right shown as liability (advance payment received but not yet earned as of date of W's passing)		\$ (10,340.00)
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		\$ (10,340.00)
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>DECEDENT'S TRUST ASSETS</b>		\$ 2,593,059.70

ST(LT)W	TOTAL 11/11/2011	\$557,961.51
DT(H)	TOTAL 11/11/2011	\$2,593,059.70
ILIT	TOTAL VALUE LIFE INSURANCE TRUST (income \$440.00)	\$250,000.00
	<b>TOTAL 11/11/2011 ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,401,021.21</b>

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Bank of America Acct ending in :1143								
12/23/2010 through 3/9/2012								
Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount	
		BALANCE 12/22/2010					8,459.61	
12/23/2010	EFT	City Of Houston Bill Payment		Utilities:Water		c	-52.74	
12/23/2010	EFT	External Transfer Fee - 3 Day -		Bank Charge		c	-3.00	
12/24/2010	6848	Randall's		Groceries		c	-60.51	
12/24/2010	6849	Amy Tschirhart	xmas	Gifts Given		c	-200.00	
12/27/2010	6845	Silvana		Hair		c	-25.00	
12/30/2010	6850	Void					0.00	
12/30/2010	6851	Tino	carl	Medical:In Home			-1,245.00	
12/30/2010	6852	Michael Brooks		Medical:In Home		c	-855.00	
12/30/2010		Check Order00099 DES:FEE ID:U016		Bank Charge		c	-27.00	
12/31/2010	DEP	Minnesota Life DES: Annuity ID:0		Income:Annuity		c	91.78	
12/31/2010	DEP	Deposit		Invest Inc		c	70.30	
12/31/2010	DEP	Benefits DES:PENSION ID:36301198		Income		c	594.41	
12/31/2010		Tx Tlr Cash Withdrawal From Chk				c	-25.00	
12/31/2010		Tx Tlr Transfer To Chk 9546 Bank				c	-25.00	
1/3/2011	6847	Medical Aids		Medical:Supplies		c	-32.48	
1/3/2011	DEP	Us Treasury 310 DES:SOC Sec ID:2		Income		c	1,780.00	
1/3/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-2,466.20	
1/4/2011	6853	Robert Cantu		Medical:In Home		c	-736.00	
1/5/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	10,000.00	
1/5/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	10,000.00	
1/5/2011	EFT	State Farm	PPD	Insurance		c	-299.93	
1/5/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-64.04	
1/6/2011		Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-2,500.00	
1/13/2011	EFT	Check Order00099 DES:FEE ID:U016		Misc:Check Order		c	-15.00	
1/19/2011	EFT	Amy Tschirhart		Gifts Given		c	-6,000.00	
1/20/2011	EFT	External Transfer Fee - 3 Day -		Bank Charge		c	-3.00	
1/20/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-5,000.00	
1/21/2011	EFT	City Of Houston DES:WATER Bill I		Utilities:Water		c	-80.94	
1/21/2011	EFT	Stream Energy-tx Bill Payment		Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-134.05	
1/25/2011	7001	United States Treasury		Tax:Fed		c	-2,840.00	
1/25/2011	7003	Vacek		Legal Fees		c	-880.15	
1/25/2011	7005	Entex		Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-130.42	
1/26/2011	7004	Leo Vasquez Tax Assessor Collector		Tax:Property		c	-1,112.87	
1/27/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-3,500.00	

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12/23/2010 through 3/9/2012								
Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount	
1/27/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-59.77	
1/27/2011	EFT	A&t Bill (SBC-AR,Ks,Mo,Ok,TX) B		Utilities:Telephone		c	-68.68	
1/31/2011	DEP	Benefits DES:PENSION ID:02700488		Income		c	600.71	
2/1/2011	7002	State Of Iowa Treasurer		Tax:State		c	-330.00	
2/1/2011	DEP	Minnesota Life DES: Annuity ID:0		Income:Annuity		c	91.78	
2/2/2011	EFT	State Farm	PPD	Insurance		c	-299.93	
2/7/2011		Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-700.00	
2/8/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	340.83	
2/9/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	25,000.00	
2/10/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-10,000.00	
2/10/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Life Ins Acct		Insurance:Life		c	-7,200.00	
2/18/2011	EFT	Stream Energy-tx Bill Payment		Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-106.89	
2/25/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-67.65	
2/28/2011	DEP	Benefits DES:PENSION ID:05500518		Income		c	600.71	
2/28/2011	EFT	A&t Bill (SBC-AR,Ks,Mo,Ok,TX) B		Utilities:Telephone		c	-76.39	
3/1/2011	DEP	Minnesota Life DES: Annuity ID:0		Income:Annuity		c	91.78	
3/1/2011	EFT	Bank Of America Credit Card Bill		Household		c	-282.47	
3/1/2011	EFT	City Of Houston DES:WATER Bill I		Utilities:Water		c	-52.74	
3/2/2011	EFT	State Farm	PPD	Insurance		c	-299.93	
3/7/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	219.69	
3/15/2011	EFT	Stream Energy-tx Bill Payment		Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-100.71	
3/15/2011	EFT	A&t Bill (SBC-AR,Ks,Mo,Ok,TX) B		Utilities:Telephone		c	-70.42	
3/17/2011	7006	Vacek		Legal Fees		c	-340.00	
3/20/2011	7007	Amy Brunsting		Reimbursement		c	-40.00	
3/23/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-63.71	
3/31/2011	DEP	Benefits DES:PENSION ID:08800208		Income		c	600.71	
4/1/2011	DEP	Minnesota Life DES: Annuity ID:0		Income:Annuity		c	91.78	
4/1/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	787.00	
4/1/2011	EFT	Bank Of America Credit Card Bill		Household		c	-38.00	
4/4/2011	EFT	City Of Houston DES:WATER Bill I		Utilities:Water		c	-90.34	
4/4/2011	EFT	State Farm	PPD	Insurance		c	-301.36	
4/7/2011	EFT	Candy Curtis		Gifts Given		c	-3,000.00	
4/8/2011	EFT	County Treasurer DES:TAX ID: 971	farm	Tax:Property		c	-1,387.40	
4/11/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-3,000.00	
4/11/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-3,000.00	
4/12/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	5,343.22	

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12/23/2010 through 3/9/2012								
Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount	
4/15/2011	7008	Void					0.00	
4/15/2011	7009	Void					0.00	
4/15/2011	7010	United States Treasury	Decedents trust 2010 tax	Tax:Fed		c	-7,095.00	
4/15/2011	7011	United States Treasury	Decedents trust 2011 tax qtr est	Tax:Fed		c	-1,780.00	
4/15/2011	7012	United States Treasury	Surv Trust 2011 tax qtr est	Tax:Fed		c	-3,095.00	
4/15/2011	7013	United States Treasury	Surv Trust 2010 tax	Tax:Fed		c	-3,620.00	
4/15/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	13,791.21	
4/18/2011	EFT	Stream Energy-tx Bill Payment		Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-93.99	
4/20/2011	EFT	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	1,253.84	
4/21/2011	EFT	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	15,206.69	
4/25/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-7,500.00	
4/26/2011	EFT	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	3,538.51	
4/26/2011	EFT	A&t Bill (SBC-AR,Ks,Mo,Ok,TX) B		Utilities:Telephone		c	-176.85	
4/26/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-63.71	
4/28/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-63.71	
4/29/2011	DEP	Benefits DES:PENSION ID:11700518		Income		c	600.71	
4/29/2011	DEP	Minnesota Life DES: Annuity ID:0		Income:Annuity		c	91.78	
5/2/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	282.71	
5/2/2011	EFT	Bank Of America Credit Card Bill		Credit Card		c	-2,967.61	
5/3/2011	EFT	State Farm	PPD	Insurance		c	-300.62	
5/9/2011	EFT	A&t DES:PAYMENT ID:787780565AUS		Utilities:Telephone		c	-177.21	
5/10/2011	7014	TDECU	Luke Truck	Gifts Given		c	-5,443.22	
5/11/2011	EFT	City Of Houston DES:WATER Bill I		Utilities:Water		c	-99.74	
5/16/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-4,000.00	
5/19/2011	EFT	Stream Energy-tx Bill Payment		Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-174.61	
5/24/2011		Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-2,000.00	
5/24/2011		Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-5,000.00	
5/24/2011		Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	54,000.00	
5/26/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-11.52	
5/27/2011	7016	The Victoria Col DES:TNET Ach Ck	Luke college	Education		c	-461.00	
5/27/2011	EFT	A&t Bill (SBC-AR,Ks,Mo,Ok,TX) B		Utilities:Telephone		c	-95.73	
5/27/2011	EFT	Bluebonnet Credit Union	w/ medical	Household		c	-1,864.49	
5/31/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	208.00	
5/31/2011	DEP	Benefits DES:PENSION ID:14600508		Income		c	600.71	
5/31/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-11.52	
6/1/2011	DEP	Minnesota Life DES: Annuity ID:0		Income:Annuity		c	91.78	



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12/23/2010 through 3/9/2012								
Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount	
6/2/2011	7015	Vacek		Legal Fees		c	-575.59	
6/2/2011	EFT	Bank Of America Credit Card Bill		Credit Card		c	-6,355.65	
6/2/2011	EFT	Iowa 529 Ach DES:CONTRIB ID:0000	kt college	Gifts Given		c	-500.00	
6/2/2011	EFT	State Farm	PPD	Insurance		c	-300.62	
6/2/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-8,500.00	
6/3/2011	EFT	Am-honda DES:PMT ID:000001032223	for katie	Gifts Given		c	-5,750.51	
6/6/2011	EFT	Chase DES:EPAY ID:1125968648 Ind		Credit Card		c	-2,358.75	
6/8/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-2,000.00	
6/8/2011	TXFR	Candy Curtis		Gifts Given		c	-2,000.00	
6/9/2011	7017	Kroese & Kroese	mom	Tax Preparation		c	-561.93	
6/9/2011	7018	Kroese & Kroese	decedents trust	Tax Preparation		c	-1,123.87	
6/9/2011	7019	Wilchester West Fund		Tax:Other		c	-327.00	
6/9/2011	7020	United States Treasury	Surv Trust 2010 tax qtrly	Tax:Fed		c	-3,620.00	
6/9/2011	7021	Treasurer State Of Iowa		Tax:State		c	-47.00	
6/9/2011	7022	United States Treasury	Dec Trust 2010 tax qtrly	Tax:Fed		c	-1,780.00	
6/9/2011	DEP	Deposit		Invest Inc		c	4.18	
6/9/2011	EFT	A&t DES:PAYMENT ID:787780565AUS		Utilities:Telephone		c	-154.09	
6/9/2011	EFT	City Of Houston DES:WATER Bill I		Utilities:Water		c	-130.35	
6/10/2011	DEP	Exxon		Invest Inc		c	896.76	
6/13/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	51,060.56	
6/13/2011	TXFR	Amy Tschirhart	supplies to fix house	Reimbursement		c	-100.00	
6/14/2011	EFT	External Transfer Fee - 3 Day -		Bank Charge		c	-3.00	
6/17/2011	EFT	Stream Energy-tx Bill Payment		Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-217.04	
6/22/2011	7710	Electchk 7710 Bcf - 14411 We 06/		Utilities:Water		c	-314.57	
6/27/2011	EFT	Bank Of America Credit Card Bill		Credit Card		c	-2,364.34	
6/28/2011	EFT	A&t Bill (SBC-AR,Ks,Mo,Ok,TX) B		Utilities:Telephone		c	-86.12	
6/28/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-52.20	
6/30/2011	DEP	Benefits DES:PENSION ID:17900218		Income		c	600.71	
7/1/2011	DEP	Minnesota Life DES: Annuity ID:0		Income:Annuity		c	91.78	
7/1/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	704.00	
7/5/2011	EFT	State Farm	PPD	Insurance		c	-300.62	
7/5/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-10,000.00	
7/6/2011	7024	Medical Chest Associates		Medical:Doctor		c	-4.12	
7/6/2011	EFT	Chase DES:EPAY ID:1142870017 Ind		Credit Card		c	-2,976.35	
7/7/2011	7023	Duke Medical Equipment		Medical:Supplies		c	-7.62	
7/11/2011	EFT	City Of Houston DES:WATER Bill I		Utilities:Water		c	-282.51	

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount	
7/11/2011	EFT	A&t DES:PAYMENT ID:787780565AUS		Utilities:Telephone		c	-224.42	
7/15/2011	EFT	Bank Of America Credit Card Bill		Credit Card		c	-7,242.83	
7/18/2011	EFT	Bluebonnet Credit Union	w medical	Household		c	-175.47	
7/18/2011	EFT	Stream Energy-tx Bill Payment		Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-166.12	
7/18/2011	EFT	Chase DES:EPAY ID:1154305808 Ind		Credit Card		c	-1,998.19	
7/20/2011	EFT	Safebox Fee		Bank Charge		c	-8.00	
7/26/2011	EFT	Amy Tschirhart	supplies to fix house	Reimbursement		c	-100.00	
7/27/2011	EFT	A&t Bill (SBC-AR,Ks,Mo,Ok,TX) B		Utilities:Telephone		c	-82.16	
7/27/2011	EFT	External Transfer Fee - 3 Day -		Bank Charge		c	-3.00	
7/28/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-63.72	
7/29/2011	DEP	Benefits DES:PENSION ID:20800528		Income		c	600.71	
8/1/2011	DEP	Minnesota Life DES: Annuity ID:0		Income:Annuity		c	91.78	
8/1/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	253.00	
8/1/2011		Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-10,000.00	
8/2/2011	EFT	State Farm		Insurance		c	-300.62	
8/5/2011	7025	Vacek	retainer	Legal Fees		c	-1,000.00	
8/8/2011	EFT	City Of Houston DES:WATER Bill I		Utilities:Water		c	-277.78	
8/10/2011	EFT	A&t DES:PAYMENT ID:787780565AUS		Utilities:Telephone		c	-170.89	
8/16/2011	EFT	Bluebonnet Credit Union	with medical	Household		c	-1,172.08	
8/17/2011	EFT	Stream Energy-tx Bill Payment		Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-308.10	
8/24/2011	TXFR	Candy Curtis		Gifts Given			-2,000.00	
8/26/2011	EFT	Utsa Admissions	Luke college	Education		c	-575.00	
8/26/2011	EFT	AT&T	PAYMENT	Utilities:Telephone		c	-84.47	
8/29/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-63.72	
8/29/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-10,000.00	
8/31/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	199.00	
8/31/2011	DEP	Benefits DES:PENSION ID:23900168		Income		c	600.71	
9/1/2011	DEP	Minnesota Life DES: Annuity ID:0		Income:Annuity		c	91.78	
9/1/2011	EFT	Bank Of America Credit Card Bill		Credit Card		c	-3,256.32	
9/2/2011	EFT	State Farm	PPD	Insurance		c	-290.04	
9/5/2011	7026	Treasurer State Of Iowa	mom	Tax:State		c	-230.00	
9/5/2011	7027	United States Treasury	Sept mom's trust pmt	Tax:Fed		c	-2,100.00	
9/5/2011	7028	United States Treasury	Sept dad's trust pmt	Tax:Fed		c	-1,780.00	
9/5/2011	7029	Kroese & Kroese	farm lease	Tax Preparation		c	-203.06	
9/6/2011	EFT	Chase DES:EPAY ID:1172082054 Ind		Credit Card		c	-999.04	
9/8/2011	EFT	City Of Houston DES:WATER Bill I		Utilities:Water		c	-265.10	

Bank of America Acct ending in :1143								
12/23/2010 through 3/9/2012								
Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount	
9/9/2011	DEP	Exxon		Invest Inc		c	274.01	
9/12/2011	EFT	A&t DES:PAYMENT ID:787780565AUS		Utilities:Telephone		c	-168.71	
9/16/2011	EFT	Stream Energy-tx Bill Payment		Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-344.55	
9/19/2011	EFT	Bluebonnet Credit Union	w/ medical	Household		c	-790.04	
9/23/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	10,000.00	
9/23/2011	EFT	Bank Of America Credit Card Bill		Credit Card		c	-4,767.36	
9/26/2011	EFT	A&t Bill (SBC-AR,Ks,Mo,Ok,TX) B		Utilities:Telephone		c	-84.47	
9/26/2011		Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-5,000.00	
9/28/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-63.72	
9/29/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	721.00	
9/30/2011	DEP	Minnesota Life DES: Annuity ID:0		Income:Annuity		c	91.78	
9/30/2011	DEP	Benefits DES:PENSION ID:27022468		Income		c	600.71	
10/4/2011	EFT	County Treasurer DES:TAX ID: 119	farm	Tax:Property		c	-1,598.40	
10/4/2011	EFT	State Farm	PPD	Insurance		c	-290.04	
10/4/2011	EFT	Chase DES:EPAY ID:1193123150 Ind		Credit Card		c	-2,390.35	
10/11/2011	EFT	A&t DES:PAYMENT ID:787780565AUS		Utilities:Telephone		c	-184.35	
10/12/2011		7030 DeKoster & DeKoster	farm contract	Legal Fees		c	-100.00	
10/12/2011	EFT	City Of Houston DES:WATER Bill I		Utilities:Water		c	-227.06	
10/14/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	15,000.00	
10/17/2011	EFT	Stream Energy-tx Bill Payment		Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-217.43	
10/18/2011	EFT	Bluebonnet Credit Union	w/ medical	Household		c	-687.84	
10/19/2011	EFT	Chase DES:EPAY ID:1205559052 Ind		Credit Card		c	-2,033.30	
10/20/2011		7031 Kroese & Kroese		Tax Preparation		c	-700.00	
10/21/2011		7032 Vehs Band Boosters	Kt band	Gifts Given		c	-280.00	
10/26/2011	EFT	Candy Curtis		Gifts Given		c	-2,000.00	
10/27/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	30,000.00	
10/28/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-63.71	
10/31/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	231.00	
10/31/2011	DEP	Benefits DES:PENSION ID:29923478		Income		c	600.71	
11/1/2011	DEP	Minnesota Life DES: Annuity ID:0		Income:Annuity		c	91.78	
11/1/2011	TXFR	Luke Riley		Education		c	-2,000.00	
11/2/2011	EFT	State Farm	PPD	Insurance		c	-290.04	
11/3/2011	EFT	Bank Of America Credit Card Bill		Credit Card		c	-102.52	
11/7/2011	EFT	Wire TYPE:WIRE Out DATE:111107 T	to anita for future trust exp	Legal Fees	redeposited into new Surv Trust acct	c	-10,000.00	

Bank of America Acct ending in :1143								
12/23/2010 through 3/9/2012								
Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount	
11/7/2011	EFT	Wire TYPE:WIRE Out DATE:111107 T	to amy for future trust exp	Legal Fees	redeposited into new Surv Trust acct	c	-10,000.00	
11/7/2011	EFT	Amy Tschirhart	for supplies to fix house	Reimbursement		c	-1,000.00	
11/7/2011	EFT	Bank Of America Credit Card Bill		Credit Card		c	-323.88	
11/7/2011	EFT	Wire Transfer Fee		Bank Charge		c	-25.00	
11/7/2011	EFT	Wire Transfer Fee		Bank Charge		c	-25.00	
11/8/2011	EFT	A&t Bill (SBC-AR,Ks,Mo,Ok,TX) B		Utilities:Telephone		c	-84.44	
11/8/2011	EFT	External Transfer Fee - 3 Day -		Bank Charge		c	-3.00	
11/8/2011	EFT	Chase DES:EPAY ID:1218615408 Ind		Credit Card		c	-3,274.51	
11/9/2011	DEP	Deposit		Invest Inc		c	30.40	
11/9/2011	DEP	Safe Deposit Box Rent Refund Fde		Bank Charge		c	82.00	
11/9/2011		Tx Tlr Payment To Sdb 2575 Banki		Bank Charge		c	-25.00	
11/10/2011	EFT	Candy Curtis		Gifts Given		c	-2,000.00	
11/10/2011	EFT	City Of Houston DES:WATER Bill I		Utilities:Water		c	-201.70	
11/10/2011	EFT	A&t DES:PAYMENT ID:787780565AUS		Utilities:Telephone		c	-168.24	
11/10/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Carole/mom		Carole/mom		c	-5,000.00	
11/12/2011	7033	Memorial Oaks		Funeral		c	-1,595.00	
11/12/2011	7034	Void					0.00	
11/14/2011	7035	Memorial Oaks		Funeral		c	-1,511.29	
11/14/2011	EFT	Safebox Fee		Bank Charge		c	-135.00	
11/15/2011	7036	Memorial Oaks	organist	Funeral		c	-150.00	
11/15/2011	7037	Bob Johnson	pastor	Funeral		c	-300.00	
11/15/2011	EFT	Stream Energy-tx Bill Payment		Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-160.68	
11/21/2011	DEP	Wire TYPE:WIRE In DATE: 111121 T		Invest Inc		c	25,112.57	
11/21/2011	EFT	Wire Transfer Fee		Bank Charge		c	-12.00	
11/22/2011	7040	Nelva E Brunsting Survivors Trust	to open new trust acct	Cash		c	-500.00	
11/23/2011	EFT	Entex	PPD	Utilities:Gas & Electric		c	-65.66	
11/23/2011	EFT	Spring Brnch Isd DES:CHECKPAYMT		Tax:Other		c	-227.24	
11/25/2011	EFT	Online Banking Transfer To Nelva E Brunsting Surv Trust	to start fund new trust acct	Cash		c	-25,000.00	
11/29/2011	EFT	Comcast		Utilities:Cable TV		c	-63.71	
11/29/2011	EFT	Bluebonnet Credit Union	includes medical	Household		c	-1,165.23	
11/30/2011	DEP	Benefits DES:PENSION ID:32923368		Income		c	600.71	
12/2/2011	EFT	State Farm	PPD	Insurance		c	-290.04	
12/5/2011	DEP	Edward Jones DES:INVESTMENT ID:0		Invest Inc		c	179.00	
12/6/2011	7041	Justin Alexander	for kt - reimburse	Medical	reimbursed to Surv trust acct Mar 2012	c	-40.00	



Date	Gift	Stock price	amount	Person	purpose
<b>Mom/Dad were trustees</b>					
12/21/2010	trxfr		\$ 7,000.00	Amy Brunsting	mom wanted to help w/ the child support that Amy lost by the kids' dad waiving his parental rights
1/4/2011	trxfr		\$ 6,000.00	Amy Brunsting	mom wanted to help w/ the child support that Amy lost by the kids' dad waiving his parental rights
6/22/2009			\$ 1,000.00	Amy Brunsting	college fund
7/14/2009			\$ 1,000.00	Amy Brunsting	college fund
11/14/2007	chk# 5715		\$ 5,000.00	Amy Brunsting	
1/20/2006	chk# 5143		\$ 200.00	Amy Brunsting	
2/11/2002	chk# 3526		\$ 200.00	Amy Brunsting	college fund
12/31/2002	chk# 3911		\$ 200.00	Amy Brunsting	college fund
Total Amy Brunsting			\$ 20,600.00		
10/2/2009	chk# 6359		\$ 1,000.00	Andy Curtis	
2/8/2010	chk# 6518		\$ 5,000.00	Anita Brunsting	
6/24/2009	chk# 6278		\$ 1,000.00	Anita Brunsting	graduation gift to me for finishing my doctorate
7/14/2009	chk# 6294		\$ 1,000.00	Anita Brunsting	college fund
9/8/2009	chk# 6338		\$ 1,000.00	Anita Brunsting	college fund
10/19/2009	chk# 6403		\$ 1,250.00	Anita Brunsting	
1/20/2006	chk# 5142		\$ 200.00	Anita Brunsting	college fund
1/31/2006	chk# 5155		\$ 150.00	Anita Brunsting	mom wanted to pay for housekeeper - I didn't have a housekeeper, mom wanted me to get one
2/21/2006	chk# 5172		\$ 150.00	Anita Brunsting	mom wanted to pay for housekeeper - I didn't have a housekeeper, mom wanted me to get one
4/1/2006	chk# 5233		\$ 150.00	Anita Brunsting	mom wanted to pay for housekeeper - I didn't have a housekeeper, mom wanted me to get one
1/10/2003	chk# 3920		\$ 200.00	Anita Brunsting	college fund
2/11/2002	chk# 3527		\$ 200.00	Anita Brunsting	college fund
Total Anita Brunsting			\$ 10,300.00		
3/17/2010	chk # 6386		\$ 750.00	Candy Curtis	
1/27/2009	chk # 6124		\$ 2,000.00	Candy Curtis	
7/29/2009	chk# 6309		\$ 4,000.00	Candy Curtis	
7/8/2008	chk # 5917		\$ 2,000.00	Candy Curtis	
8/3/2009	chk# 5944		\$ 1,500.00	Candy Curtis	
7/6/2001	trxfr		\$ 20,000.00	Candy Curtis	
1/19/2010			\$ 5,000.00	Candy Curtis	
3/29/2010			\$ 7,000.00	Candy Curtis	
6/22/2010			\$ 20,000.00	Candy Curtis	Taken against inheritance (documentation on file w/ Vacek & Freed) expenses, divorce
Total Candy Curtis			\$ 62,250.00		
11/10/2005	chk# 5070		\$ 10,000.00	Carl Brunsting	
3/12/2003	chk# 3986		\$ 9,000.00	Carl Brunsting	
4/9/2003	chk# 4017		\$ 11,000.00	Carl Brunsting	

## Schedule F

Date	Gift	Stock price	amount	Person	purpose
9/17/2001	chk# 3347		\$ 2,000.00	Carl Brunsting	
10/6/2010			\$ 25,000.00	Carl Brunsting	medical bills
2010-2011			\$ 21,899.61	Carl Brunsting	paid one medical bill (\$1565.70) and to caretakers directly for his care from 7/13/2010 through 1/9/2011, (additional days occurred from Jan-April 2011 than included payment to caretakers as well as groceries and his medical supplies, but specific dates in this time period were not recorded)
	<b>Total Carl Brunsting</b>		<b>\$ 78,899.61</b>		
6/27/2009	chk# 6285		\$ 2,000.00	Carole Brunsting	
2/12/2009	chk# 5794		\$ 500.00	Carole Brunsting	
3/18/2008	chk# 5821		\$ 250.00	Carole Brunsting	
11/13/2007	chk# 5713		\$ 600.00	Carole Brunsting	
1/5/2006	chk# 5129		\$ 1,000.00	Carole Brunsting	loan?
7/1/2006	chk# 5287		\$ 1,200.00	Carole Brunsting	
3/23/2005	chk# 4785		\$ 450.00	Carole Brunsting	
12/8/2005	chk# 5090		\$ 1,500.00	Carole Brunsting	
7/2/2005	chk# 4901		\$ 350.00	Carole Brunsting	
10/2/2005	chk# 5016		\$ 2,500.00	Carole Brunsting	
10/21/2003	chk# 4232		\$ 1,000.00	Carole Brunsting	
12/12/2002	chk# 9878 ?		\$ 1,500.00	Carole Brunsting	
12/17/2002	chk# 3883 ?		\$ 5,000.00	Carole Brunsting	
3/23/2010			\$ 7,000.00	Carole Brunsting	
5/18/2010			\$ 1,000.00	Carole Brunsting	
10/1/2010			\$ 20,000.00	Carole Brunsting	original intent to take against inheritance, but no letter/documentation found to date; will be treated as a gift; to fix house
	<b>Total Carole Brunsting</b>		<b>\$ 45,850.00</b>		
10/2/2009	chk# 5358		\$ 1,000.00	Kevan Curtis	
<b>Anita became trustee Dec. 2011</b>					
5/11/2011	1120 shares Exxon Survivors trust	\$ 81.12	90854.4	Amy Brunsting	to pay off house
	<b>Total Amy Brunsting</b>		<b>\$ 90,854.40</b>		
5/10/2011			\$ 5,443.22	Anita Brunsting	pay off Luke's truck
6/3/2011			\$ 5,750.51	Anita Brunsting	pay off Honda for Katie
6/14/2011	135 shares Chevron Survivors trust	\$ 100.60	\$ 13,581.00	Anita Brunsting	borrowed against inheritance - for college expenses
6/15/2011	160 shares Exxon Survivors trust	\$ 78.66	\$ 12,585.60	Anita Brunsting	borrowed against inheritance - for college expenses
	<b>Total Anita Brunsting</b>		<b>\$ 37,360.33</b>		
4/7/2011			\$ 3,000.00	Candy Curtis	property taxes
6/8/2011			\$ 2,000.00	Candy Curtis	new bed?
6/15/2011	160 shares Exxon Survivors trust	\$ 78.66	\$ 12,585.60	Candy Curtis	for reserve after mom passed away to keep helping her w/ expenses if trust money was not available

Date	Gift	Stock price	amount	Person	purpose
8/24/2011			\$ 2,000.00	Candy Curtis	expenses
10/26/2011			\$ 2,000.00	Candy Curtis	medical bills
11/10/2011			\$ 2,000.00	Candy Curtis	travel to see mom
	Total Candy Curtis		\$ 23,585.60		
6/15/2011	1325 shares Exxon Decedents trust	\$ 78.66	\$ 104,224.50	Carole Brunsting	to pay off/fix house
	Total Carole Brunsting		\$ 104,224.50		
6/14/2011	135 shares chevron Survivors trust	\$ 100.60	\$ 13,581.00	Ann Brunsting UGMA (grandchild)	gift for future car/college exp
6/14/2011	135 shares chevron Survivors trust	\$ 100.60	\$ 13,581.00	Jack Brunsting UGMA (grandchild)	gift for future car/college exp
6/14/2011	135 shares chevron Survivors trust	\$ 100.60	\$ 13,581.00	Katie Riley UGMA (grandchild)	gift for college exp
6/14/2011	135 shares chevron Survivors trust	\$ 100.60	\$ 13,581.00	Luke Riley (grandchild)	gift for college exp



## Carl's Medical Support Bills

Date	Check #	Payee	Amount
7/13/2010	6726	Tino	\$ 1,339.50
7/14/2010	6727	Robert	\$ 60.00
7/15/2010	6729	Shimeka	\$ 180.00
7/21/2010	6588	Tino	\$ 1,581.00
7/27/2010	6393	Tino	\$ 450.00
7/27/2010	6394	Robert	\$ 327.00
7/29/2010	6595	Shimeka	\$ 375.00
8/3/2010	6597	Tino	\$ 654.00
8/9/2010	6607	Tino	\$ 972.00
8/15/2010	6611	MHS Physicians (Carl)	\$ 1,565.70
8/15/2010	6614	Tino	\$ 45.00
8/23/2010	6623	Tino	\$ 45.00
10/4/2010	6690	Carl	\$25,000.00
10/18/2010	6741	Robert	\$ 255.00
10/22/2010	6747	Robert	\$ 170.00
10/26/2010	6749	Robert	\$ 105.00
11/1/2010	6764	Robert	\$ 510.00
11/4/2010	6769	Michael Brooks	\$ 237.00
11/5/2010	6771	Robert	\$ 309.00
11/8/2010	6777	Robert	\$ 330.00
11/10/2010	6781	Michael Brooks	\$ 300.00
11/12/2010	6784	Robert	\$ 285.00
11/15/2010	6793	Robert	\$ 270.00
11/17/2010	6795	Michael Brooks	\$ 240.00
11/16/2010	6799	Robert	\$ 295.00
11/24/2010	6806	Michael Brooks	\$ 255.00
11/24/2010	6809	Robert	\$ 345.00
11/26/2010	6810	Michael Brooks	\$ 270.00
12/1/2010	6817	Michael Brooks	\$ 420.00
12/1/2010	6818	Tino	\$ 849.38
12/3/2010	6819	Robert	\$ 135.00
12/5/2010	6820	Robert	\$ 855.00
12/5/2010	6821	Antonio	\$ 135.00
12/7/2010	6826	Michael Brooks	\$ 300.00

**Schedule G**

### Carl's Medical Support Bills

Date	Check #	Payee	Amount	
12/8/2010	6828	Michael Brooks	\$ 150.00	
12/8/2010	6831	Shimeka	\$ 416.00	half
12/13/2010	6832	Robert	\$ 382.31	half
12/14/2010	6836	Michael Brooks	\$ 525.00	
12/15/2010	6840	Tino	\$ 435.00	half
12/17/2010	6843	Tino	\$ 412.50	half
12/16/2010	6844	Michael Brooks	\$ 375.00	
12/19/2010	6846	Robert	\$ 469.92	2/3
12/24/2010	pd carole	robert, tino, michael	\$ 1,151.70	2/3
12/30/2010	6851	Tino	\$ 821.70	2/3
12/28/2010	6852	Michael Brooks	\$ 564.30	2/3
1/1/2011		Robert	\$ 435.60	2/3
1/2-1/9/2011		robert, tino, michael	\$ 1,296.00	
			\$ 46,899.61	
		any additional days	\$216.00/day	

Card/Expense	Closing Date	Amount Charged Against Trust	2%annual value of trust/ month	Balance Remaining	Date
			\$ 4,166.00	\$ 4,166.00	Jan-11
			\$ 4,166.00	\$ 8,332.00	Feb-11
			\$ 4,166.00	\$ 12,498.00	Mar-11
			\$ 4,166.00	\$ 16,664.00	Apr-11
Visa	5/5/2011	\$ 3,327.30	\$ 4,166.00	\$ 17,502.70	May-11
Luke college	5/27/2011	\$ 461.00		\$ 17,041.70	
Katie College	6/2/2011	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,166.00	\$ 20,707.70	Jun-11
Visa	6/6/2011	\$ 2,634.34		\$ 18,073.36	
MC	6/6/2011	\$ 2,358.75		\$ 15,714.61	
MC	7/6/2011	\$ 2,976.35	\$ 4,166.00	\$ 16,904.26	Jul-11
Visa	7/7/2011	\$ 7,242.83		\$ 9,661.43	
MC	7/18/2011	\$ 1,998.19		\$ 7,663.24	
Visa	8/5/2011	\$ 3,199.02	\$ 4,166.00	\$ 8,630.22	Aug-11
Luke college	8/26/2011	\$ 575.00		\$ 8,055.22	
MC	9/6/2011	\$ 999.04	\$ 4,166.00	\$ 11,222.18	Sep-11
Visa	9/7/2011	\$ 4,767.36		\$ 6,454.82	
MC	10/4/2011	\$ 2,390.35	\$ 4,166.00	\$ 8,230.47	Oct-11
Visa	10/6/2011	\$ 102.52		\$ 8,127.95	
MC	10/19/2011	\$ 2,033.30		\$ 6,094.65	
Luke college	11/1/2011	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,166.00	\$ 8,260.65	Nov-11
Visa	11/5/2011	\$ 230.22		\$ 8,030.43	
MC	11/8/2011	\$ 3,274.51		\$ 4,755.92	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 41,070.08</b>	<b>\$ 45,826.00</b>		

## Schedule H

Brunsting Family Survivor's and Decedent's Assets

Asset	# shares	price/share *	Amount*
Chevron/Texaco-decedent	614.1303	107.84	\$66,227.81
Chevron/Texaco-survivor	172.4055	107.84	\$18,592.21
Chevron - Decedent	612	107.84	\$65,998.08
ExxonMobil-Decedent	583	87.16	\$50,814.28
ExxonMobil-survivor	835.910671	87.16	\$72,857.97
MetLife - Survivor	95	38.31	\$3,639.45
Survivor's Trust Edward Jones			\$1.05
Decedent's Trust Edward Jones			\$250,506.13
Survivor's Trust Checking			\$446,235.69
Decedent's Trust Checking			\$41,667.77
Surv Trust Checking (prior to mom's death)			\$1,471.75
Misc. Coins			\$690.00
Gold Watches/misc jewelry			\$853.00
<b>Total Liquid Assets</b>			\$1,019,555.19
Farm (acres)	141	15300	\$2,157,300.00
House			
Total Trust			\$3,176,855.19

\*values as of 3/26/2012

Includes deposit of \$433,129.32 from sale of house

Includes deposit of first 1/2 of farm rent for 2012: \$26437.50 and Chevron Dividend: \$495.72

Some automated payments for house utilities were set up on this acct - it is being left open until final water bill has been paid (April 2012)

appraised value/acre

final sale profit \$433,129.32 - reflected in balance in survivors trust checking acct

**Schedule I**

Trust Expenses

Date	Vendor	Purpose	Amount
11/12/2011	Kroger - Houston	Groceries when cleaning/packing house	\$ 23.31
11/16/2011	Phillips 66 - Houston	Transportation	\$ 56.20
11/22/2011	Phillips 66 - Houston	Transportation	\$ 49.08
12/11/2011	Vacek	Legal	\$ 4,500.00
12/11/2011	US Treasury	tax payment for Decedent Trust	\$ 1,780.00
12/12/2011	Wilchester West Fund	subdivision dues	\$ 359.00
12/18/2011	Mr. Pham Chen	Lawn care - 2 mos	\$ 200.00
12/18/2011	Centerpoint Energy	natl gas for house	\$ 54.62
12/18/2011	Kelsey-Seybold	mom's medical	\$ 13.92
12/18/2011	Memorial Hermann	mom's medical	\$ 226.40
12/18/2011	ACS Primary Care	mom's medical	\$ 6.87
12/21/2011	USPS	Trust Docs	\$ 1.28
12/26/2011	Home Depot	Home Repair/Security	\$ 92.56
12/26/2011	Exxon - Victoria	Transportation	\$ 45.15
12/28/2011	Kroger - Houston	Groceries when cleaning/packing house	\$ 16.31
12/28/2011	HEB - Houston	Groceries when cleaning/packing house	\$ 3.50
12/28/2011	Ace Hardware	Supplies to pack up house	\$ 66.53
12/28/2011	Herb Jamison	house appraisal	\$ 450.00
12/29/2011	Shell - Victoria	Transportation	\$ 44.51
12/29/2011	Amy Brunsting	tires for mom's car/house repairs/transportation	\$ 425.94
1/9/2012	Exxon - Victoria	Transportation	\$ 49.57
1/10/2012	Dr. Annie Uralil	mom's medical	\$ 44.06
1/16/2012	Northwoods Urology Associates	mom's medical	\$ 740.77
1/17/2012	Don Sumners Tax Asses/Collect	2011 property tax for mom's house	\$ 1,285.05
1/20/2012	Stream Energy	electricity for mom's house	\$ 59.96
1/31/2012	ATT	phone/internet for mom's house	\$ 86.00
2/2/2012	Visa	Credit Card Payment for moving supplies, meals and gas (unhide rows to see)	\$ 269.84
2/11/2012	Memorial Hermann	mom's medical	\$ 41.72
2/14/2012	ATT	phone/internet for mom's house	\$ 72.16
2/17/2012	Stream Energy	electricity for mom's house	\$ 19.10
2/29/2012	Durapier	deposit to level mom's house	\$ 500.00
3/2/2012	Amy Brunsting	moving expenses on mom's house	\$ 844.35
3/6/2012	Carole Brunsting	reimbursement for paying Durapier & paying Tino \$780 to oversee project (6	\$25,655.00
3/11/2012	Kroese & Kroese	appraisal of farm and consult w/ Iowa atty	\$ 2,175.00
3/15/2012	Centerpoint Energy	natl gas for house	\$ 158.09
3/16/2012	Return Check Fee	Met Life dividend check returned (checking into why)	\$ 12.00
3/21/2012	Postage	to mail tax info for Surv and Deced Trust to Rich Ridders CPA	\$ 14.80
3/26/2012	Stream Energy	electricity for mom's house	\$ 39.19
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$40,481.84</b>

**Liabilities**

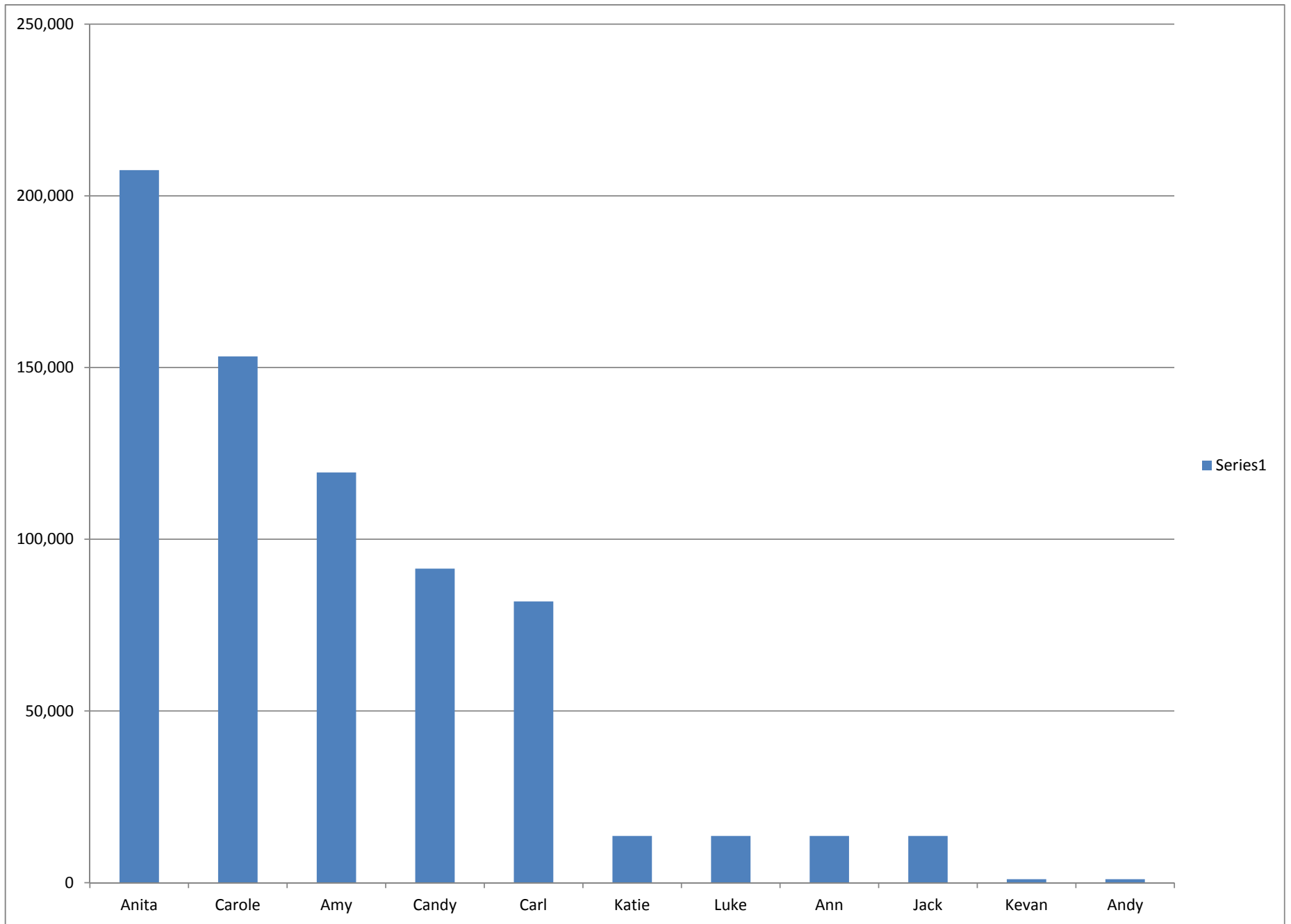
- Farm Taxes
- Remaining medical bills
- Decedent & Survivor Trust tax prep
- Trustee Expenses

**Schedule J**

# Exhibit 3

Financial graphs and charts compiled with the numbers provided by defendants

		%	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		2011	
Anita	207,480	29.23%		200	200		100,000	3,900	13,500	2,000	4,250	5,000	4.18%	78,430	21.94%
Carole	153,225	21.59%		6,500	1,000		4,800	5,350	600	250	2,500	28,000	23.40%	104,225	29.16%
Amy	119,454	16.83%		400				200	12,000	1,000	2,000	7,000	5.85%	96,854	27.10%
Candy	91,436	12.88%	20,000						600	7,000	7,500	32,750	27.37%	23,586	6.60%
Carl	81,900	11.54%	2,000		20,000		10,000	3,000				46,900	39.20%		
Katie	13,581	1.91%												13,581	3.80%
Luke	13,581	1.91%												13,581	3.80%
Ann	13,581	1.91%												13,581	3.80%
Jack	13,581	1.91%												13,581	3.80%
Kevan	1,000	0.14%									1,000				
Andy	1,000	0.14%									1,000				
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			3.10%	1.00%	2.99%		16.17%	1.75%	3.76%	1.44%	2.57%	16.86%		50.35%	





# Exhibit 4

Amy Verified Answer to Carl Brunsting complaint filed May 13, 2013

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PROBATE COURT 4

CAUSE NO. 412,249-401

ESTATE OF §  
NELVA E. BRUNSTING, §  
DECEASED §

IN PROBATE COURT  
NUMBER FOUR (4) OF  
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING, §  
Individually and as Independent Executor of §  
the Estates of Elmer H. Brunsting and Nelva §  
E. Brunsting §

IN PROBATE COURT

v. §

ANITA KAY BRUNSTING f/k/a ANITA §  
KAY RILEY, Individually, as Attorney-in- §  
Fact for Nelva E. Brunsting, and as Successor §  
Trustee of the Brunsting Family Living Trust, §  
the Elmer H. Brunsting Decedent's Trust, the §  
Nelva E. Brunsting Survivor's Trust, the Carl §  
Henry Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, and §  
the Anita Kay Brunsting Personal Asset §  
Trust; §

NUMBER FOUR (4) OF

AMY RUTH BRUNSTING f/k/a AMY RUTH §  
TSCHIRHART, Individually and as Successor §  
Trustee of the Brunsting Family Living Trust, §  
the Elmer H. Brunsting Decedent's Trust, the §  
Nelva E. Brunsting Survivor's Trust, the Carl §  
Henry Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, and §  
the Amy Ruth Tschirhart Personal Asset §  
Trust; §

CAROLE ANN BRUNSTING, Individually §  
and as Trustee of the Carole Ann Brunsting §  
Personal Asset Trust; and as nominal §  
Defendant only; §

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS §

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, INDIVIDUALLY  
AND AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST,  
THE ELMER H. BRUNSTING DECEDENT'S TRUST, THE NELVA E. BRUNSTING  
SURVIVOR'S TRUST, THE CARL HENRY BRUNSTING PERSONAL ASSET TRUST,  
AND THE AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART PERSONAL ASSET TRUST'S ORIGINAL ANSWER  
TO PLAINTIFF'S PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT, FOR AN ACCOUNTING,  
FOR DAMAGES, FOR IMPOSITION OF A CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST, AND FOR  
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, TOGETHER WITH REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURES

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE:

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HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, Individually, as Attorney-in-Fact for Nelva E. Brunsting, and as Successor Trustee of the Brunsting Family Living Trust, the Elmer H. Brunsting Decedent's Trust, the Nelva E. Brunsting Survivor's Trust, the Carl Henry Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, and the Anita Kay Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, in the above-styled and numbered cause files her Original Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition and shows as follows:

**GENERAL DENIAL**

1. AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, Individually, as Attorney-in-Fact for Nelva E. Brunsting, and as Successor Trustee of the Brunsting Family Living Trust, the Elmer H. Brunsting Decedent's Trust, the Nelva E. Brunsting Survivor's Trust, the Carl Henry Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, and the Anita Kay Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, asserts a General Denial and respectfully requests that the Court require CARL HENRY BRUNSTING, Individually and as Independent Executor of the Estates of Elmer H. Brunsting and Nelva E. Brunsting, to prove his claims, charges, and allegations by clear and convincing evidence as required by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas.
2. AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, Individually, as Attorney-in-Fact for Nelva E. Brunsting, and as Successor Trustee of the Brunsting Family Living Trust, the Elmer H. Brunsting Decedent's Trust, the Nelva E. Brunsting Survivor's Trust, the Carl Henry Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, and the Anita Kay Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, respectfully reserves the right to file an amended Answer in this proceeding in the manner authorized by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

**VERIFIED DENIAL**

3. AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART is not liable as Trustee of the Carl Henry Brunsting Personal Asset Trust and the Amy Ruth Brunsting Personal Asset Trust because such trusts have not been created and therefore do not contain any trust property.

**AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

4. AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART denies that all conditions precedent to a right of recovery have been satisfied.
5. AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART would show that any claim for declaratory relief is without merit as the claim is subsumed within the other claims of Plaintiff. Alternatively, AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART asserts her right to recovery of reasonable attorney's fees under the provisions of Chapter 37, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.
6. AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART specifically denies and affirmatively asserts that Plaintiff's claim of conspiracy is not an independent tort or cause of action as a matter of law, and is not a basis for an award of actual or exemplary damages.
7. Plaintiff's claims are barred, or AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's actions are excused, by the equitable or legal doctrines of affirmation, waiver, estoppel, laches, ratification (express or implied) and acceptance of benefits.
8. AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART pleads all applicable provisions of the Trust and sub-trust instruments concerning the duties and liabilities of a person serving as Trustee, including any exculpatory provision applicable to alleged errors of judgment or mistake of fact or law or ordinary negligence.
9. AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART pleads the doctrine of comparative responsibility as provided in Chapter 33 of the TEX. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE, and its application to any tort claim (intentional or otherwise) of the Plaintiff that may be alleged against her, including the present claims of conversion and negligence.
10. Any allegedly wrongful acts or omissions of AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, if and to the extent such acts and omissions occurred, were legally excused or justified.

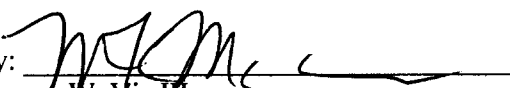
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Plaintiff is not entitled to punitive damages, and any and all excessive amounts of such damages sought violate Chapter 41 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, the Texas Constitution and the United States Constitution, all of which set limits on the award of punitive damages. AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's alleged actions and omissions were undertaken in good faith, with the absence of malicious intent to injure Plaintiff, and constitute lawful, proper and justified means to further the purposes of the Trust and sub-trusts.

THEREFORE, AMY RUTH BRUNSTING F/K/A AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, Individually, as Attorney-in-Fact for Nelva E. Brunsting, and as Successor Trustee of the Brunsting Family Living Trust, the Elmer H. Brunsting Decedent's Trust, the Nelva E. Brunsting Survivor's Trust, the Carl Henry Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, and the Anita Kay Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, asks that after final hearing of this matter, Plaintiff take nothing against her, that she recover her reasonable attorney's fees and costs, and for such other and further relief to which she may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLS SHIRLEY L.L.P.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

By my signature above, I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this document has been sent in the appropriate manner to all known counsel of record on this the 10th day of May, 2013.

***Via Certified Mail/RRR***  
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Ms. Bobbie Bayless  
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1401 McKinney, 17th Floor  
Houston, TX 77010

# Exhibit 5a

**Notice** of filing of Plaintiff Curtis original federal Petition filed in the federal court on February 27, 2012 and made a part of this Court's record Feb. 9, 2015  
Document No. PBT-2015-47608

Emails Summer Peoples re 10/25/2010 phone conference (Candace Curtis Original Affidavit Exhibit 8 PDF pgs. 53-56)

**From:** Carole Brunsting (cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net)  
**To:** Summer@vacek.com;  
**Date:** Wed, October 13, 2010 8:47:15 AM  
**Cc:** occurtis@sbcglobal.net; at.home3@yahoo.com; akbrunsting@suddenlink.net; candace@vacek.com;  
**Subject:** RE: Brunsting Trust

Summer,  
Thank you for your response. Now I understand the nature of the meeting, could you please clarify what you mean by "have no say". I assumed the "say" belonged to our Mother. If I am not understanding that correctly please let me know.  
Thanks again,  
Carole

--- On Wed, 10/13/10, Summer Peoples <Summer@vacek.com> wrote:

**From:** Summer Peoples <Summer@vacek.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Brunsting Trust  
**To:** "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>  
**Cc:** occurtis@sbcglobal.net, at.home3@yahoo.com, "Anita Brunsting" <akbrunsting@suddenlink.net>, "Candace Freed" <candace@vacek.com>  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 10:09 AM

Ms. Brunsting:

To answer your questions -

This teleconference meeting is to discuss changes to your mother's trust. If you are unable to attend, it simply means that you will have no say in what changes will be made. It will not be a problem if you cannot attend. However, Mrs. Freed wants to extend the invitation to all Mrs. Brunsting's children.

Thanks,

**Summer Peoples, CP**

Certified Paralegal

**Vacek & Freed, PLLC**

14800 St. Mary's Lane, Suite 230

Houston, Texas 77079

Telephone: 281.531.5800

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Toll Free: 1.800.229.3002

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E-mail: [summer@vacek.com](mailto:summer@vacek.com)

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**From:** Carole Brunsting [mailto:[cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net)]  
**Sent:** 10/13/2010 9:06 AM  
**To:** Summer Peoples  
**Subject:** Re: Brunsting Trust

Summer,

What is this meeting in reference to? From looking at the time choices available, I may not be able to make the meeting and would like to know if that will be a problem.

Thanks

Carole Brunsting

--- On Wed, 10/13/10, Summer Peoples <[Summer@vacek.com](mailto:Summer@vacek.com)> wrote:

**From:** Summer Peoples <[Summer@vacek.com](mailto:Summer@vacek.com)>  
**Subject:** Brunsting Trust  
**To:** [occurtis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net), "Anita Brunsting" <[akbrunsting@suddenlink.net](mailto:akbrunsting@suddenlink.net)>, [cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net), [at.home3@yahoo.com](mailto:at.home3@yahoo.com)  
**Cc:** "Candace Freed" <[candace@vacek.com](mailto:candace@vacek.com)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 8:42 AM

Dear Brunsting Family:

Attorney Candace Freed would like to coordinate a teleconference call with you and your mother for sometime next week. Currently, she has the following time slots available (all times are Central Standard Time zone):

# Exhibit 5b

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Document No. PBT-2015-47608

October 28 2010 Carole email about overhearing Nelva on Phone with Freed telling Freed to "Change it back" and that she was not going to follow the changes Freed had made.

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**From:** Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 9:00 AM  
**To:** Candace Curtis  
**Subject:** Re: One more

Candy,

The more I think about this the whole key is Carl. When I was listening to Mother's call with Candace, Mother told Candace that Carl was trustee, not Anita and was not following the changes Candane was telling her she had made to have Carl removed.. Legally, I wonder if what Candace did was right without consulting Carl or his power of attorney since Carl has always been present at all meetings.

--- On **Thu, 10/28/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>** wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>  
Subject: Re: One more  
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>  
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010, 10:34 AM

Candace DOES know she fucked up. That's why she had such a nasty attitude towards both you and I. Anita is smug and Amy plays dumb.

I hope Carl goes home today! If he does I hope the sun is shining. 10 minutes smiling into the sunshine + coffee + the Beatles = a sharper, happy Carl. I have a strong feeling that he will recover in leaps and bounds ALL ON HIS OWN, with support from his wife and family. The fact that Daddy is looking over us gives me strength. I can feel him stronger than ever before.

My suggestion is that when Dr. White finds Mother competent the following should happen:

1. You need to complete your time-line to demonstrate that due to various factors (badgering, low oxygen, Carl's illness, her illness, pneumonia, general stress and worry due to all of this), Mother was incompetent and under extreme duress when she signed everything she signed, particularly the Power of Attorney. We can compose a letter to Candace for Mother to sign, demanding that she wants to have papers drawn up to revoke anything she agreed to between the first of July and now.
2. As Mother gathers strength over the next few weeks she will go to her MD Anderson appointments, etc. and move towards treatment and recovery. I want to stress nutrition, adequate good sleep, and stress-free living.
3. In the meantime she can sell what she needs to, to pay for Robert or Tino or whoever Drina needs to assist her with Carl (if she even needs someone - Carl may recover a lot in a few weeks at home). The cost will be minimal compared to the \$100k shithead got to buy her house.

Going forward, Mother will have to tell Candace IN WRITING what she wants done with the trust. You can help her compose the letters. There can be no question when it's in writing. You can assist Mother in reviewing the paperwork before she signs (at home - at her leisure), to make sure all her wishes have been incorporated. This should never be done under the pressure and duress she was subjected to. Mother can take as much time as she needs to read and understand that everything will be as she wants it to be.

The fair and equitable solution in my mind is:

Make all five of us successor co-trustees and require a majority to make any change whatsoever. Then, if Mother steps down there will be no shenanigans. Everything will be transparent and we'll all know everything everyone else knows. That way when Anita wants to sell the farm, or move away from Edward Jones, she can put it up for a vote among us. All five of us are intelligent people and none of us can honestly say we have NEVER made a wrong choice in our lives. This way Mother will be at peace to live out her life, and she will die knowing that she has not pitted one against the other, or given control of one over the other, or played favorites, or been bullied into doing something she didn't really want to do, or would not have done in the first place.

Now this may go AGAINST the norm, or what Candace and her ilk would recommend, but fuck them. They are attorneys who get paid to do what their clients want them to do and they love having to draw up documents. Fees, fees, fees, \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

If Anita succeeds in her agenda and becomes trustee, we should have her competency tested just to show her what it feels like. If everything stays the way it is right now, that's the first thing I'm going to do when the day comes that she's in charge of me. Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na.

Love you,

C

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**From:** Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** occurtis@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Wed, October 27, 2010 9:32:06 PM  
**Subject:** One more

And do not overlook an exploration of the family's motives in requesting a competency evaluation, she cautioned. Do family members have reason for wanting their oddly behaving relative to be declared incompetent?

This is from an article about not rushing to declare an elderly person incompetent. Mother passes the smell test and I have to make sure Tino does not let her out of the house without her clothes being ironed and SEE!!! MOTHER MADE THE APPOINTMENT TO GET HER HAIR DONE!!! CANDY THAT IS IT!!! MOTHER DOES CARE ABOUT HER APPEARANCE!! She will not go out without her makeup on and I have to get her a nail file all the time. Mother also called Edward Jones on her own and sold \$10K so she would have enough money to live on.

She was temporarily incompetent when she was too low on oxygen and if they made her walk to Candace's office I know for a fact her levels were too low because Dr. White joked about it. Tino did not take her so she had to walk from the parking lot to the office. She did not understand what she was signing because she was too short of breath and I can prove that. Candane has to know she F\*\*\*ed up.

--- On **Wed, 10/27/10, Carole Brunsting** <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Carole Brunsting <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>  
Subject: Found this  
To: occurtis@sbcglobal.net

Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2010, 10:38 PM

There are any number of situations that may cause you to question the competency of a family member to make sound life decisions, such as when:

- An elderly person suddenly changes a will or trust in a manner that is significantly different from all previous wills or trusts, which could result in will litigation if not appropriately handled during the elder's life.
- A family member has suspicion that the elderly person is being unduly influenced by others

Anita is unduly influencing Mother and now Amy has piled on. Mother never would have made these changes on her own. This was all done by the hand of Anita who put herself in charge of everything.

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**From:** Carole Brunsting (cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net)  
**To:** occurtis@sbcglobal.net;  
**Date:** Tue, October 26, 2010 10:12:27 AM  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re:

Oh Candy thank you!!! I feel that I have been fighting this battle with Anita and now Amy alone. Anita is going to be the one responsible for keeping Mother sick because she is such a control freak and will not LET IT GO!! Let Mother decide what she wants to do. It is Mother's money, not ANITA's and not AMY's.

--- On Tue, 10/26/10, Candace Curtis <[occurtis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

**From:** Candace Curtis <[occurtis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net)>  
**Subject:** Re:  
**To:** "Carole Brunsting" <[cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 12:05 PM

I just called Mother. She DID NOT know the full implications of what she signed. I told her Anita had been manipulating her since Daddy passed away. She said she should have been included on the call. She said that she would not have given Anita the authority to manage MY MONEY. I told her that Amy and Anita are conspiring with Candace to have her declared incompetent so they can take CONTROL.

I don't really know what will happen now. I think that the August document should be declared null and void.

After talking to her for at least 30 minutes I realized that she is NOT incompetent. It's her memory that is failing, not her ability to manager her affairs. This happens when people get old. She might not remember to pay a bill, but she knows that bills must be paid. She doesn't remember that I know Carl had encephalitis, but she knows Carl had encephalitis. She has the ability to UNDERSTAND something when it's explained to her, although she might not remember what it is that she understood at the time.

Please change the password on Mother's bank account. Please also tell Mother that Anita checks her bank account to see what she is doing and that she also reads her private emails.

Mother did say that Anita drives her crazy.

Love you,

C

**From:** Carole Brunsting <[cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net)>  
**To:** Candace Curtis <[occurtis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:occurtis@sbcglobal.net)>  
**Sent:** Tue, October 26, 2010 9:34:02 AM  
**Subject:** Re:

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I am glad you wrote because I could not sleep last night either and it is difficult to keep my mind on my work. I went over and over all the events of what has happened since Daddy passed away and Anita has been scheming and manipulating with Mother and even tried to get Carl involved. Candace has not been looking out for Mother's best interest. Candace has been allowing Anita to be the one to strong arm Mother into signing papers when I do not believe she understood what she was signing, she only wanted to shut Anita up.

All Anita was suppose to do or find out was placing Carl's money in medical trust for MOTHER to manage and now all of a sudden Amy is co-trustee and your money is in trust and I wonder about mine as well.

I am working on a time line of how and when all this happened and will show that they pressured Mother to make changes when she A) was accepting the fact that Carl was gravely ill B) she found out she had cancer C) she got pneumonia and was in the hospital D) had Drina breathing down her back because ANITA was to chicken to call Drina back E) had to decide on her own about giving Drina money because ANITA and AMY were to busy to be bothered to call me or Mother back and it is what Mother wanted to do but she knew Anita was going to chastise her for giving her money that was her own to give away as she saw fit. F) also during that time Mother had 2 PET scans, a CT scan and a bron scope for which she was sedated.

Now I understand why Mother kept putting off signing the changes to the Trust. I thought the papers were written only to put Carl's money in trust. I did not know that Amy was replacing Carl and your money was going into trust. I never saw the documents as Candace had them at her office, but Mother kept delaying going over there with various excuses. She was afraid to tell Anita she did not want to make all the changes, but Anita talked her into it.

The closer Anita comes to taking control the comments to me have been: A) it is a good thing I am trustee now and not Carl because you can make more changes to the trust than you realize and Carl would have been making all the decision and had final say over distribution B) she was going to find a way to fold Carl's money back into the trust if Carl died before Drina C) she was taking over all investment when ANITA is the one that moved the money over to this Edwards office that Mother works with and attended all the meetings D) Anita wanted to find out if she could sell the farm as one unit because she said she could get more per acre rather than us each sell our parcels when we wanted too. E) Now I find out that ANITA contacted Carl about a year ago about putting both our money in trust that she and Carl would control and Carl said no.

Candy I am so deeply hurt by all of this and disgusted at the same time. I am so angry with Candace because she allowed all this to happen and it impacts Mother. Amy will just go along with Anita now that her name is on the trust. But if she only knew that ANITA called CPS and they went out and spoke with Amy's neighbors about her kids and spied on her house for a report back to Anita and the report was they did not find any reason to take Jack and Ann. Anita wanted Carl and Drina to adopt them.

I think at this point I need to find an attorney to speak with. Now that Anita sent out the trust documents even though she should not have, Drina will hire a lawyer and this will never see the of day. And she will have Carl's full support.

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--- On Tue, 10/26/10, Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

From: Candace Curtis <occurtis@sbcglobal.net>  
Subject: Re:  
To: "Carole Brunsting" <cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net>  
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 11:07 AM

Carole,

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## **Article I**

### **The Founding of Our Family Living Trust**

#### **Section A. Our Declaration of Trust**

This trust declaration is made this day by ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING, also known as ELMER H. BRUNSTING, and wife, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, (together called "Founders") who presently reside in Harris County, Texas. We shall serve together as the initial Trustees of this joint revocable living trust.

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This trust is created for the use and the benefit of ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, and to the extent provided in this trust, for the other trust beneficiaries named herein.

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All references to our children or to our descendants are to these named children, as well as any children subsequently born to us or legally adopted by us.

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## **Article II**

### **Transfers of Assets to Our Trust**

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We have delivered to our Trustees certain property as the initial assets of this trust, the receipt of which is acknowledged.

#### **Section B. Additions to Our Trust**

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Each of us may withdraw, remove, sell or otherwise deal with our respective separate property interests without any restrictions. Should we revoke our trust, all separate property shall be transferred, assigned, or conveyed back to the owning Founder as his or her respective separate property.

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This trust declaration may be amended by us in whole or in part in a writing signed by both of us for so long as we both shall live. Except as to a change of trust situs, when one of us dies, this trust shall not be subject to amendment, except by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Each of us may provide for a different disposition of our share in the trust by using a qualified beneficiary designation, as we define that term in this agreement, and the qualified beneficiary designation will be considered an amendment to this trust as to that Founder's share or interest alone.

#### **Section C. Income Tax Matters**

For so long as this trust remains subject to amendment or revocation in its entirety, and for so long as a Founder is a Trustee of the trust, this trust will be treated for income tax reporting purposes as a "grantor trust" as that term is used by the Internal Revenue Service, particularly in Treasury Regulation Section 1.671-4(b).

For so long as a Founder is a Trustee of the trust, the tax identification numbers will be the social security numbers of the Founders and all items of income, gain, loss, credit and deduction are to be reported on the Founders' individual or joint income tax returns. At such time as the trust becomes irrevocable, in whole or in part, because of the death of one of us, the trust is to be treated for income tax purposes as required by Subchapter J of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **Article IV**

### **Our Trustees**

#### **Section A. Original Trustees**

Founders appoint ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING as the original Trustees of this trust. However, either of us may conduct business and act on behalf of this trust without the consent or authority of any other Trustee. Any third party may conclusively rely on the authority of either of us without the joinder of the other.

#### **Section B. Our Successor Trustees**

Each of the original Trustees will have the right to appoint their own successor or successors to serve as Trustees in the event that such original Trustee ceases to serve by reason of death, disability or for any reason, and may specify any conditions upon succession and service as may be permitted by law. Such appointment, together with any specified conditions, must be in writing.

If an original Trustee does not appoint a successor, the remaining original Trustee or Trustees then serving will continue to serve alone.

If both of the original Trustees fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any reason without having appointed a successor or successors, then the following individuals or entities will serve as Trustee in the following order:

First, ANITA KAY RILEY

Second, CARL HENRY BRUNSTING

Third, AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

A successor Trustee shall be replaced by the next named successor in the order listed above when he or she has resigned or is unable to continue to serve as Trustee due to death or disability. Successor Trustees will have the authority vested in the original Trustees under this trust document, subject to any lawful limitations or qualifications upon the service of a successor imposed by any Trustee in a written document appointing a successor.

A successor Trustee will not be obliged to examine the records, accounts and acts of the previous Trustee or Trustees, nor will a successor Trustee in any way or manner be responsible for any act or omission to act on the part of any previous Trustee.

#### **Section C. No Bond is Required of Our Trustees**

No one serving as Trustee will be required to furnish a fiduciary bond as a prerequisite to service.

**Section D. Resignation or Removal of Our Trustees**

We may each remove any Trustee we may have individually named as our respective successors. Any appointee serving or entitled to serve as Trustee may resign at any time and without cause, and the instructions in this trust will determine who the successor will be. All removals or resignations must be in writing.

In the event that no Trustee is remaining who has been designated in this trust, a majority of all adult income beneficiaries and the legal guardians of all minor or disabled beneficiaries of the trust shares created hereunder shall have the power to appoint any corporate or banking institution having trust powers as the successor Trustee. Such power shall be exercised in a written instrument in recordable form which identifies this power, identifies the successor Trustee, contains an acceptance of office by such successor Trustee and identifies the effective time and date of such succession.

A majority of all adult beneficiaries and the legal guardians of all minor or disabled beneficiaries who are then entitled to receive distributions of income from the trust, or distributions of income from any separate trust created by this document, may only remove any corporate or institutional Trustee then serving, the notice of removal to be delivered in writing to the said Trustee.

If such beneficiaries shall fail to appoint a successor corporate or institutional Trustee, the selection of a successor to the Trustee will be made by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**Section E. Affidavit of Authority to Act**

Any person or entity dealing with the trust may rely upon our Affidavit of Trust, regardless of its form, or the affidavit of a Trustee or Trustees in substantially the following form:

On my oath, and under the penalties of perjury, I swear that I am the duly appointed and authorized Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST. I certify that the trust has not been revoked and remains in full force and effect, I have not been removed as Trustee and I have the authority to act for, and bind, the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST in the transaction of the business for which this affidavit is given as affirmation of my authority.

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Signature Line

Sworn, subscribed and acknowledged before me, the undersigned authority, on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public - State of Texas

**Section F. Documentary Succession of Our Trustees**

The successor to any Trustee may document succession with an affidavit setting forth that the preceding Trustee is unwilling to serve or has failed or ceased to serve due to death or disability and the successor has assumed the duties of the Trustee.

The affidavit may, at the Trustee's discretion, be filed in the deed records in each county in which real property held in trust is located or in the county in which the principal assets and records of the trust are located. The public and all persons interested in and dealing with the trust and the Trustee may rely upon a certified copy of the recorded affidavit as conclusive evidence of a successor's authority to serve and act as the Trustee of the trust.

### **Section G. Our Trustees' Compensation**

Any person who serves as Trustee may elect to receive reasonable compensation to be measured by the time required in the administration of the trust and the responsibility assumed in the discharge of the duties of office.

A corporate or bank Trustee will be entitled to receive as its compensation such fees as are then prescribed by its published schedule of charges for trusts of a similar size and nature and additional compensation for extraordinary services performed by the corporate Trustee.

If an attorney, accountant or other professional shall be selected as Trustee, such professional shall be entitled to compensation for professional services rendered to a trust by himself or by a member of his firm in addition to compensation for services as Trustee.

A Trustee will be entitled to full reimbursement for expenses, costs or other obligations incurred as the result of service, including attorney's, accountant's and other professional fees.

### **Section H. Multiple Trustees**

In the event there are two or more Trustees serving the trust, other than the Founders, the authority vested in such Trustees must be exercised by a majority of the Trustees. If only two Trustees are acting, the concurrence or joinder of both shall be required.

When more than two Trustees are acting, any dissenting or abstaining Trustee may be absolved from personal liability by registering a written dissent or abstention with the records of the trust; the dissenting Trustee shall thereafter act with the other Trustees in any manner necessary or appropriate to effectuate the decision of the majority.

### **Section I. Delegation of Authority**

Any Trustee may delegate to any other Trustee named in our trust the powers and authority vested in him or her by this declaration. A delegating Trustee may evidence such delegation in writing and may revoke it in writing at any time.



#### **Section J. Successor Corporate Trustees**

Any successor corporate or bank Trustee must be a United States bank or trust company vested with trust powers pursuant to state or federal law, and must have a combined capital and surplus of 20 million dollars.

Any bank or trust company succeeding to the business of any corporate or bank Trustee serving by virtue of this declaration because of change of name, reorganization, merger or any other reason shall immediately succeed as Trustee of this trust, without the necessity of court intervention or any other action whatsoever.

#### **Section K. Partial and Final Distributions**

The Trustee, in making or preparing to make a partial or final distribution, may prepare an accounting and may require, as a condition to payment, a written and acknowledged statement from each distributee that the accounting has been thoroughly examined and accepted as correct; a discharge of the Trustee; a release from any loss, liability, claim or question concerning the exercise of due care, skill and prudence of the Trustee in the management, investment, retention and distribution of property during the Trustee's term of service, except for any undisclosed error or omission having basis in fraud or bad faith; and an indemnity of the Trustee, to include the payment of attorney's fees, from any asserted claim of any taxing agency, governmental authority or other claimant.

#### **Section L. Court Supervision Not Required**

All trusts created under this agreement shall be administered free from the active supervision of any court.

Any proceedings to seek judicial instructions or a judicial determination shall be initiated by our Trustee in the appropriate state court having original jurisdiction of those matters relating to the construction and administration of trusts.

## **Article V**

### **Insurance Policies and Retirement Plans**

#### **Section A. Our Authority While We Are Living**

To the extent of a Founder's community or separate interest in insurance policies, retirement plans or any other third party beneficiary contract, during the life of a Founder, each shall have the following rights, and the Trustee of this trust declaration shall have the following duties with respect to any third party beneficiary contract owned by or made payable to this trust.

##### **1. The Founder's Rights**

Each Founder reserves all of the rights, powers, options and privileges with respect to any insurance policy, retirement plan or any other third party beneficiary contract made payable to this trust or deposited with our Trustee. Each Founder may exercise any of the rights, powers, options and privileges with respect to such third party beneficiary contract without the approval of our Trustee or any beneficiary.

Neither Founder shall be obligated to maintain any insurance policy, retirement plan or any other third party beneficiary contract in force.

##### **2. Our Trustee's Obligations**

Upon a Founder's written request, our Trustee shall deliver to the requesting Founder or the Founder's designee any and all third party beneficiary contracts and related documents which are owned by or deposited with our Trustee pursuant to our trust declaration. Our Trustee shall not be obligated to have any of such documents returned to the Trustee.

Our Trustee shall provide for the safekeeping of any third party beneficiary contract, as well as any documents related thereto, which are deposited with our Trustee. Otherwise, our Trustee shall have no obligation with respect to any third party beneficiary contract, including payment of sums due and payable under such contracts, other than those obligations set forth in this Article.

#### **Section B. Upon the Death of a Founder**

Upon a Founder's death, our Trustee shall have authority to and shall make all appropriate elections with respect to any insurance policies, retirement plans and other death benefits

which are the separate estate of the deceased Founder. With respect to any insurance policies, retirement plans and other death benefits which are a part of the community estate, our Trustee and the surviving Founder shall have the authority and shall make all appropriate elections consistent with the laws of the state having jurisdiction over such property.

#### **1. Collection of Non-Retirement Death Proceeds**

Regarding any life insurance policy, or any other non-retirement death benefit plan, wherein death benefits are made payable to or are owned by our trust, our Trustee shall make every reasonable effort to collect any and all such sums. In collecting such sums, our Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, exercise any settlement option available under the terms of a policy or any other third party beneficiary contract with regard to the interest of the deceased Founder in those policies or death benefit proceeds. However, our Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary for the settlement option ultimately selected.

#### **2. Retirement Plan Elections**

To the extent of the interest of the deceased Founder, our Trustee shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to elect to receive any retirement plan death proceeds either in a lump sum or in any other manner permitted by the terms of the particular retirement plan. Such right shall exist and pertain to any retirement plan including, but not limited to, any qualified pension plan, profit sharing plan, Keogh plan and individual retirement account. Our Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary for the death benefit election ultimately selected.

Any benefit of any retirement plan which is payable to our trust, including individual retirement accounts that are payable to our trust, may be disclaimed by our Trustee in its sole and absolute discretion. Such disclaimed benefits shall be payable in accordance with such plan.

#### **3. Collection Proceedings**

In order to enforce the payment of any death proceeds, our Trustee may institute any legal, equitable, administrative or other proceeding. However, our Trustee need not take any action to enforce any payment until our Trustee, in its sole judgment, has been indemnified to its satisfaction for all expenses and liabilities to which it may be subjected.

Our Trustee is expressly authorized, in its sole and absolute discretion, to adjust, settle and compromise any and all claims that may arise from the collection of any death proceeds. Any decision made by our Trustee pursuant to this Section B.3 shall be binding and conclusive on all beneficiaries.

#### **4. Payor's Liability**

Any person or entity which pays any type of death proceeds to our Trustee as beneficiary, shall not be required to inquire into any of the provisions of this trust declaration, nor will they be required to see to the application of any such proceeds by our Trustee. Our Trustee's receipt of death proceeds shall relieve the payor of any further liability as a result of making such payment.

## **Article VI**

### **For So Long As We Both Shall Live**

#### **Section A. Our Use of Income and Assets**

While we are both living, the net income of the trust is to be paid at least monthly to us, or to be used for our benefit. Any unused income will be accumulated and added to the principal assets of this trust.

While we are both living, we shall have the absolute right, either individually or jointly, to add to the trust property at any time.

While we are both living, we shall each have the right to withdraw, use or benefit from all or any part of our own separate property and our respective interests in any community property. However, the surviving spouse will be entitled to the use and benefit of the deceased spouse's interest as provided in this trust declaration.

Either of us, individually, may make gifts of our separate property contributed to the trust or may make gifts of our interests or shares in the trust itself to the extent permitted by law, including our community property interests. Neither of us shall have the power to direct our Trustee to make gifts of any trust principal or income. If any such gift is made directly to a third party, such gift shall be deemed to have first been distributed directly to either or both of us and then distributed as a gift from either or both of us to such third party.

#### **Section B. If One or Both of Us Are Disabled**

If one or both of us should become disabled, our Trustee shall provide to both of us, and to any person deemed by our Trustee to be dependent on either or both of us, such portions of income and principal from each of our respective interests in separate property and from our respective one-half interests in our community property, as deemed necessary or advisable in its sole discretion, for our health, education, maintenance and support, as well as for the health, education, maintenance and support of any person deemed by our Trustee to be dependent on either or both of us.

Our Trustee's discretion may include the payment of insurance premiums pursuant to contracts for insurance owned by one of us or by our trust. Premiums paid on a separate property policy shall be paid out of separate property funds of the owner of that policy.

During any period that one or both of us are disabled, it is the intention of each of us that we be cared for in our residence or in the private residence of another who is dear to us. It is our preference that neither of us be admitted to a convalescent care facility or similar facility unless our condition mandates such placement.

Valid obligations of either of us which are confirmed by our Trustee shall be provided for by our Trustee from such portions of income and principal from each of our separate property accounts and from our respective one-half interests in our community accounts, as deemed necessary or advisable in our Trustee's sole discretion.

If, prior to the disability of either one or both of us, one or both of us were making regular lifetime gifts to our children for purposes of estate tax planning, then our Trustee shall continue such gifting program to our children; provided, however, no such gifts shall be made until our support and obligations have been provided for.

### **Section C. Income Tax Matters**

If any interest or share in the trust is irrevocable for so long as one or both of us are living, and if the Trustee of the trust is classified as subordinate or related to either of us, the distribution of trust corpus to the beneficiary of an irrevocable share, to the extent of his or her share or interest alone, will be limited to discretionary distributions necessary or appropriate to provide for the beneficiary's health, education, maintenance and support, and this standard shall be construed and limited according to the requirements of Section 674(b)(5)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **Article VII**

### **Upon the Death of One of Us**

#### **Section A. Settlement of Affairs**

Upon the death of the first Founder to die, our Trustee is authorized, but not directed, to pay the following expenses, claims and liabilities which are attributable to the first Founder to die:

Funeral, burial and expenses of last illness

Statutory or court-ordered allowances for qualifying family members

Expenses of administration of the estate

Legally enforceable claims against the deceased Founder or the deceased Founder's estate

Taxes occasioned by death

Any payment authorized above is discretionary. No claim or right to payment may be enforced against this trust by virtue of such discretionary authority.

#### **1. Deceased Founder's Probate Estate**

Payments authorized under this Section shall be paid only to the extent that the probate assets (other than real estate, tangible personal property or property that, in our Trustee's judgment, is not readily marketable) are insufficient to make these payments. However, if our trust holds United States Treasury Bonds which are eligible for redemption at par in payment of the federal estate tax, our Trustee shall redeem such bonds to the extent necessary to pay federal estate tax as a result of a death.

Payments authorized under this Section may be made by our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, either directly to the appropriate persons or institutions or to the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate. If our Trustee makes payments directly to the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate, our Trustee shall not have any duty to see to the application of such payments. Any written statement of the deceased Founder's personal representative regarding material facts relating to these payments may be relied upon by our Trustee.

As an addition to our trust, our Trustee is authorized to purchase and retain in the form received any property which is a part of the deceased Founder's probate estate. In addition, our Trustee may make loans to the deceased

Founder's probate estate with or without security. Our Trustee shall not be liable for any loss suffered by our trust as a result of the exercise of the powers granted in this paragraph.

Our Trustee shall be under no obligation to examine the records or accounts of the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate and is authorized to accept distributions from the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate without audit.

## **2. Exempt Property Excluded**

Our Trustee shall not use any property in making any payments pursuant to this Section to the extent that such property is not included in the deceased Founder's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes. However, if our Trustee makes the determination, in its sole and absolute discretion, that other non-exempt property is not available for payments authorized under this Section, it may then use such exempt property where it is not economically prudent to use non-exempt property for the payment of such expenses.

## **3. Apportionment of Payments**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this trust declaration, all expenses and claims, and all estate, inheritance and death taxes, excluding any generation-skipping transfer tax, resulting from the death of a Founder shall be paid without apportionment and without reimbursement from any person.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in our trust, no death taxes payable as a result of the death of the first Founder to die shall be allocated to or paid from the Survivor's Trust or from any assets passing to the surviving Founder and qualifying for the federal estate tax marital deduction unless our Trustee has first used all other assets available to our Trustee.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in our trust declaration, estate, inheritance and death taxes assessed with regard to property passing outside of our trust or outside of our probate estates, but included in the gross estate of a Founder for federal estate tax purposes, shall be chargeable against the persons receiving such property.

## **Section B. Division and Distribution of Trust Property**

Our Trustee shall divide the remaining trust property into two separate trusts upon the death of the first one of us to die. The resulting trusts shall be known as the Survivor's Trust and the Decedent's Trust.



## **1. Creation of the Survivor's Trust**

The Survivor's Trust shall consist of the surviving Founder's interest in the community portion of the trust property, if any, and his or her separate portion of the trust property. In addition, the Survivor's Trust shall be the fractional share of the deceased Founder's trust property as follows:

### **a. Numerator of the Fractional Share**

The numerator of the fractional share shall be the smallest amount which, if allowed as a marital deduction, would result in the least possible federal estate tax being payable as a result of the deceased Founder's death, after allowing for the unified credit against federal estate tax (after taking into account adjusted taxable gifts, if any) as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, and the credit for state death taxes (but only to the extent that the use of this credit does not require an increase in the state death taxes paid).

The numerator shall be reduced by the value, for federal estate tax purposes, of any interest in property that qualifies for the federal estate tax marital deduction and which passes or has passed from the deceased Founder to the surviving Founder other than under this Article.

### **b. Denominator of the Fractional Share**

The denominator of the fractional share shall consist of the value, as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, of all of the deceased Founder's trust property under this agreement.

## **2. Creation of the Decedent's Trust**

The Decedent's Trust shall consist of the balance of the trust property.

## **Section C. Valuation of Property Distributed to the Survivor's Trust**

Our Trustee shall use those values as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes in making any computation which is necessary to determine the amount distributed to the Survivor's Trust. On the dates of distribution, the fair market value of all of the deceased Founder's property shall in no event be less than the amount of the Survivor's Trust as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes.

## **Section D. Conversion of Nonproductive Property**

The surviving Founder shall at any time have the absolute right to compel our Trustee to convert nonproductive property held as an asset of the Survivor's Trust to productive property. Such right exists notwithstanding any contrary term in this agreement. The surviving Founder shall exercise this right by directing our Trustee in writing to convert such property.

#### **Section E. Survivor's Right to Refuse Property or Powers Granted**

With respect to property passing to the surviving Founder or for the surviving Founder's benefit, any portion of any interest in such property or power may be disclaimed by the surviving Founder within the time and under the conditions permitted by law with regard to disclaimers.

Any interest disclaimed by the surviving Founder with respect to any portion of the Survivor's Trust shall be added to the Decedent's Trust. Any interest disclaimed by the surviving Founder with respect to any portion of the Decedent's Trust shall be disposed of under the appropriate provisions of this agreement as though the surviving Founder had predeceased the first Founder to die.

Any disclaimer exercised must be an irrevocable and unqualified refusal to accept any portion of such interest in the property or power disclaimed. Such disclaimer must be delivered to our Trustee in writing.

#### **Section F. Allocation of Trust Property**

Subject to the conditions of Section B.1 of this Article, our Trustee shall have the complete authority to make allocations of the deceased Founder's trust property between the Survivor's and Decedent's Trusts.

Our Trustee may make allocations in cash or its equivalent, in kind, in undivided interests, or in any proportion thereof between the two trusts. Our Trustee may also, in its sole discretion, allocate such assets in kind based on the date of distribution values, rather than an undivided interest in each and every asset.

Our Trustee shall not allocate any property or assets, or proceeds from such property or assets, to the Survivor's Trust which would not qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction in the deceased Founder's estate.

Our Trustee shall not allocate any policies of life insurance insuring the life of the surviving Founder to the Survivor's Trust that are the sole and separate property of the deceased Founder.

To the extent that there are insufficient assets qualifying for the marital deduction to fully fund this Survivor's Trust, the amount of the funding to the Survivor's Trust shall be reduced accordingly.

Our Trustee shall consider the tax consequences of allocating property subject to foreign death tax, property on which a tax credit is available, or property which is income in respect of a decedent under applicable tax laws prior to allocating the deceased Founder's property to the Survivor's Trust.

#### **Section G. Distributions from Retirement Plan to the Survivor's Trust**

If Retirement Plan distributions are included in the Survivor's Trust, or in any Survivor's Trust Share, our Trustee shall comply with the following guidelines.

##### **a. Form of Distribution**

Our Trustee may elect to receive distributions from any pension, profit sharing, individual retirement account, or other retirement plan ("Retirement Plan") for which our Trust, or any subtrust provided for herein, is named as beneficiary, in installments or in a lump sum.

##### **b. Income Requirement**

Our Trustee shall elect to receive distributions from a Retirement Plan payable to the Survivor's Trust or any Survivor's Trust Share in compliance with the minimum distribution rules of the Internal Revenue Code if applicable and also so that at least all income earned by the Retirement Plan each calendar year is distributed to the Trust and allocated to trust income during the year. If distributions from the Retirement Plan total less than all income earned by the Retirement Plan for a calendar year, our Trustee shall demand additional distributions equal to at least the shortfall so that the surviving Founder will receive all income earned by the Retirement Plan at least annually. The surviving Founder shall have full power, in such surviving Founder's discretion, to compel our Trustee to demand such distributions and to compel the Retirement Plan Trustee to convert any nonproductive property to productive property.

##### **c. Retirement Plan Expenses**

In calculating "all income earned by the Retirement Plan", our Trustee shall allocate all Retirement Plan expenses, including income taxes and Trustee's fees, that are attributable to principal distributions so that all income distributions from the Retirement Plan are not reduced.

## **Article VIII**

### **Administration of the Survivor's Trust**

#### **Section A. Creation of Two Survivor's Shares**

The property passing to the Survivor's Trust shall be divided into two shares. Both shares shall collectively constitute the Survivor's Trust.

##### **1. Survivor's Share One**

Our Trustee shall allocate all of the surviving Founder's separate portion of the trust property and all of the surviving Founder's community portion of the trust property, if any, to Survivor's Share One.

##### **2. Survivor's Share Two**

Survivor's Share Two shall consist of the balance, if any, of the property passing to the Survivor's Trust.

If any allocation under this Article results only in the funding of Survivor's Share One, our Trustee shall administer this agreement as if Survivor's Share Two did not exist. The funding of Survivor's Share One, when Survivor's Share Two does not exist, shall be referred to only as the Survivor's Trust and no designation shall be necessary.

Separate accounts shall be maintained for Survivor's Share One and Survivor's Share Two. Our Trustee may, however, hold the separate shares as a common fund for administrative convenience.

#### **Section B. Administration of Survivor's Share One**

Our Trustee shall administer Survivor's Share One for the surviving Founder's benefit as follows:

##### **1. The Surviving Founder's Right to Income**

Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the surviving Founder's benefit, at least monthly during the surviving Founder's lifetime, all of the net income from Survivor's Share One.

##### **2. The Surviving Founder's Right to Withdraw Principal**

Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the surviving Founder's benefit such amounts from the principal of Survivor's Share One as the surviving Founder may at any time request in writing.

No limitation shall be placed on the surviving Founder as to either the amount of or reason for such invasion of principal.

### **3. Principal Distributions in Our Trustee's Discretion**

Our Trustee may also distribute to or for the surviving Founder's benefit as much of the principal of Survivor's Share One as our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall consider necessary or advisable for the surviving Founder's education, health, maintenance, and support.

Our Trustee shall take into consideration, to the extent that our Trustee deems advisable, any income or resources of the surviving Founder which are outside of the trust and are known to our Trustee.

### **4. The Surviving Founder's General Power of Appointment**

The surviving Founder shall have the unlimited and unrestricted general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, the entire principal and any accrued and undistributed net income of Survivor's Share One as it exists at the surviving Founder's death. In exercising this general power of appointment, the surviving Founder shall specifically refer to this power.

The surviving Founder shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to the surviving Founder the right to appoint property to the surviving Founder's own estate. It also specifically grants to the surviving Founder the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations, or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as the surviving Founder may elect.

## **Section C. Administration of Survivor's Share Two**

Our Trustee shall administer Survivor's Share Two for the surviving Founder's benefit as follows:

### **1. The Surviving Founder's Right to Income**

Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the surviving Founder's benefit, at least monthly during the surviving Founder's lifetime, all of the net income from Survivor's Share Two.

The surviving Founder shall have the unlimited and unrestricted general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, any accrued and undistributed net income of Survivor's Share Two. In exercising this general power of appointment, the surviving Founder shall specifically refer to this power.

The surviving Founder shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to the surviving Founder the right to appoint property to the surviving Founder's own estate. It also specifically grants to the surviving Founder the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations, or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as the surviving Founder may elect.

### **2. Principal Distributions in Our Trustee's Discretion**

Our Trustee may also distribute to or for the surviving Founder's benefit as much of the principal of Survivor's Share Two as our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall consider necessary or advisable for the education, health, maintenance, and support of the surviving Founder.

Our Trustee shall take into consideration, to the extent that our Trustee deems advisable, any income or resources of the surviving Founder which are outside of the trust and are known to our Trustee.

It is our desire, to the extent that it is economically prudent, that principal distributions be made from Survivor's Share One until it is exhausted, and only thereafter from the principal of Survivor's Share Two.

### **3. The Surviving Founder's Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment**

The surviving Founder shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of our descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of the principal of Survivor's Share Two as it exists at the surviving Founder's death.

The surviving Founder may make distributions among our descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as the surviving Founder shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of the surviving Founder's estate, the creditors of the surviving Founder's estate, or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to the surviving Founder.

### **Section D. Administration of Both Survivor's Shares at Surviving Founder's Death**

Both Survivor's Share One and Survivor's Share Two shall terminate at the surviving Founder's death. Our Trustee shall administer the unappointed balance or remainder of both shares as follows:

#### **1. The Surviving Founder's Final Expenses**

Our Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, pay for the following expenses:

Expenses of the last illness, funeral, and burial of the surviving Founder.

Legally enforceable claims against the surviving Founder or the surviving Founder's estate.

Expenses of administering the surviving Founder's estate.

Any inheritance, estate, or other death taxes payable by reason of the surviving Founder's death, together with interest and penalties thereon.

Statutory or court-ordered allowances for qualifying family members.

The payments authorized under this Section are discretionary, and no claims or right to payment by third parties may be enforced against the trust by virtue of such discretionary authority.

Our Trustee shall be indemnified from the trust property for any damages sustained by our Trustee as a result of its exercising, in good faith, the authority granted it under this Section.

It is our desire that, to the extent possible, any payments authorized under this Section be paid from the surviving Founder's probate estate before any payments are made pursuant to this Section.

## **2. Redemption of Treasury Bonds**

If the Survivor's Trust holds United States Treasury Bonds eligible for redemption in payment of the federal estate tax, our Trustee shall redeem the bonds to the extent necessary to pay any federal estate tax due by reason of the surviving Founder's death.

## **3. Coordination with the Personal Representative**

This Paragraph shall be utilized to help facilitate the coordination between the personal representative of the surviving Founder's probate estate and our Trustee with respect to any property owned by the surviving Founder outside of this trust agreement at the surviving Founder's death.

### **a. Authorized Payments**

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, may elect to pay the payments authorized under this Section either directly to the appropriate persons or institutions or to the surviving Founder's personal representative.

Our Trustee may rely upon the written statements of the surviving Founder's personal representative as to all material facts relating to these payments; our Trustee shall not have any duty to see to the application of such payments.



**b. Purchase of Assets and Loans**

Our Trustee is authorized to purchase and retain in the form received, as an addition to the trust, any property which is a part of the surviving Founder's probate estate. In addition, our Trustee may make loans, with or without security, to the surviving Founder's probate estate. Our Trustee shall not be liable for any loss suffered by the trust as a result of the exercise of the powers granted in this paragraph.

**c. Distributions from the Personal Representative**

Our Trustee is authorized to accept distributions from the surviving Founder's personal representative without audit and our Trustee shall be under no obligation to examine the records or accounts of the personal representative.

**4. Trustee's Authority to Make Tax Elections**

Our Trustee may exercise any available elections with regard to state or federal income, inheritance, estate, succession, or gift tax law.

**a. Alternate Valuation Date**

The authority granted our Trustee in this Paragraph includes the right to elect any alternate valuation date for federal estate or state estate or inheritance tax purposes.

**b. Deduction of Administration Expenses**

The authority granted our Trustee in this Paragraph shall include the right to elect whether all or any parts of the administration expenses of the surviving Founder's estate are to be used as estate tax deductions or income tax deductions.

No compensating adjustments need be made between income and principal as a result of such elections unless our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine otherwise, or unless required by law.

**c. Taxes and Returns**

Our Trustee may also sign tax returns; pay any taxes, interest, or penalties with regard to taxes; and apply for and collect tax refunds and interest thereon.

**Section E. Subsequent Administration of the Survivor's Trust**

The unappointed balance or remainder of Survivor's Share One and Survivor's Share Two shall be administered as provided in Article X.

## **Article IX**

### **Administration of the Decedent's Trust**

#### **Section A. Use of Income and Principal**

During the lifetime of the surviving Founder, our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the benefit of the surviving Founder all net income and such portions of principal from the Decedent's Trust according to the following guidelines:

1. **NET INCOME** shall be paid in convenient installments, at least monthly.
2. **PRINCIPAL**
  - a. The surviving Founder shall have the noncumulative right to withdraw in any calendar year amounts not to exceed \$5,000.00.
  - b. In addition, on the last day of any calendar year, the surviving Founder may withdraw an amount by which five percent (5%) of the then market value of the principal of the Decedent's Trust exceeds principal amounts previously withdrawn in that year pursuant to Section A.2.a. of this Article.
  - c. Our Trustee may also distribute any amount of principal deemed necessary, in our Trustee's sole and absolute discretion, for the health, education, maintenance and support of the surviving Founder and our descendants.

#### **Section B. Guidelines for All Distributions**

At all times, our Trustee shall give primary consideration to the surviving Founder's health, education, maintenance and support, and thereafter to our descendant's health, education, maintenance and support.

If the surviving Founder has the power to remove a Trustee of the Decedent's Trust, our Trustee shall not distribute any of the principal of the Decedent's Trust that would in any manner discharge the surviving Founder's legal obligation to a beneficiary of the Decedent's Trust. If the surviving Founder is disabled, our Trustee shall ignore this restriction during the period of the surviving Founder's disability, and the surviving Founder shall not have the power to remove a Trustee of the Decedent's Trust.

### **Section C. Guidelines for Discretionary Distributions**

Before making discretionary distributions of principal from the Decedent's Trust to the surviving Founder, our Trustee shall preferably exhaust the Survivor's Trust.

Before making discretionary distributions pursuant to this Article, our Trustee shall consider income or other resources which are available outside of the Decedent's Trust to any beneficiary. Distributions need not be made to all Decedent's Trust beneficiaries and may be to the complete exclusion of some beneficiaries. Distributions may be made in equal or unequal amounts according to the respective needs of the Decedent's Trust beneficiaries and shall not be charged against a beneficiary's ultimate share of trust property.

### **Section D. Termination of the Decedent's Trust**

When the surviving Founder dies, the Decedent's Trust shall terminate and our Trustee shall administer the balance of the Decedent's Trust according to the following guidelines and in the following order:

1. The surviving Founder shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint all of the undistributed principal and income of the Decedent's Trust among our descendants only. Any such appointment may be in any proportion and on such terms and conditions as the surviving Founder may elect. The surviving Founder shall not have the right or power to appoint any portion of the Decedent's Trust in favor of the surviving Founder's estate, creditors of the surviving Founder's estate, or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to the surviving Founder. The right to exercise this limited testamentary power of appointment is the sole and exclusive right of the surviving Founder. Our Trustee shall distribute the appointed portions of the Decedent's Trust according to such appointment if exercised and specifically referred to either (i) in a valid last will and testament; (ii) in a living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment executed by the surviving Founder.
2. Any unappointed balance of the Decedent's Trust shall be administered as provided in the Articles that follow.

# Article X

## Upon the Death of the Survivor of Us

### Section A. Our Beneficiaries

Unless one of us shall otherwise direct in a qualified beneficiary designation as to his or her ownership interest in the trust, all trust property not previously distributed under the terms of our trust shall be divided and distributed in accordance with the terms of this trust declaration and as follows:

<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Share</u>
CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS	1/5
CAROL ANN BRUNSTING	1/5
CARL HENRY BRUNSTING	1/5
AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART	1/5
ANITA KAY RILEY	1/5

### Section B. Distribution to our Beneficiaries

#### 1. (a) Distribution of the share of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

The trust share set aside for CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall forthwith terminate and our Trustee shall distribute all undistributed net income and principal to CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS, free of the trust.

#### (b) Distribution on the Death of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

If CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, the trust share set aside for CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

#### 2. (a) Distribution of the share of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING

The trust share set aside for CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall forthwith terminate and our Trustee shall distribute all undistributed net income and principal to CAROL ANN BRUNSTING, free of the trust.

(b) Distribution on the Death of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING

If CAROL ANN BRUNSTING should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, the trust share set aside for CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if CAROL ANN BRUNSTING has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

3. (a) Distribution of the share of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING

The trust share set aside for CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall forthwith terminate and our Trustee shall distribute all undistributed net income and principal to CARL HENRY BRUNSTING, free of the trust.

(b) Distribution on the Death of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING

If CARL HENRY BRUNSTING should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of his trust share, the trust share set aside for CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if CARL HENRY BRUNSTING has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

4. (a) Distribution of the share of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

The trust share set aside for AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall forthwith terminate and our Trustee shall distribute all undistributed net income and principal to AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, free of the trust.

(b) Distribution on the Death of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, the trust share set aside for AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART has no then living

descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

5. (a) Distribution of the share of ANITA KAY RILEY

The trust share set aside for ANITA KAY RILEY shall forthwith terminate and our Trustee shall distribute all undistributed net income and principal to ANITA KAY RILEY, free of the trust.

(b) Distribution on the Death of ANITA KAY RILEY

If ANITA KAY RILEY should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, the trust share set aside for ANITA KAY RILEY shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if ANITA KAY RILEY has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

**Section C. Administration of the Share of a Decedent of a Deceased Beneficiary**

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions as to the disposition of a trust share upon the death of a beneficiary, each share set aside for a deceased beneficiary who has then living descendants shall be held in trust if the descendant of the deceased beneficiary is under 21 years of age, or is disabled or incapacitated.

Our Trustee shall administer and distribute each such share according to the provisions of Article XI, Section D.

**Section D. Subsequent Children**

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article wherein beneficiaries are named, if, subsequent to the creation of this trust declaration, we have additional children or legally adopt children who are under the age of 18, each such child shall be included among the beneficiaries named in this Article and an equal trust share shall be created for each such beneficiary.

Our Trustee shall administer and distribute each such share according to the provisions of Article XI, Section D.

**Section E. Guidelines for Discretionary Distributions**

Whenever we have given our Trustee any discretionary authority over the distribution of income or principal to any named beneficiary, our Trustee shall be liberal in exercising such discretion and shall give such beneficiary assistance for any opportunity or expense deemed by our Trustee to be in the best interest of such beneficiary. However, before making discretionary distributions, our Trustee shall take into consideration any additional sources of income and principal available to such beneficiary which exist outside of this agreement and are known to our Trustee, and the future probable needs of such beneficiary.

**Section F. Guidelines for All Distributions**

Whenever any provision of this Article authorizes or requires a distribution to any beneficiary, then our Trustee shall retain such distribution in trust at such beneficiary's written request. Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary such amounts of income and principal as the beneficiary may at any time request in writing. No limitations shall be placed upon the beneficiary regarding withdrawals from his or her respective trust share. In addition, our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, may distribute to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary as much of the principal and income of the beneficiary's trust share as our Trustee deems advisable, in its sole and absolute discretion, for the health, education, maintenance and support of the beneficiary.

**Section G. Ultimate Distribution**

If at any time there is no person, corporation or other entity entitled to receive all or any part of the trust property of one of us, it shall be distributed as follows:

<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Share%</u>
CENTRAL COLLEGE OF IOWA Pella, Iowa	100%

If the CENTRAL COLLEGE OF IOWA, Pella, Iowa, is no longer in existence at the date of distribution, but has designated a successor, such successor shall receive such beneficiary's share. However, if no such successor has been designated, the share of such beneficiary shall pass one-half to those persons who would be the wife Founder's heirs as if she had died intestate owning such property and the balance shall pass to those persons who would be the husband Founder's heirs as if he had died intestate owning such property.

The distribution of trust property, for purposes of this Section, shall be determined by the laws of descent and distribution for intestate estates in the State of Texas as such laws are in effect at the time of any distribution under this Article.



## **Article XI**

### **Protection of Beneficial Interests**

#### **Section A. Protection of the Interests of Our Beneficiaries**

No beneficiary will have the power to anticipate, encumber or transfer any interest in the trust. No part of the trust will be liable for or charged with any debts, contracts, liabilities or torts of a beneficiary or subject to seizure or other process by any creditor of a beneficiary.

#### **Section B. Unproductive or Underproductive Assets**

A beneficiary who is then entitled to the income of the trust, or the income of any other trust established or continued pursuant to this trust declaration, will have the authority to issue a written directive to the Trustee to convert trust property which does not produce an income, or which is underproductive, into property which is income producing or which will provide a greater income to the trust.

Upon actual receipt of an income beneficiary's written directive, the Trustee will reasonably and prudently proceed to convert unproductive or underproductive property into property which will produce a reasonable and safe rate of return. The Trustee may do so by selling the unproductive or underproductive asset upon such terms and conditions as are prudent and reasonable under all circumstances which may then exist (including the acceptance of an income or interest bearing obligation as the whole or a part of the sales price), and investing the proceeds of the sale in income producing instruments or obligations.

Notwithstanding these requirements, a trust beneficiary cannot direct the Trustee to invest or reinvest trust property in a trust investment which is speculative in nature or which, in result, would violate the spendthrift provisions of this trust declaration.

#### **Section C. No Contest of Our Trust**

The Founders vest in the Trustee the authority to construe this trust instrument and to resolve all matters pertaining to disputed issues or controverted claims. Founders do not want to burden this trust with the cost of a litigated proceeding to resolve questions of law or fact unless the proceeding is originated by the Trustee or with the Trustee's written permission.

Any person, agency or organization who shall originate (or who shall cause to be instituted) a judicial proceeding to construe or contest this trust instrument, or any will which requires distribution of property to this trust, or to resolve any claim or controversy in the nature of reimbursement, or seeking to impress a constructive or resulting trust, or alleging any other theory which, if assumed as true, would enlarge (or originate) a claimant's interest in this trust or in the Founders' estates, without the Trustee's written permission, shall forfeit any

amount to which that person, agency or organization is or may be entitled and the interest of any such litigant or contestant shall pass as if he or she or it had predeceased us, regardless of whether or not such contestant is a named beneficiary.

These directions shall apply even though the person, agency or organization shall be found by a court of law to have originated the judicial proceeding in good faith and with probable cause and even though the proceedings may seek nothing more than to construe the application of this no contest provision.

This requirement is to be limited, even to the exclusion thereof, in the event it operates to deny the benefits of the federal estate tax or federal gift tax marital deduction.

#### **Section D. Our Trustee's Authority to Keep Property in Trust**

Unless this trust declaration provided otherwise, if any trust property becomes distributable to a beneficiary when the beneficiary is under 21 years of age, or when the beneficiary is under any form of legal disability, as defined in Article XIII, our Trustee shall retain that beneficiary's share in a separate trust until he or she attains 21 years of age, or until his or her legal disability has ceased, to be administered and distributed as follows:

##### **1. Distributions of Trust Income and Principal**

Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary as much of the net income and principal of the trust as our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, deems necessary or advisable for the beneficiary's health, education, maintenance and support. No guardian or custodian of a beneficiary shall have any control or interposition over our Trustee.

In making any distributions of income and principal under this Section, our Trustee shall be mindful of, and take into consideration to the extent it deems necessary, any additional sources of income and principal available to the beneficiary which arise outside of this agreement.

Any net income not distributed to a beneficiary shall be accumulated and added to principal.

##### **2. Methods of Distribution**

Distributions to an incompetent or disabled beneficiary, or a minor beneficiary, may be made in any of the following ways as in the Trustee's opinion will be most beneficial to the interests of the beneficiary:

- (a) Directly to such beneficiary;
- (b) To his or her parent, guardian or legal representative;
- (c) To a custodian for said beneficiary under any Uniform Gifts to Minors Act and/or Gifts of Securities to Minors Act in the jurisdiction of residence of such beneficiary;

- (d) To any person with whom he or she is residing;
- (e) To some near relative or close friend; or
- (f) By the Trustee using such payment directly for the benefit of such beneficiary, including payments made to or for the benefit of any person or persons whom said beneficiary has a legal obligation to support;
- (g) To persons, corporations or other entities for the use and benefit of the beneficiary;
- (h) To an account in a commercial bank or savings institution in the name of the beneficiary, or in a form reserving the title, management and custody of the account to a suitable person, corporation or other entity for the use and benefit of the beneficiary; or
- (i) In any prudent form of annuity purchased for the use and benefit of the beneficiary.

The Trustee may instead, in the Trustee's sole discretion, hold such income or corpus for the account of such beneficiary as custodian. A receipt from a beneficiary or from his parent, guardian, legal representative, relative or close friend or other person described above shall be a sufficient discharge to the Trustee from any liability for making said payments.

The Trustee is likewise authorized to consult with and act upon the advice of the parent, guardian, custodian or legal representative of any beneficiary who is either an incompetent or a minor with respect to any and all matters which may arise under this trust and as it concerns the rights or interests of said beneficiary.

All statements, accounts, documents, releases, notices or other written instruments, including but not limited to, written instruments concerning the resignation or replacement of any Trustee or Trustees, required to be delivered to or executed by such beneficiary, may be delivered to or executed by the

parent, guardian, custodian or legal representative of said incompetent or minor beneficiary, and when so delivered or executed shall be binding upon said incompetent or minor beneficiary, and shall be of the same force and effect as though delivered to or executed by a beneficiary acting under no legal disability.

**3. Termination and Ultimate Distribution**

Our Trustee shall distribute the trust property to a beneficiary:

When he or she attains 21 years of age, or

When he or she ceases to be disabled.

## **Article XII**

### **Our Trustees' Powers and Authority**

#### **Section A. Applicability of Texas Trust Code and Other Statutes**

The Trustee shall have the powers, duties, and liabilities set forth in this declaration and as more specifically stated in this Article, as well as such powers, duties and liabilities set forth in the Texas Trust Code, and all other applicable state and federal statutes, as now enacted and as hereafter amended, except to the extent the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this declaration, in which case the provisions of this declaration shall govern.

#### **Section B. Powers to Be Exercised in the Best Interests of the Beneficiaries**

The Trustee shall exercise the following administrative and investment powers without the order of any court, as the Trustee determines in its sole and absolute discretion to be in the best interests of the beneficiaries.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this agreement, the Trustee shall not exercise any power in a manner inconsistent with the beneficiaries' right to the beneficial enjoyment of the trust property in accordance with the general principles of the law of trusts.

The Trustee may perform every act reasonably necessary to administer each and every share or trust created under this agreement.

#### **Section C. General Investment and Management Powers**

The Trustee is authorized to invest in such investments as the Trustee deems proper and prudent, even if such investments fail to constitute properly diversified trust investments or for any other reason could be considered to be improper trust investments. The Trustee's investment authority is intended to be quite broad, and shall include, but is not limited to, all authority that follows.

In addition, the Trustee is granted the authority to exercise any managerial powers of an individual with respect to matters affecting a trust, it being our intention to grant broad managerial discretion to the Trustee that is consistent with the management and administration of a trust, including the following managerial authorities.

### **Originally Contributed Properties**

The Trustee may continue to hold and maintain all assets originally contributed to any trust.

### **Additional Properties**

The Trustee is authorized to receive additional trust property, whether by gift, will, or otherwise, either from us, from either of us, or from any other person, corporation, or entity.

Upon receipt of any additional property, the Trustee shall administer and distribute the same as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may retain, without liability for depreciation or loss resulting from such retention, all property constituting the trust estate at the time of its creation or thereafter received from other sources.

The foregoing shall be acceptable even though such property may not be of the character prescribed by law for the investment of trust funds or may result in inadequate diversification of the trust property.

### **Securities Powers**

The Trustee may invest and reinvest in such classes of stocks, bonds, securities, commodities, options, metals, or other property real or personal, as it shall determine.

The Trustee is authorized to buy, sell, and trade in securities of any nature, including short sales on margin. The Trustee may maintain and operate margin accounts with brokers, and may pledge any securities held or purchased by other Trustees with such brokers as securities for loans and advances made to the Trustee.

The Trustee may retain, exercise, or sell rights of conversion or subscription with respect to any securities held as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may vote or refrain from voting at corporate meetings either in person or by proxy, whether general or limited, and with or without substitutions.

### **Investment of Cash Assets**

A corporate entity serving as Trustee may deposit trust funds with itself as either a permanent or temporary investment, and may place trust funds under its administration in common trust funds established and maintained by such corporate trustee or its affiliate. In determining where to invest cash resources, the Trustee may consider all factors, including facility of access and security of funds invested, as well as the stated rate of return.

### **Unproductive or Wasting Assets**

Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, the Trustee may receive, acquire and maintain assets that may constitute unproductive, underproductive or wasting assets if the Trustee believes it is reasonable to do so. Upon the sale or disposition of any such asset, the

Trustee need not make an allocation of any portion of the principal element of such sale proceeds to the income beneficiaries of the trust.

### **Personal Residence and Furnishings of Personal Residence**

To the extent that the personal residence that we occupied at the date of the death of the first of us to die and any furnishings of such residence become part of a trust estate, the Trustee is authorized to continue to retain and use, to distribute in kind, or to sell any such assets should the Trustee believe the retention, use, distribution or sale of such assets would be beneficial to the survivor of us.

### **Mineral Properties**

The Trustee shall have the power to acquire, exchange, maintain or sell mineral interests, and to make oil, gas and mineral leases covering any lands or mineral interests forming a part of a trust estate, including leases for periods extending beyond the duration of the trust.

The Trustee may pool or unitize any or all of the lands, mineral leaseholds or mineral interests of a trust with others for the purpose of developing and producing oil, gas or other minerals, and may make leases or assignments containing the right to pool or unitize.

The Trustee may enter into contracts and agreements relating to the installation or operation of absorption, repressuring and other processing plants, may drill or contract for the drilling of wells for oil, gas or other minerals, may enter into, renew and extend operating agreements and exploration contracts, may engage in secondary and tertiary recovery operations, may make "bottom hole" or "dry hole" contributions, and may deal otherwise with respect to mineral properties as an individual owner might deal with his own properties.

The Trustee may enter into contracts, conveyances and other agreements or transfers deemed necessary or desirable to carry out these powers, including division orders, oil, gas or other hydrocarbon sales contracts, processing agreements, and other contracts relating to the processing, handling, treating, transporting and marketing of oil, gas or other mineral production.

Any lease or other agreement may have a duration that the Trustee deems reasonable, even though extending beyond the duration of any trust created in this agreement.

The Trustee may drill, test, explore, mine, develop, and otherwise exploit any and all oil, gas, coal, and other mineral interests, and may select, employ, utilize, or participate in any business form, including partnerships, joint ventures, co-owners' groups, syndicates, and corporations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, exploiting, developing, operating, or disposing of oil, gas, coal, and other mineral interests.

The Trustee may employ the services of consultants or outside specialists in connection with the evaluation, management, acquisition, disposition, or development of any mineral interests, and may pay the cost of such services from the principal or income of the trust property.

The Trustee may use the general assets of the trusts created under this agreement for the purposes of acquiring, holding, managing, developing, pooling, unitizing, repressuring, or disposing of any mineral interests.

The term "mineral" shall mean minerals of whatever kind and wherever located, whether surface or subsurface deposits, including (without limitation) coal, lignite and other hydrocarbons, iron ore, and uranium.

#### **Power to Enter Into or Continue Business Activities**

The Trustee shall have the authority to enter into, engage in, expand, carry on, terminate and liquidate any and all business activities, whether in proprietary, general or limited partnership, joint venture or corporate form, with such persons and entities as the Trustee deems proper. This power pertains to business activities in progress at the date of our deaths, and to business opportunities arising thereafter. Business activities conducted by the Trustee should be related to the administration and investment of the trust estate, for it is not our intention to convert any trust into an entity that would be taxable as an association for federal tax purposes.

#### **Banking Authority**

The Trustee is authorized to establish and maintain bank accounts of all types in one or more banking institutions that the Trustee may choose.

#### **Corporate Activities**

The Trustee may form, reorganize or dissolve corporations, and may exercise all rights of a stockholder, including the right to vote for or against mergers, consolidations and liquidations, and to act with or without substitution. An individual serving as Trustee may elect himself as an officer or director of a corporation owned in part or in whole by a trust created by this declaration, and a corporate entity serving as Trustee may elect one of its officers to such a position, and in each such instance the person so elected may be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered to such corporation in such capacity. The Trustee may retain, exercise or sell rights of conversion or subscription to any securities held as part of the trust property.

#### **Agricultural Powers**

The Trustee may retain, sell, acquire, and continue any farm or ranching operation whether as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation.

The Trustee may engage in the production, harvesting, and marketing of both farm and ranch products either by operating directly or with management agencies, hired labor, tenants, or sharecroppers.

The Trustee may engage and participate in any government farm program, whether state or federally sponsored.

The Trustee may purchase or rent machinery, equipment, livestock, poultry, feed, and seed.



The Trustee may improve and repair all farm and ranch properties; construct buildings, fences, and drainage facilities; acquire, retain, improve, and dispose of wells, water rights, ditch rights, and priorities of any nature.

The Trustee may, in general, do all things customary or desirable to operate a farm or ranch operation for the benefit of the beneficiaries of the various trusts created under this agreement.

### **Real Estate**

The Trustee may purchase or sell real property, and may exchange, partition, subdivide, develop, manage, and improve real property. The Trustee may grant or acquire easements, may impose deed restrictions, may adjust boundaries, may raze existing improvements, and may dedicate land or rights in land for public use. The Trustee may construct, repair, alter, remodel, demolish or abandon improvements. The Trustee may take any other action reasonably necessary for the preservation of real estate and fixtures comprising a part of the trust property or the income therefrom.

### **Authority to Sell or Lease and Other Dispositive Powers**

The Trustee may sell, lease or grant options to lease trust property without the consent or ratification of any court, remainderman, or third party, including the authority to lease beyond the anticipated term of a trust, upon such terms and for such consideration as the Trustee deems appropriate. The Trustee may make such contracts, deeds, leases, and other instruments it deems proper under the circumstances, and may deal with the trust property in all other ways in which a natural person could deal with his or her property.

### **Warranties and Covenants**

The Trustee may convey properties with such covenants and warranties of title (general or special) as the Trustee deems appropriate.

### **Trustee's Compensation**

The Trustee shall pay itself reasonable compensation for its services as fiduciary as provided in this agreement.

### **Employment and Delegation of Authority to Agents**

The Trustee may employ and compensate, and may discharge, such advisors and agents as the Trustee deems proper, and may delegate to an agent such authorities (including discretionary authorities) as the Trustee deems appropriate, by duly executed powers of attorney or otherwise.

### **Power to Release or Abandon Property or Rights, and to Pursue Claims**

The Trustee may release, compromise or abandon claims or rights to property for such consideration (including no consideration) as the Trustee determines to be appropriate when

the Trustee determines it is prudent to do so. The Trustee is authorized to institute suit on behalf of and to defend suits brought against a trust estate, and to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosure.

### **Nominal Title and Use of Nominees**

With or without disclosing fiduciary capacity, the Trustee may acquire title to property in the name of the Trustee or in the name of one or more nominees, and may allow its nominees to take possession of trust assets with or without direct custodial supervision by the Trustee.

### **Power to Lend Money and Guarantee Obligations**

The Trustee may lend money to any person, to any business entity, to an estate, or to any trust, if the Trustee deems the loan to be in the best interests of the trust beneficiaries, provided that any such loan (except loans to beneficiaries) shall be adequately secured and shall bear a reasonable rate of interest.

The Trustee, in the Trustee's discretion, may endorse, guarantee, become the surety of or otherwise become obligated for or with respect to the debts or other obligations of any person or legal entity, whether with or without consideration, when the Trustee believes such actions advance the purposes of any trust created hereunder.

The Trustee may make loans from a beneficiary's trust share to or for the benefit of such a beneficiary on an unsecured basis, and for such rate of interest as the Trustee deems appropriate, when in the Trustee's judgment, such loan would be consistent with the purposes of such trust.

### **Power to Borrow**

The Trustee may assume the payment of and renew and extend any indebtedness previously created by either or both Founders, and the Trustee may create new indebtedness and raise money by any means, including margin trading in securities, when the Trustee believes such borrowing will be beneficial to the trust estate.

The Trustee is authorized to secure the payment of each such indebtedness, and all renewals, extensions and refinancing of same, by pledge, mortgage, deed of trust or other encumbrance covering and binding all or any part of the trust estate of a trust.

The Trustee may loan its own monies to a trust and may charge and recover the then usual and customary rate of interest thereon when, in the discretion of Trustee, it is prudent to do so.

### **Payment of Indebtedness and Settlement Costs**

The Trustee may in its sole discretion pay the funeral and burial expenses, expenses of the last illness, and valid claims and expenses of an income beneficiary of any trust created under this agreement.

Funeral and burial expenses shall include, but not be limited to, the cost of memorials of all types and memorial services of such kind as the Trustee shall approve. Valid claims and expenses shall include, but not be limited to, all state and federal death taxes.

The payments shall be paid from the assets of the trust or trusts from which the beneficiary was receiving income.

#### **Transactions Between the Trustee and Our Personal Representatives**

The Trustee is authorized to accept from our personal representatives, upon the termination or during the administration of our respective probate estates, if any, assets delivered by our personal representatives to the Trustee on the basis of the accounting submitted by the personal representatives, without requiring an audit or other independent accounting of the acts of our personal representatives, and the Trustee shall not have liability for the acts or omissions of our personal representatives. The foregoing shall not limit the right of our Trustee to request an accounting from our personal representatives and our personal representatives shall, upon request from the Trustee, furnish a complete accounting for their actions.

The Trustee shall have the power to purchase property from our estates at its fair market value, as determined by our personal representatives and by our Trustee, and to the extent required to permit such purchase of assets and to permit loans from the Trustee to our estate, we specifically waive application of the provisions of Section 352 of the Texas Probate Code and Sections 113.053 and 113.054 of the Texas Trust Code.

#### **Commingling Trust Estates**

For the purpose of convenience with regard to the administration and investment of the trust property, the Trustee may hold the several trusts created under this agreement as a common fund.

The Trustee may make joint investments with respect to the funds comprising the trust property.

The Trustee may enter into any transaction authorized by this Article with fiduciaries of other trusts or estates in which any beneficiary hereunder has an interest, even though such fiduciaries are also Trustees under this agreement.

#### **Addition of Accumulated Income to Principal**

The Trustee shall, on a convenient periodic basis, add the accumulated undistributed income of any trust which does not provide for mandatory income distributions to specified beneficiaries, and which does not require that any undistributed income be maintained separately for ultimate distribution to specified beneficiaries, to the principal of such trust.

### **Distributions Not Treated as Advancements**

No distributions to a beneficiary of any trust created hereunder shall be treated as an advancement against the beneficiary's share of such trust unless the distribution is specially so treated on the Trustee's records at the time of the distribution or unless the Trustee gives notice of such fact to the beneficiary at the time of the distribution. If the Trustee has the discretion to make distributions from a trust to more than one beneficiary, the Trustee ordinarily should not treat distributions to any particular beneficiary as an advancement of that beneficiary's share of the trust unless an event has occurred causing the termination of such trust.

### **Tax Elections**

The Trustee may exercise any available elections regarding state or federal income, inheritance, estate, succession or gift tax law including the right to elect any alternate valuation date for federal estate or inheritance tax purposes, the right to elect whether all or any parts of the administration of a deceased Founder's estate are to be used as estate tax deductions or income tax deductions, the right to make compensating adjustments between income and principal as a result of such elections if necessary, and the right to elect to have trust property qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction as qualified terminable interest property under the appropriate provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations. The Trustee may also sign tax returns; pay any taxes, interest or penalties with regard to taxes; apply for and collect tax refunds thereon.

The Trustee is authorized to make elections available under applicable tax laws as the Trustee determines, in its discretion, to be advisable even though such elections may affect the interests of trust beneficiaries. The Trustee need not, but may, in its sole discretion, make equitable adjustments of the interests of the trust beneficiaries in light of the effect of such elections.

### **Transactions in Which the Trustee Has A Direct or Indirect Interest**

We expressly waive prohibitions existing under the common law and the Texas Trust Code that might otherwise prohibit a person or entity who is serving as a Trustee from engaging in transactions with himself or itself personally, so long as the consideration exchanged in any such transaction is fair and reasonable to the trust created by this declaration. Specifically, we authorize the Trustee (a) to buy or sell trust property from or to an individual or entity serving as a Trustee, or from or to a relative, employee, business associate or affiliate of such individual serving as Trustee; (b) to sell or exchange and to transact other business activities involving properties of one trust with another trust under the control of the Trustee; and (c) to sell or purchase from a trust the stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of the Trustee or its affiliate.

Notwithstanding the general powers conferred upon the Trustee, or anything to the contrary contained in this agreement, no individual Trustee shall exercise or participate in the exercise of discretion with respect to the distribution of trust income or principal to or for the benefit of such Trustee.

No individual Trustee shall exercise or participate in the exercise of such discretionary power with respect to distributions to any person or persons such Trustee is legally obligated to support as to that support obligation.

#### **Section D. Apportionment of Receipts and Expenses Between Income and Principal**

The Trustee shall have the power, exercisable in such Trustee's reasonable and sole discretion, to determine what is principal or income of a trust or trust share. The Trustee shall pay from income or principal all of the reasonable expenses attributable to the administration of the respective trusts created in this agreement. The Trustee shall have the power to establish a reasonable reserve for depreciation or depletion and to fund the same by appropriate charges against income of the trust estate. For purposes of determining an appropriate reserve for depreciable or depletable assets, the Trustee may (but need not) adopt the depreciation or depletion allowance available for federal income tax purposes.

#### **Section E. Records, Books of Account and Reports**

The Trustee shall promptly set up and thereafter maintain, or cause to be set up and maintained, proper books of account which shall accurately reflect the true financial condition of the trust estate. Such books of account shall at all reasonable times be open for the inspection or audit by the beneficiaries, their parent or court appointed guardians, and the duly authorized agents, attorneys, representatives and auditors of each, at the expense of the beneficiary making such inspection or audit.

The Trustee shall make a written financial report, at least semi-annually, to each beneficiary of the trust who is or could be entitled to receive a present income distribution, unless such beneficiary, or such beneficiary's parent or legal guardian, has executed a written waiver of the right to receive such a report. The Trustee shall not be obligated to provide financial reports to a beneficiary who is less than eighteen years old if such reports are being provided to a parent of such beneficiary. Such reports shall be submitted to the parent or guardian of a minor beneficiary, or to the guardian or other legal representative of any incapacitated beneficiary.

The first financial report shall identify all property initially received by the Trustee. The first report and each subsequent report shall include a statement of all property on hand at the end of such accounting period, of all property that has come to the knowledge or possession of the Trustee that has not been previously listed as property of the trust, of all known liabilities, of all receipts and disbursements during such period (including a statement as to whether the receipt or disbursement is of income or principal), and of such other facts as the Trustee deems necessary to furnish in order to provide adequate information as to the condition of the trust estate.

Except as otherwise provided in this declaration, should any person interested in a trust estate request an accounting for the Trustee's actions that is more extensive or more frequent than the accounting normally to be rendered, the Trustee may require such person to pay the additional costs incurred in preparing the same before complying with such request.

## **Section F. Trustee's Liability**

No person or entity serving as Trustee without compensation shall be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of fact or law or for ordinary negligence, but shall be liable for acts involving willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith.

Unless otherwise provided, no person or entity serving as Trustee who is receiving compensation for his or its services hereunder shall be liable for any loss which may occur as a result of any actions taken or not taken by the Trustee if such person or entity has exercised the reasonable care, skill and prudence generally exercised by a compensated fiduciary with respect to the administration, investment, and management of similar estates.

No person or entity serving as Trustee shall be liable for the acts, omissions or defaults of any other person or entity serving as Trustee, agent or other person to whom duties may be properly delegated hereunder (except that each corporate trustee shall be liable for the acts, omissions and defaults of its officers and regular employees) if such agent or other person was engaged with reasonable care.

Unless a Trustee shall expressly contract and bind himself or itself individually, no Trustee shall incur any personal liability to any person or legal entity dealing with the Trustee in the administration of a trust. The Trustee shall be entitled to reimbursement from the properties of a trust for any liability or expense, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, incurred by the Trustee in the proper administration of a trust.

The Trustee shall be indemnified from the trust property for any damages sustained by the Trustee as a result of its exercising, in good faith, any of the authorities granted it under this trust declaration.

## **Section G. Duty of Third Parties Dealing with Trustee**

No person dealing with the Trustee shall be responsible for the application of any assets delivered to the Trustee, and the receipt of the Trustee shall be a full discharge to the extent of the property delivered. No purchaser from or other person dealing with the Trustee, and no issuer or transfer agent of any securities to which any dealing with the Trustee shall relate, shall be under any duty to ascertain the power of the Trustee to purchase, sell, exchange, transfer, encumber or otherwise in any manner deal with any property held by the Trustee. No person dealing with the Trustee in good faith shall be under any duty to see that the terms of a trust are complied with or to inquire into the validity or propriety of any act of the Trustee.

## **Section H. Division and Distribution of Trust Estate**

When the Trustee is required to divide or make distribution from a trust estate, in whole or in part, such division or distribution may be made by the Trustee in cash or in kind, or partly in cash and partly in kind, and the Trustee may assign or apportion to the distributees undivided interests in any assets then constituting a part of such trust estate. The Trustee may encumber property, may sell property, and may make non-pro-rata distributions when

the Trustee believes it is practical or desirable and equitable to do so in order to effectuate a trust distribution regardless of the income tax basis of any asset.

If non-pro-rata distributions are to be made, the Trustee should attempt to allocate the tax basis of the assets distributed in an equitable manner among the beneficiaries of the trust, but the Trustee may at all times rely upon the written agreement of the trust beneficiaries as to the apportionment of assets. To the extent non-pro-rata distributions are made and the tax basis of the assets so distributed is not uniformly apportioned among beneficiaries, the Trustee may, but need not, make any equitable adjustments among such beneficiaries as a result of such nonuniformity in basis.

## **Section I. Life Insurance**

The Trustee shall have the powers with regard to life insurance as set forth in this Section I, except as otherwise provided in this agreement.

The Trustee may purchase, accept, hold, and deal with as owner, policies of insurance on both Founders' individual or joint lives, the life of any trust beneficiary, or on the life of any person in whom any trust beneficiary has an insurable interest.

The Trustee shall have the power to execute or cancel any automatic premium loan agreement with respect to any policy, and shall have the power to elect or cancel any automatic premium loan provision in a life insurance policy.

The Trustee may borrow money with which to pay premiums due on any policy either from the company issuing the policy or from any other source and may assign any such policy as security for the loan.

The Trustee shall have the power to exercise any option contained in a policy with regard to any dividend or share of surplus apportioned to the policy, to reduce the amount of a policy or convert or exchange the policy, or to surrender a policy at any time for its cash value.

The Trustee may elect any paid-up insurance or any extended-term insurance nonforfeiture option contained in a policy.

The Trustee shall have the power to sell policies at their fair market value to the insured or to anyone having an insurable interest in the policies.

The Trustee shall have the right to exercise any other right, option, or benefit contained in a policy or permitted by the insurance company issuing that policy.

Upon termination of any trust created under this agreement, the Trustee shall have the power to transfer and assign the policies held by the trust as a distribution of trust property.

## **Section J. Insured Trustee's Authority**

Any individual Trustee under this agreement, other than either Founder, is prohibited from exercising any power conferred on the owner of any policy which insures the life of such individual Trustee and which is held as part of the trust property.

If the Trustee holds any such policy or policies as a part of the trust property, the powers conferred on the owner of such a policy shall be exercised only by the other then acting Trustee.

If the insured Trustee is the only then acting Trustee, then such powers shall be exercised by a substitute Trustee designated pursuant to the provisions of this agreement dealing with the trusteeship.

If any rule of law or court decision construes the ability of the insured Trustee to name a substitute Trustee as an incident of ownership, the substitution process shall be implemented by a majority of the then current mandatory and discretionary income beneficiaries, excluding the insured Trustee if the insured Trustee is a beneficiary.

#### **Section K. Estimated Income Tax Payment Allocation**

The Trustee, in its sole discretion, may elect or not elect to treat all or any portion of federal estimated taxes paid by any trust to be treated as a payment made by any one or more beneficiaries of such trust who are entitled to receive current distributions of income or principal from such trust. The election need not be made in a pro rata manner among all beneficiaries of the trust.

If there is an individual serving as a co-trustee who is a beneficiary of a trust created by this declaration, that individual may not take part in any decision to treat any trust estimated income tax payment as a payment by such individual.

In exercising or choosing not to exercise the discretion granted in this paragraph, the Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary or to any other persons directly or indirectly for any action or inaction so taken except for its willful fraud or gross negligence.

#### **Section L. Merger of Trusts**

If at any time the Trustee determines it would be in the best interest of the beneficiary or beneficiaries of any trust created by this declaration to transfer or merge all of the assets held in such trust with any other trust created either by trust instrument or by will for the benefit of the same beneficiary or beneficiaries and under substantially similar trusts, terms and conditions, the Trustee under this declaration, after giving not less than thirty days advance written notice to its beneficiaries, is authorized to transfer to or merge all of the assets held under the trust created by this declaration to such other substantially similar trust, and to terminate the trust created under this declaration regardless of whether the Trustee under this declaration also is acting as the trustee of such other trust.

The Trustee under this declaration shall not be subject to liability for delegation of its duties for any such transfer to a substantially similar trust having a different person or entity



serving as trustee, and shall have no further liability with respect to trust assets properly delivered to the trustee of any such other substantially similar trust. Similarly, the Trustee of any trust created by this declaration is authorized to receive from the trustee of any other substantially similar trust the assets held under such other trust.

#### **Section M. Termination and Distribution of Small Trust**

If, in the discretionary judgment of the person(s) or entity serving as Trustee, any trust shall at any time be a size which, in the Trustee's sole judgment, shall make it inadvisable or unnecessary to continue such trust, then the Trustee may distribute the trust estate of such trust to its beneficiaries in proportion to their respective presumptive interests in such trust at the time of such termination.

If either or both of us are a beneficiary of a trust terminated pursuant to this paragraph and are surviving at the date of such termination, the Trustee shall distribute the assets of such terminated trust to both of us or the survivor of us. The Trustee shall not be liable either for terminating or for refusing to terminate a trust as authorized by this paragraph.

#### **Section N. Elimination of Duty to Create Identical Trusts**

If the provisions of this trust direct the Trustee to hold any portion of its trust estate at its termination as the trust estate of a new trust for the benefit of any person or persons who already are beneficiaries of an existing identical trust, that portion of the terminating trust shall be added to the existing identical trust, and no new trust shall be created.

#### **Section O. Powers of Trustee Subsequent to an Event of Termination**

The Trustee shall have a reasonable period of time after the occurrence of an event of termination in which to wind up the administration of a trust and to make a distribution of its assets. During this period of time the Trustee shall continue to have and shall exercise all powers granted herein to the Trustee or conferred upon the Trustee by law until all provisions of this declaration are fully executed.

#### **Section P. Requesting Financial Information of Trust Beneficiaries**

In exercising its discretion to make any discretionary distributions to the beneficiaries of any trust created hereunder, the Trustee is authorized to request any financial information, including prior federal income tax returns, from the respective beneficiaries that the Trustee deems necessary in order to exercise its discretion in accordance with the provisions for making such distributions under this declaration.

## **Section Q. Retirement Plan Elections**

Except as otherwise provided in this trust declaration, the Trustee may receive or disclaim any and all proceeds from retirement plans, including, but not limited to, qualified pension, profit sharing, Keogh, individual retirement accounts, or any other form or type of plan. The Trustee may make such elections and exercise options as provided in such plan, without liability to any beneficiary for the election made or option elected. Any disclaimed proceeds or benefits shall be paid in accordance with the terms, conditions, and directives set forth in the subject plan.

## **Section R. Qualification as a Qualified Subchapter S Trust**

If any stock of an S corporation becomes distributable to a trust created under this agreement, and such trust is not a qualified Subchapter S trust, the Trustee may implement any of the following alternatives with respect to the S corporation stock:

### **1. A Sole Beneficiary**

Where the original trust is for a sole beneficiary, the Trustee may create for that beneficiary a separate trust that qualifies as a Subchapter S trust, and then distribute such stock to the newly created trust.

### **2. Multiple Beneficiaries**

Where the original trust is for multiple beneficiaries, the Trustee may divide the trust into separate trusts for each of the beneficiaries. Each newly created trust shall hold that beneficiary's pro rata share of the S corporation stock, and shall qualify as a Subchapter S trust.

### **3. Outright Distribution**

If circumstances prevent the Trustee from accomplishing the first two alternatives under this paragraph, the Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, distribute such stock to the beneficiaries as if the trust had terminated, while continuing to hold any other non-S corporation property in trust.

Each newly created S corporation trust shall have mandatory distributions of income and shall not provide for powers of appointment that can be exercised by the beneficiary during the beneficiary's lifetime. In all other respects, the newly created trusts shall be as consistent as possible with the original trusts and still qualify as Subchapter S trusts.

The Trustee may take any action necessary with regard to S corporations, including making any elections required to qualify stock as S corporation stock, and may sign all required tax returns and forms.

## Article XIII

### Definitions

For purposes of this trust declaration, the following words and phrases shall be defined as follows:

1. Adopted and Afterborn Persons. Persons who are legally adopted while they are under 18 years of age shall be treated for all purposes under this agreement as though they were the naturally born children of their adopting parents.

A child in gestation who is later born alive shall be considered a child in being throughout the period of gestation.

2. Descendants. The term "descendants" means the lawful lineal blood descendants of the person or persons to whom reference is made. A descendant in gestation who is later born alive shall be considered a descendant in being throughout the period of gestation. An adopted person, and all persons who are the descendants by blood or by legal adoption while under the age of 18 years of such adopted person, shall be considered descendants of the adopting parents as well as the adopting parents' ancestors.

3. Education. As used in this trust, "education" shall include:

Any course of study or instruction at an accredited college or university granting undergraduate or graduate degrees.

Any course of study or instruction at any institution for specialized, vocational or professional training.

Any curriculum offered by any institution that is recognized for purposes of receiving financial assistance from any state or federal agency or program.

Any course of study or instruction which may be useful in preparing a beneficiary for any vocation consistent with the beneficiary's abilities and interests.

Distributions for education may include tuition, fees, books, supplies, living expenses, travel and spending money to the extent that they are reasonable.

4. Founders. The term "Founders" means the "grantors", "trustors", "settlers" or any other name given to the makers of this trust either by law or by popular usage.
5. Heirs at Law. Whenever a Trustee, or a legal advisor to the Trustee, is called upon to determine the heirs at law of the Founders, or any other person beneficially interested in this trust, the determination will be made to identify those individuals,

other than creditors, who would receive the personal property of a decedent upon his or her death as determined in accordance with the laws of intestate succession of the State of Texas, United States of America, and further determined as if the Founders of this trust had predeceased the person or persons so named or described.

6. Incompetence or Disability. A Founder, Trustee or beneficiary will be considered "incompetent", "disabled" or "legally incapacitated" if he or she is incapacitated to an extent which makes it impossible or impractical for him or her to give prompt and intelligent consideration to their property or financial matters.

The Trustee may rely on a judicial declaration of incompetency by a court of competent jurisdiction, or the Trustee may rely upon the written opinion of two licensed physicians as to the disability of any Founder, Trustee or beneficiary and may utilize such written opinion as conclusive evidence of such incompetence or disability in any dealings with third parties.

In addition, if a guardian, conservator or other personal representative of a Founder, Trustee or beneficiary has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such Founder, Trustee or beneficiary will be considered incompetent or disabled.

7. Minor and Adult Beneficiary. The term "minor beneficiary" identifies a beneficiary who is less than 21 years of age. The term "adult beneficiary" identifies a beneficiary who is 21 years of age or older.
8. Per Stirpes Distributions. Whenever a distribution is to be made to a person's descendants, per stirpes, the distributable assets are to be divided into as many shares as there are then living children of such person and deceased children of such person who left then living descendants. Each then living child shall receive one share and the share of each deceased child shall be divided among such child's then living descendants in the same manner.
9. Personal Representative. For the purposes of this agreement, the term "personal representative" shall include an executor, administrator, guardian, custodian, conservator, Trustee or any other form of personal representative.
10. Power of Appointment or Qualified Beneficiary Designation. Whenever this trust declaration gives a trust beneficiary the power or authority to appoint a beneficiary of the trust, the designation must be in writing and be acknowledged in the form required of acknowledgements by Texas law or exercised by a will executed with the formalities required by law of the trust beneficiary's residence.

It must clearly evidence the interest of the trust beneficiary to exercise a power of appointment; and, the written beneficiary designation must have been delivered to the Trustee prior to the trust beneficiary's death or, if exercised by will, must subsequently be admitted to probate no matter the time interval.

The term of this trust may be extended if the qualified beneficiary designation requires that a beneficiary's interest remain in trust, or may be divided and be held as a separate trust which is governed by the terms of this trust declaration.

11. Relative or Relatives. Reference to a "relative" or "relatives" will identify any person or persons related to the Founders by blood or lawful adoption in any degree.
12. Trust. "Trust" means the trust created by this trust declaration as well as any trusts created in it.
13. Trust Fund. The terms "trust fund", "trust property" or "trust assets" mean all property comprising: the initial contribution of corpus to the trust; all property paid or transferred to, or otherwise vested in, the Trustee as additions to the corpus of this trust; accumulated income, if any, whether or not added to the corpus of this trust; and, the investments and reinvestment of the trust property, including the increase and decrease in the values thereof as determined from time to time. The terms "corpus", "principal" and "assets" are used interchangeably.
14. Trustee. All references to "Trustee" shall refer to the original Trustees, if serving in such capacity, as well as our successor Trustees who are then serving in such capacity, under this trust declaration. For convenience, the term "Trustee", used in the singular, will mean and identify multiple Trustees serving and acting pursuant to the directions of this trust declaration. The term "corporate Trustee" will identify a banking or trust corporation with trust powers.

## **Article XIV**

### **Miscellaneous Matters**

#### **Section A. Distribution of Personal Belongings by Memorandum**

Each of us may have certain items of tangible personal property which have been transferred to the trust or otherwise subject to the Trustee's control which we wish to give to particular individuals while we are living or at the time of our respective deaths.

The term "personal belongings" or "tangible personal property" will mean and identify personal wearing apparel, jewelry, household furnishings and equipment, books, albums, art work, entertainment and sports equipment and all items of decoration or adornment.

Each spouse may, at any time and from time to time, deliver to the Trustee written, signed and dated instructions as to any living or post-mortem gifts of his or her personal belongings and the Trustee shall be authorized and bound to make disposition of these items as a spouse has reasonably directed in any such instructions which may be in the form of a Memorandum of Distribution or a love letter from either of us to the intended recipients of such items.

If there are conflicting instructions at the time of our deaths, then the instructions bearing the latest date shall be controlling. All such instructions are hereby incorporated by reference into this declaration.

#### **Section B. Special Bequests**

Unless otherwise provided in this trust document, or in any amendment, or in a document exercising a power to appoint the beneficiaries of this trust, if property given as a special bequest or gift is subject to a mortgage or other security interest, the designated recipient of the property will take the asset subject to the obligation and the recipient's assumption of the indebtedness upon distribution of the asset to the recipient.

The obligation to be assumed shall be the principal balance of the indebtedness on the date of death, and the trust shall be entitled to reimbursement or offset for principal and interest payments paid by the trust to date of distribution.

### **Section C. The Rule Against Perpetuities**

In no event will the term of this trust continue for a term greater than 21 years after the death of the last survivor of the Founders and all relatives of the Founders living on the effective date of this trust declaration.

Any continuation of the trust by the qualified exercise of a power of appointment will be construed as the creation of a separate trust and an extension of the rule against perpetuities to the extent permitted by law. A court of competent jurisdiction is to liberally construe and apply this provision to validate an interest consistent with the Founders' intent and may reform or construe an interest according to the doctrine of cy pres.

### **Section D. Jurisdiction**

The jurisdiction of this trust will be the State of Texas. Any issue of law or fact pertaining to the creation, continuation, administration and termination of the trust, or any other matter incident to this trust, is to be determined with reference to the specific directions in the trust declaration and then under the laws of the State of Texas.

If an Article or Section of this trust declaration is in conflict with a prohibition of state law or federal law, the Article or Section, or the trust declaration as a whole, is to be construed in a manner which will cause it to be in compliance with state and federal law and in a manner which will result in the least amount of taxes and estate settlement costs.

### **Section E. Dissolution of Our Marriage**

If our marriage is dissolved at any time, each spouse shall be deemed to have predeceased the other for purposes of distributions under this agreement. It is our intent that our respective property held in our trust shall not be used for the benefit of the other spouse upon the dissolution of our marriage.

### **Section F. Maintaining Property in Trust**

If, on the termination of any separate trust created under this agreement, a final distribution is to be made to a beneficiary for whom our Trustee holds a trust created under this agreement, such distribution shall be added to such trust rather than being distributed.

The property that is added to the trust shall be treated for purposes of administration as though it had been an original part of the trust.

## **Section G. Survival**

Except as otherwise provided in this trust declaration, for the purpose of vesting in the event two or more persons who have an interest in the trust die within a short time of one another, one must have survived the other for a period of at least 90 days as a condition to vesting.

## **Section H. Simultaneous Death**

In the event that the Co-Founders shall die simultaneously, or if there is insufficient evidence to establish that Co-Founders died other than simultaneously, it is deemed that the spouse owning the greater share of the separate property in this trust or passing into this trust due to the death of the Co-Founders, as defined for federal estate tax purposes, shall have predeceased the other Co-Founder, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and the provisions of this trust shall be construed on such assumption.

## **Section I. Changing the Trust Situs**

After the death or disability of one of us, the situs of this agreement may be changed by the unanimous consent of all of the beneficiaries then eligible to receive mandatory or discretionary distributions of net income under this agreement.

If such consent is obtained, the beneficiaries shall notify our Trustee in writing of such change of trust situs, and shall, if necessary, designate a successor corporate fiduciary in the new situs. This notice shall constitute removal of the current Trustee, if appropriate, and any successor corporate Trustee shall assume its duties as provided under this agreement.

A change in situs under this Section shall be final and binding, and shall not be subject to judicial review.

## **Section J. Construction**

Unless the context requires otherwise, words denoting the singular may be construed as denoting the plural, and words of the plural may be construed as denoting the singular. Words of one gender may be construed as denoting another gender as is appropriate within such context.

## **Section K. Headings of Articles, Sections and Paragraphs**

The headings of Articles, Sections and Paragraphs used within this agreement are included solely for the convenience and reference of the reader. They shall have no significance in the interpretation or construction of this agreement.

## **Section L. Notices**

All notices required to be given in this agreement shall be made in writing by either:

Personally delivering notice to the party requiring it, and securing a written receipt, or



Mailing notice by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the party requiring notice.

The effective date of the notice shall be the date of the written receipt or the date of the return receipt, if received, or if not, the date it would have normally been received via certified mail, provided there is evidence of mailing.

#### **Section M. Delivery**

For purposes of this agreement "delivery" shall mean:

Personal delivery to any party, or

Delivery by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, to the party making delivery.

The effective date of delivery shall be the date of personal delivery or the date of the return receipt, if received, or if not, the date it would have normally been received via certified mail, provided there is evidence of mailing.

#### **Section N. Duplicate Originals**

This agreement may be executed in several counterparts; each counterpart shall be considered a duplicate original agreement.

#### **Section O. Severability**

If any provision of this agreement is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this agreement. The remaining provisions shall be fully severable, and this agreement shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid provision had never been included in this agreement.

#### **Section P. Gender, Plural Usage**

The use of personal pronouns, such as he, she or it are to be construed in context. The term "person" will include a non-person, such as a corporation, trust, partnership or other entity as is appropriate in context. The identification of person in the plural will include the singular and vice versa, as is appropriate in context.

#### **Section Q. Special Election for Qualified Terminable Interest Property**

For the purpose of identifying the "transferor" in allocating a GST exemption, the estate of a deceased spouse, or the Trustee of this trust, may elect to treat all of the property which passes in trust to a surviving spouse for which a marital deduction is allowed, by reason of Section 2056(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, as if the election to be treated as qualified terminable interest property had not been made.

Reference to the "special election for qualified terminable interest property" will mean and identify the election provided by Section 2652(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The term "GST exemption" or "GST exemption amount" is the dollar amount of property which may pass as generation skipping transfer under Subtitle B, Chapter 13, of the Internal Revenue Code 1986 (entitled "Tax On Generation-Skipping Transfers") which is exempt from the generation skipping tax.

#### **Section R. Generation Skipping Transfers**

Our Trustee, in the Trustee's sole discretion, may allocate or assist either Founders' personal representatives or trustees in the allocation of any remaining portion of either Founder's GST exemptions to any property as to which such Founder is the transferor, including any property transferred by such Founder during life as to which such Founder did not make an allocation prior to his or her death and/or among any generation skipping transfers (as defined in Section 2611 of the Internal Revenue Code) resulting under this trust declaration and/or that may later occur with respect to any trust established under this trust declaration, and the Trustee shall never be liable to any person by reason of such allocation, if it is made in good faith and without gross negligence. The Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, set apart, to constitute two separate trusts, any property which would otherwise have been allocated to any trust created hereunder and which would have had an inclusion ratio, as defined in Section 2642(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, of neither one hundred percent nor zero so that one such trust has an inclusion ratio of one hundred percent and the other such trust has an inclusion ratio of zero. If either Founder's personal representative or trustee and/or the Trustee exercises the special election provided by Section 2652(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as to any share of either Founder's property that is to be held in trust under this trust declaration, then the Trustee is authorized, in the Trustee's sole discretion, to set apart property constituting such share in a separate trust so that its inclusion ratio of such trust is zero.

#### **Section S. Elective Deductions**

A Trustee will have the discretionary authority to claim any obligation, expense, cost or loss as a deduction against either estate tax or income tax, or to make any election provided by Texas law, the Internal Revenue Code, or other applicable law, and the Trustee's decision will be conclusive and binding upon all interested parties and shall be effective without obligation to make an equitable adjustment or apportionment between or among the beneficiaries of this trust or the estate of a deceased beneficiary.

We, ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, attest that we execute this trust declaration and the terms thereof will bind us, our successors and assigns, our heirs and personal representatives, and any Trustee of this trust. This instrument is to be effective upon the date recorded immediately below.

Dated: October 10, 1996

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ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Founder

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Founder

ELMER H. BRUNSTING, Trustee

NELVA E. BRUNSTING, Trustee

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

On October 10, 1996, before me, a Notary Public of said State, personally appeared ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as Founders and Trustees.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal.

Notary Public, State of Texas

# Exhibit 7

The 2005 Restatement of the Family Trust

**THE RESTATEMENT OF  
THE BRUNSTING FAMILY  
LIVING TRUST**

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# **THE RESTATEMENT OF THE BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST**

## **Article I**

### **Our Family Living Trust**

#### **Section A. The Restatement of Our Trust**

This restatement of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996 is made this day by ELMER HENRY BRUNSTING, also known as ELMER H. BRUNSTING, and wife, NELVA ERLEEN BRUNSTING, also known as NELVA E. BRUNSTING, (together called "Founders") who presently reside in Harris County, Texas.

We now wish to restate that original trust agreement and any amendments thereto, in their entirety.

This restatement, dated January 12, 2005, shall replace and supersede our original trust agreement ad all prior amendments.

We shall serve together as the initial Trustees of this joint revocable living trust.

Notwithstanding anything in our trust declaration to the contrary, when we are serving as Trustees under our trust declaration, either of us may act for and conduct business on behalf of our trust as a Trustee without the consent of any other Trustee.

#### **Section B. The Title of Our Trust**

Although the name we have given to our trust for our own convenience is the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST, the full legal name of our trust for purposes of transferring assets into the trust, holding title to assets and conducting business for and on behalf of the trust, shall be known as:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING or NELVA E. BRUNSTING,  
Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING  
FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as  
amended.



Our trust may also be known as:

ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING,  
Trustees, or the successor Trustees, under the BRUNSTING  
FAMILY LIVING TRUST dated October 10, 1996, as  
amended.

In addition to the above descriptions, any description for referring to this trust shall be effective to transfer title to the trust or to designate the trust as a beneficiary as long as that format includes the date of this trust, the name of at least one initial or successor Trustee, and any reference that indicates that assets are to be held in a fiduciary capacity.

### **Section C. Our Beneficiaries and Family**

This trust is created for the use and the benefit of ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING, and to the extent provided in this trust, for the other trust beneficiaries named herein.

The term "spouse" will refer to either of us, whichever is appropriate in context, and the term "both spouses" will mean both of us. The term "surviving spouse" or "surviving Founder" will identify the spouse who is living at the time of the other spouse's death (the "deceased spouse" or "deceased Founder").

For reference, our children are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS	March 12, 1953
CAROL ANN BRUNSTING	October 16, 1954
CARL HENRY BRUNSTING	July 31, 1957
AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART	October 7, 1961
ANITA KAY RILEY	August 7, 1963

All references to our children or to our descendants are to these named children, as well as any children subsequently born to us or legally adopted by us.

The terms "trust beneficiary" or "beneficiary" will also mean any and all persons, organizations, trusts and entities who may have or may acquire a beneficial interest in this trust, whether vested or contingent in nature, including a transfer of an interest in the trust

during our lives, from either of us, or both, or from an exercise of a power of appointment by a trust beneficiary or otherwise.

## **Article II**

### **Transfers of Assets to Our Trust**

#### **Section A. Our Initial Contribution**

We have delivered to our Trustees certain property as the initial assets of this trust, the receipt of which is acknowledged.

#### **Section B. Additions to Our Trust**

Any person, trust or entity may add property of any character to this trust by a last will and testament, from another trust (regardless of whether such trust is a living trust or a trust contained in a Will), by a deed or any other legally accepted method of assignment, conveyance, delivery or transfer, subject only to the acceptance of such property or asset by the Trustee.

#### **Section C. Our Separate and Community Accounts**

Any contributions of separate property to the trust by, or for the benefit of, either Founder shall remain the separate property of such Founder. A separate schedule signed by both of the Founders may be maintained for purposes of identifying such separate property and its ownership.

Each of us may withdraw, remove, sell or otherwise deal with our respective separate property interests without any restrictions. Should we revoke our trust, all separate property shall be transferred, assigned, or conveyed back to the owning Founder as his or her respective separate property.

All community property, as well as the income from and proceeds of such community property, shall retain its community property characterization under the law unless we change such characterization by virtue of a duly executed marital partition agreement.

All community property withdrawn or removed from our trust shall retain its community characterization. Should we revoke our trust, all community property shall be transferred, assigned or conveyed back to us as community property.

## **Article III**

### **Our Right to Amend or Revoke This Trust**

#### **Section A. We May Revoke Our Trust**

While we are both living, either of us may revoke our trust. However, this trust will become irrevocable upon the death of either of us. Any Trustee, who is serving in such capacity, may document the non-revocation of the trust with an affidavit setting forth that the trust remains in full force and effect.

The affidavit may, at the Trustee's discretion, be filed in the deed records in each county in which real property held in trust is located or in the county in which the principal assets and records of the trust are located. The public and all persons interested in and dealing with the trust and the Trustee may rely upon a certified copy of the recorded affidavit as conclusive evidence that the trust remains in full force and effect.

#### **Section B. We May Amend Our Trust**

This trust declaration may be amended by us in whole or in part in a writing signed by both of us for so long as we both shall live. Except as to a change of trust situs, when one of us dies, this trust shall not be subject to amendment, except by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Each of us may provide for a different disposition of our share in the trust by using a qualified beneficiary designation, as we define that term in this agreement, and the qualified beneficiary designation will be considered an amendment to this trust as to that Founder's share or interest alone.

#### **Section C. Income Tax Matters**

For so long as this trust remains subject to amendment or revocation in its entirety, and for so long as a Founder is a Trustee of the trust, this trust will be treated for income tax reporting purposes as a "grantor trust" as that term is used by the Internal Revenue Service, particularly in Treasury Regulation Section 1.671-4(b).

For so long as a Founder is a Trustee of the trust, the tax identification numbers will be the social security numbers of the Founders and all items of income, gain, loss, credit and

deduction are to be reported on the Founders' individual or joint income tax returns. At such time as the trust becomes irrevocable, in whole or in part, because of the death of one of us, the trust is to be treated for income tax purposes as required by Subchapter J of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **Article IV**

### **Our Trustees**

#### **Section A. Original Trustees**

Founders appoint ELMER H. BRUNSTING and NELVA E. BRUNSTING as the original Trustees of this trust. However, either of us may conduct business and act on behalf of this trust without the consent or authority of any other Trustee. Any third party may conclusively rely on the authority of either of us without the joinder of the other.

#### **Section B. Our Successor Trustees**

Each of the original Trustees will have the right to appoint their own successor or successors to serve as Trustees in the event that such original Trustee ceases to serve by reason of death, disability or for any reason, and may specify any conditions upon succession and service as may be permitted by law. Such appointment, together with any specified conditions, must be in writing.

If an original Trustee does not appoint a successor, the remaining original Trustee or Trustees then serving will continue to serve alone.

If both of the original Trustees fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any reason without having appointed a successor or successors, then the following individuals will serve as Co-Trustees:

**CARL HENRY BRUNSTING and AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART**

If a successor Co-Trustee should fail or cease to serve by reason of death, disability or for any other reason, then CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall serve as Co-Trustee in his or her place, with the remaining Co-Trustee then serving. However, if there is only one successor Co-Trustee able or willing to serve, such successor Co-Trustee shall serve alone.

Successor Trustees will have the authority vested in the original Trustees under this trust document, subject to any lawful limitations or qualifications upon the service of a successor imposed by any Trustee in a written document appointing a successor.

A successor Trustee will not be obliged to examine the records, accounts and acts of the previous Trustee or Trustees, nor will a successor Trustee in any way or manner be responsible for any act or omission to act on the part of any previous Trustee.

**Section C. No Bond is Required of Our Trustees**

No one serving as Trustee will be required to furnish a fiduciary bond as a prerequisite to service.

**Section D. Resignation or Removal of Our Trustees**

We may each remove any Trustee we may have individually named as our respective successors. Any appointee serving or entitled to serve as Trustee may resign at any time and without cause, and the instructions in this trust will determine who the successor will be. All removals or resignations must be in writing.

In the event that no Trustee is remaining who has been designated in this trust, a majority of all adult income beneficiaries and the legal guardians of all minor or disabled beneficiaries of the trust shares created hereunder shall have the power to appoint any corporate or banking institution having trust powers as the successor Trustee. Such power shall be exercised in a written instrument in recordable form which identifies this power, identifies the successor Trustee, contains an acceptance of office by such successor Trustee and identifies the effective time and date of such succession.

A majority of all adult beneficiaries and the legal guardians of all minor or disabled beneficiaries who are then entitled to receive distributions of income from the trust, or distributions of income from any separate trust created by this document, may only remove any corporate or institutional Trustee then serving, the notice of removal to be delivered in writing to the said Trustee.

If such beneficiaries shall fail to appoint a successor corporate or institutional Trustee, the selection of a successor to the Trustee will be made by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**Section E. Affidavit of Authority to Act**

Any person or entity dealing with the trust may rely upon our Affidavit of Trust, regardless of its form, or the affidavit of a Trustee or Trustees in substantially the following form:

On my oath, and under the penalties of perjury, I swear that I am the duly appointed and authorized Trustee of the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST. I certify that the trust has not been revoked and remains in full force and effect, I have not been removed as Trustee and I have the authority to act for, and bind, the BRUNSTING FAMILY LIVING TRUST in the transaction of the business for which this affidavit is given as affirmation of my authority.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Line

Sworn, subscribed and acknowledged before me, the undersigned authority, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public - State of Texas

## **Section F. Documentary Succession of Our Trustees**

The successor to any Trustee may document succession with an affidavit setting forth that the preceding Trustee is unwilling to serve or has failed or ceased to serve due to death or disability and the successor has assumed the duties of the Trustee.

The affidavit may, at the Trustee's discretion, be filed in the deed records in each county in which real property held in trust is located or in the county in which the principal assets and records of the trust are located. The public and all persons interested in and dealing with the trust and the Trustee may rely upon a certified copy of the recorded affidavit as conclusive evidence of a successor's authority to serve and act as the Trustee of the trust.

## **Section G. Our Trustees' Compensation**

Any person who serves as Trustee may elect to receive reasonable compensation to be measured by the time required in the administration of the trust and the responsibility assumed in the discharge of the duties of office.

A corporate or bank Trustee will be entitled to receive as its compensation such fees as are then prescribed by its published schedule of charges for trusts of a similar size and nature and additional compensation for extraordinary services performed by the corporate Trustee.

If an attorney, accountant or other professional shall be selected as Trustee, such professional shall be entitled to compensation for professional services rendered to a trust by himself or by a member of his firm in addition to compensation for services as Trustee.

A Trustee will be entitled to full reimbursement for expenses, costs or other obligations incurred as the result of service, including attorney's, accountant's and other professional fees.



## **Section H. Multiple Trustees**

In the event there are two or more Trustees serving the trust, other than the Founders, the authority vested in such Trustees must be exercised by a majority of the Trustees. If only two Trustees are acting, the concurrence or joinder of both shall be required.

When more than two Trustees are acting, any dissenting or abstaining Trustee may be absolved from personal liability by registering a written dissent or abstention with the records of the trust; the dissenting Trustee shall thereafter act with the other Trustees in any manner necessary or appropriate to effectuate the decision of the majority.

## **Section I. Delegation of Authority**

Any Trustee may delegate to any other Trustee named in our trust the powers and authority vested in him or her by this declaration. A delegating Trustee may evidence such delegation in writing and may revoke it in writing at any time.

## **Section J. Successor Corporate Trustees**

Any successor corporate or bank Trustee must be a United States bank or trust company vested with trust powers pursuant to state or federal law, and must have a combined capital and surplus of 20 million dollars.

Any bank or trust company succeeding to the business of any corporate or bank Trustee serving by virtue of this declaration because of change of name, reorganization, merger or any other reason shall immediately succeed as Trustee of this trust, without the necessity of court intervention or any other action whatsoever.

## **Section K. Partial and Final Distributions**

The Trustee, in making or preparing to make a partial or final distribution, may prepare an accounting and may require, as a condition to payment, a written and acknowledged statement from each distributee that the accounting has been thoroughly examined and accepted as correct; a discharge of the Trustee; a release from any loss, liability, claim or question concerning the exercise of due care, skill and prudence of the Trustee in the management, investment, retention and distribution of property during the Trustee's term of service, except for any undisclosed error or omission having basis in fraud or bad faith; and an indemnity of the Trustee, to include the payment of attorney's fees, from any asserted claim of any taxing agency, governmental authority or other claimant.

## **Section L. Court Supervision Not Required**

All trusts created under this agreement shall be administered free from the active supervision of any court.

Any proceedings to seek judicial instructions or a judicial determination shall be initiated by our Trustee in the appropriate state court having original jurisdiction of those matters relating to the construction and administration of trusts.

## **Section M. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 Compliance**

In order to maintain the integrity of this trust declaration and to meet our estate planning desires and goals, our Trustees shall comply with the directive set forth in this Section to assure compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996.

### **1. Successor Trustee Required to Provide an Authorization For Release of Protected Health Information**

Each successor Trustee (or Co-Trustee) shall be required to execute and deliver to the Co-Trustee (if any) or next successor Trustee an "Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information" pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and any other similarly applicable federal and state laws, authorizing the release of said successor's protected health and medical information to said successor's Co-Trustees (if any) and to all alternate successor Trustees (or Co-Trustees) named under this Trust Agreement, to be used only for the purpose of determining in the future whether said successor has become incapacitated (as defined in this Trust Agreement).

If said successor is already acting in the capacity of Trustee (or Co-Trustee) and fails to so execute and deliver such Authorization within thirty (30) days of actual notice of said requirement, or if an event has occurred which triggers said successor's power to act but said successor has not yet begun to act in said capacity and fails to so execute and deliver such Authorization within thirty (30) days of actual notice of said requirement, then for purposes of the Trust Agreement, said successor shall be deemed incapacitated.

"Actual notice" shall occur when a written notice, signed by the Co-Trustees (if any) or next successor Trustee, informing said successor of the need to timely execute and

deliver an authorization as set forth above (and, in the case where said successor has not yet begun to act, informing him or her of the event that has triggered said successor's power to act), is (i) deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last address of said successor known to the Co-Trustees or next successor Trustee or (ii) hand delivered to said successor, provided such delivery is witnessed by a third party independent from the Co-Trustees or next successor Trustee within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Sections 672(c) and 674(c) and said witness signs a statement that he or she has witnessed such delivery.

## **2. Obtain the Release of Protected Health Information**

The Trustee is empowered to request, receive and review any information, verbal or written, regarding Founders' physical or mental health, including, but not limited to, protected health and medical information, and to consent to their release or disclosure. Each of the Founders have separately signed on this same date or an earlier date an "Authorization For Release of Protected Health Information," in compliance with HIPAA, immediately authorizing the release of any and all health and medical information to the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting) for the purposes of determining the Founder's incapacity (or for other stated purposes therein).

In the event said authorization cannot be located, is by its own terms no longer in force or is otherwise deemed invalid in whole or in part, each of the Founders hereby grant the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting) the power and authority, as Founder's legal representative, to execute a new authorization on Founder's behalf, immediately authorizing the release of any and all health and medical information for the purpose of determining the Founder's incapacity (and for the purpose of carrying out any of the Trustee's powers, rights, duties and obligations under this trust agreement), naming the Trustee (or next successor Trustee even if not yet acting) as the Founder's "Personal Representative," "Authorized Representative" and "Authorized Recipient."

## **3. Determination of "Incompetence" or "Incapacity"**

For purposes of this Trust, and notwithstanding any other conflicting provisions contained in this Trust Declaration or any previous amendments thereto, the term "incompetency" and/or "incapacity" shall mean any physical or mental incapacity, whether by reason of accident, illness, advanced age, mental deterioration, alcohol, drug or other substance abuse, or similar cause, which in the sole and absolute discretion of the Trustee makes it impracticable for a person to give prompt, rational and prudent consideration to financial matters and, if said disabled person is a Trustee (including an appointed Trustee who has yet to act), (i) a guardian of said person or

estate, or both, of said person has been appointed by a court having jurisdiction over such matters or (ii) two (2) attending physicians of said person, who are licensed to practice and who are not related by blood or marriage to such person, have stated in writing that such incompetency or incapacity exists.

If said disabled person is a Trustee (including an appointed Trustee who has yet to act), upon the court determination of the person's competency or capacity or upon the revocation of the writings of the two (2) attending physicians above or upon written determination of competency or capacity to give prompt, rational and prudent consideration to financial matters by two (2) other attending physicians, who are licensed to practice and who are not related by blood or marriage to such person, subject to written notice being given to the then acting successor Trustee, the original Trustee (including an appointed Trustee who has yet to act) removed for "incompetency" or "incapacity" shall be reinstated as Trustee.

Any third party may accept physicians' writings as proof of competency or capacity or incompetency or incapacity as set forth above without the responsibility of further investigation and shall be held harmless from any loss suffered or liability incurred as the result of good faith reliance upon such writings.

In addition to any "Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information" executed by the Founders, the Founders hereby voluntarily waive any physician-patient privilege or psychiatrist-patient privilege and authorize physicians and psychiatrists to examine them and disclose their physical or mental condition, or other personal health or medical information, in order to determine their competency or incompetency, or capacity or incapacity, for purposes of this document. Each person who signs this instrument or an acceptance of Trusteeship hereunder does, by so signing, waive all provisions of law relating to disclosure of confidential or protected health and medical information insofar as that disclosure would be pertinent to any inquiry under this paragraph. No Trustee shall be under any duty to institute any inquiry into a person's possible incompetency or incapacity (such as, but not limited to, by drug testing), but if the Trustee does so, the expense of any such inquiry may be paid from the Trust Estate of said person's trust or, if no such trust exists, the Trust Estate of the Trust.

It is the Founders' desire that, to the extent possible, a named successor Trustee be able to act expeditiously, without the necessity of obtaining a court determination of a Founder's incapacity or the incapacity of a preceding appointed successor Trustee (including if that preceding appointed successor Trustee has not yet acted). Therefore, if an Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information executed by a Founder, or an appointed successor Trustee (even if not yet acting), or by a "personal representative" or "authorized representative" on behalf of a Founder or

such an appointed successor Trustee, is not honored in whole or in part by a third party such that physicians' writings cannot be obtained as necessitated by this subparagraph, then the Trust Protector named under this Trust Agreement (if any), or if there is no such Trust Protector provided under this Trust Agreement then the next succeeding Trustee (even if not yet acting) who is independent, that is not related to or subordinate to, said Founder or such appointed successor Trustee within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 672(c), may declare in writing said Founder or such appointed successor Trustee to be incapacitated; provided, however, the Trust Protector or next succeeding Trustee making such declaration shall have first made good faith efforts to obtain the physicians' writings described above, and the provisions above relating to reinstatement upon two (2) physicians' written determination of competency or capacity shall continue to apply.

In the event this Trust Declaration does not provide for an Independent Trustee as set forth in the above paragraph, such an Independent Trustee shall be elected by a majority vote of the then current adult income beneficiaries of this trust (or by the legal guardians of all minor or disabled current income beneficiaries) and such Independent Trustee shall not be related to nor subordinate to any of the beneficiaries participating in the said vote within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code 672(c). In the event that there are only two (2) beneficiaries, one of which is acting as Trustee, the remaining beneficiary may appoint such an Independent Trustee who is neither related to nor subordinate to such beneficiary as those terms are defined in and within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code 672(c).

Each of the Founders have separately signed on this same date or on an earlier date an "Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information," in compliance with HIPAA, immediately authorizing the release of health and medical information to the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting), so the Trustee may legally defend against or otherwise resist any contest or attack of any nature upon any provision of this trust agreement or amendment to it (or defend against or prosecute any other legal matter within his or her powers set forth in the Trust Agreement). In the event said authorization cannot be located, is by its own terms no longer in force or is otherwise deemed invalid or not accepted in whole or in part, each of the Founders hereby grant the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting) the power and authority, as the Founder's legal representative to execute a new authorization on the Founder's behalf, even after Founder's death, immediately authorizing the release of any and all health and medical information for the purpose of determining the Founder's incapacity (and for the purpose of carrying out any of the Trustee's powers, rights, duties and obligations under the trust agreement naming the Trustee (or next successor Trustee, even if not yet acting) as the Founder's "Personal Representative," "Authorized Representative" and "Authorized Recipient."

## **Article V**

### **Insurance Policies and Retirement Plans**

#### **Section A. Our Authority While We Are Living**

To the extent of a Founder's community or separate interest in insurance policies, retirement plans or any other third party beneficiary contract, during the life of a Founder, each shall have the following rights, and the Trustee of this trust declaration shall have the following duties with respect to any third party beneficiary contract owned by or made payable to this trust.

##### **1. The Founder's Rights**

Each Founder reserves all of the rights, powers, options and privileges with respect to any insurance policy, retirement plan or any other third party beneficiary contract made payable to this trust or deposited with our Trustee. Each Founder may exercise any of the rights, powers, options and privileges with respect to such third party beneficiary contract without the approval of our Trustee or any beneficiary.

Neither Founder shall be obligated to maintain any insurance policy, retirement plan or any other third party beneficiary contract in force.

##### **2. Our Trustee's Obligations**

Upon a Founder's written request, our Trustee shall deliver to the requesting Founder or the Founder's designee any and all third party beneficiary contracts and related documents which are owned by or deposited with our Trustee pursuant to our trust declaration. Our Trustee shall not be obligated to have any of such documents returned to the Trustee.

Our Trustee shall provide for the safekeeping of any third party beneficiary contract, as well as any documents related thereto, which are deposited with our Trustee. Otherwise, our Trustee shall have no obligation with respect to any third party beneficiary contract, including payment of sums due and payable under such contracts, other than those obligations set forth in this Article.

## **Section B. Upon the Death of a Founder**

Upon a Founder's death, our Trustee shall have authority to and shall make all appropriate elections with respect to any insurance policies, retirement plans and other death benefits which are the separate estate of the deceased Founder. With respect to any insurance policies, retirement plans and other death benefits which are a part of the community estate, our Trustee and the surviving Founder shall have the authority and shall make all appropriate elections consistent with the laws of the state having jurisdiction over such property.

### **1. Collection of Non-Retirement Death Proceeds**

Regarding any life insurance policy, or any other non-retirement death benefit plan, wherein death benefits are made payable to or are owned by our trust, our Trustee shall make every reasonable effort to collect any and all such sums. In collecting such sums, our Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, exercise any settlement option available under the terms of a policy or any other third party beneficiary contract with regard to the interest of the deceased Founder in those policies or death benefit proceeds. However, our Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary for the settlement option ultimately selected.

### **2. Retirement Plan Elections**

To the extent of the interest of the deceased Founder, our Trustee shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to elect to receive any retirement plan death proceeds either in a lump sum or in any other manner permitted by the terms of the particular retirement plan. Such right shall exist and pertain to any retirement plan including, but not limited to, any qualified pension plan, profit sharing plan, Keogh plan and individual retirement account. Our Trustee shall not be liable to any beneficiary for the death benefit election ultimately selected.

Any benefit of any retirement plan which is payable to our trust, including individual retirement accounts that are payable to our trust, may be disclaimed by our Trustee in its sole and absolute discretion. Such disclaimed benefits shall be payable in accordance with such plan.

### **3. Collection Proceedings**

In order to enforce the payment of any death proceeds, our Trustee may institute any legal, equitable, administrative or other proceeding. However, our Trustee need not take any action to enforce any payment until our Trustee,

in its sole judgment, has been indemnified to its satisfaction for all expenses and liabilities to which it may be subjected.

Our Trustee is expressly authorized, in its sole and absolute discretion, to adjust, settle and compromise any and all claims that may arise from the collection of any death proceeds. Any decision made by our Trustee pursuant to this Section B.3 shall be binding and conclusive on all beneficiaries.

#### **4. Payor's Liability**

Any person or entity which pays any type of death proceeds to our Trustee as beneficiary, shall not be required to inquire into any of the provisions of this trust declaration, nor will they be required to see to the application of any such proceeds by our Trustee. Our Trustee's receipt of death proceeds shall relieve the payor of any further liability as a result of making such payment.

### **Section C. Special Provisions Pertaining to Tax-Deferred Trust Assets**

Since the Founders anticipate that tax-deferred plans such as 401(k) plans, IRA's, SEP's and similar retirement plans and tax-deferred accounts might name this trust as the designated beneficiary in the event of the death of the Founders, the following provisions will hereby apply in all respects with regard to the assets and proceeds of such plans, notwithstanding that other provisions in this Agreement are in conflict with the following provisions:

#### **1. Minimum Distribution**

It is the purpose and intent of the Founders that this trust will qualify as a "designated beneficiary" pursuant to Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and the term "Minimum Required Distribution" shall mean such mandatory distributions as are required to qualify this trust pursuant to the said Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **2. Distribution Restrictions**

Notwithstanding any other provision in this trust declaration, and except as provided in this Article, the Trustee may not distribute to or for the benefit of the estate of either Founder, any charity or any other non-individual beneficiary, any benefits payable to this trust under any qualified retirement plan, individual retirement account or other retirement arrangement subject to the "Minimum Required Distribution Rules" of Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code, or other comparable provisions of law. It is the intent



of the Founders that all such retirement benefits be distributed to or held only for individual beneficiaries within the meaning of Section 401(a)(9) and applicable regulations. This paragraph shall not apply to any charitable bequest which is specifically directed to be funded with assets other than those encompassed by this provision.

### **3. Exclusion of Older Adopted "Descendants"**

Notwithstanding any other provision hereof or state law, the class of the Founders' (or any other persons) "issue" or "descendants" shall not include an individual who is the Founders' (or such persons') "issue" or "descendants" by virtue of legal adoption if such individual (i) was so adopted after the Required Beginning Date of a Founder or a Founder's death, whichever occurs first, and (ii) is older than the oldest beneficiary of this trust who was a living member of said class on the earlier of said dates. The "Required Beginning Date," for purposes of this paragraph means April 1 of the year following the year in which the plan participant reaches 70½, or, if later, the date on which this trust is first named as a beneficiary of any retirement plan, benefit or arrangement subject to the "Minimum Distribution Rules" of Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code. The said Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code is incorporated by reference in this trust declaration for all purposes, together with applicable treasury regulations pertaining thereto.

### **4. Payment of Estate Taxes of Plan Participant**

Except as required by state law, the trustee shall not use any plan benefits to pay a plan participant's estate taxes.

### **5. Delivery of Trust to Plan Administrator**

If the Founders have not previously done so, the Trustee shall deliver a copy of this trust declaration to any plan administrator within the time limits required by applicable statute, as well as final and proposed treasury regulations.

### **6. Distribution to the Beneficiaries**

Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this trust declaration to the contrary, the Trustee shall withdraw from the individual retirement account or other retirement plan payable to the trust, and distribute directly to the beneficiaries named herein, each year, the Minimum Required Distribution for such year based on the oldest beneficiary's life expectancy. After the death

of a beneficiary, the Trustee shall pay income of the trust and such Minimum Required Distribution to the descendants of such deceased or remainder beneficiary, as specified in Article X of this trust declaration.

**7. Distribution of More Than the Minimum Distribution**

The Trustee is authorized in its sole and absolute discretion, to distribute to the beneficiary and contingent beneficiaries more than the Minimum Required Distribution if deemed necessary and appropriate prior to the mandatory distributions of trust assets provided in Article X of this trust declaration.

## **Article VI**

### **For So Long As We Both Shall Live**

#### **Section A. Our Use of Income and Assets**

While we are both living, the net income of the trust is to be paid at least monthly to us, or to be used for our benefit. Any unused income will be accumulated and added to the principal assets of this trust.

While we are both living, we shall have the absolute right, either individually or jointly, to add to the trust property at any time.

While we are both living, we shall each have the right to withdraw, use or benefit from all or any part of our own separate property and our respective interests in any community property. However, the surviving spouse will be entitled to the use and benefit of the deceased spouse's interest as provided in this trust declaration.

Either of us, individually, may make gifts of our separate property contributed to the trust or may make gifts of our interests or shares in the trust itself to the extent permitted by law, including our community property interests. Neither of us shall have the power to direct our Trustee to make gifts of any trust principal or income. If any such gift is made directly to a third party, such gift shall be deemed to have first been distributed directly to either or both of us and then distributed as a gift from either or both of us to such third party.

#### **Section B. If One or Both of Us Are Disabled**

If one or both of us should become disabled, our Trustee shall provide to both of us, and to any person deemed by our Trustee to be dependent on either or both of us, such portions of income and principal from each of our respective interests in separate property and from our respective one-half interests in our community property, as deemed necessary or advisable in its sole discretion, for our health, education, maintenance and support, as well as for the health, education, maintenance and support of any person deemed by our Trustee to be dependent on either or both of us.

Our Trustee's discretion may include the payment of insurance premiums pursuant to contracts for insurance owned by one of us or by our trust. Premiums paid on a separate property policy shall be paid out of separate property funds of the owner of that policy.

During any period that one or both of us are disabled, it is the intention of each of us that we be cared for in our residence or in the private residence of another who is dear to us. It is our preference that neither of us be admitted to a convalescent care facility or similar facility unless our condition mandates such placement.

Valid obligations of either of us which are confirmed by our Trustee shall be provided for by our Trustee from such portions of income and principal from each of our separate property accounts and from our respective one-half interests in our community accounts, as deemed necessary or advisable in our Trustee's sole discretion.

If, prior to the disability of either one or both of us, one or both of us were making regular lifetime gifts to our children for purposes of estate tax planning, then our Trustee shall continue such gifting program to our children; provided, however, no such gifts shall be made until our support and obligations have been provided for.

#### **Section C. Income Tax Matters**

If any interest or share in the trust is irrevocable for so long as one or both of us are living, and if the Trustee of the trust is classified as subordinate or related to either of us, the distribution of trust corpus to the beneficiary of an irrevocable share, to the extent of his or her share or interest alone, will be limited to discretionary distributions necessary or appropriate to provide for the beneficiary's health, education, maintenance and support, and this standard shall be construed and limited according to the requirements of Section 674(b)(5)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **Section D. Residence Homestead**

Pursuant to Section 11.13 of the Texas Property Tax Code, a qualifying trust may claim the statutory homestead exemption provided by the said Texas Property Tax Code as well as other provisions of Texas law. In order to comply with the said Texas Property Tax Code provisions, the Founders hereby agree as follows:

1. Our residence shall be owned by us through a beneficial interest in this qualifying trust;
2. Our residence shall be designed or adapted for human residence;

3. Such property shall at all times be used as our residence;
4. Such property will be occupied by us as Founders or Trustors of this trust as a result of our beneficial interest in this qualifying trust;
5. By separate deed of our residential property, we have conveyed our interest in such real property to this qualifying trust and are therefore qualified as "Trustors" pursuant to the said Code;
6. This revocable intervivos trust is a "Qualifying Trust" in that we specifically provide that as Trustors of the trust we have the right to use and occupy as our principal residence the residential property rent free and without charge except for taxes and other costs and expenses which may be specified in this instrument. Such right to use and occupation shall be for life or until the date the trust is revoked or terminated by an instrument that describes the property with sufficient certainty to identify it and is recorded in the real property records of the county in which the property is located; and
7. This trust has acquired the property in an instrument of title that
  - a. describes the property with sufficient certainty to identify it and the interest acquired;
  - b. is recorded in the real property records of the county in which the property is located; and
  - c. is executed by one or both of us as Trustors or by our personal representatives.

## **Article VII**

### **Upon the Death of One of Us**

#### **Section A. Settlement of Affairs**

Upon the death of the first Founder to die, our Trustee is authorized, but not directed, to pay the following expenses, claims and liabilities which are attributable to the first Founder to die:

Funeral, burial and expenses of last illness

Statutory or court-ordered allowances for qualifying family members

Expenses of administration of the estate

Legally enforceable claims against the deceased Founder or the deceased Founder's estate

Taxes occasioned by death

Any payment authorized above is discretionary. No claim or right to payment may be enforced against this trust by virtue of such discretionary authority.

#### **1. Deceased Founder's Probate Estate**

Payments authorized under this Section shall be paid only to the extent that the probate assets (other than real estate, tangible personal property or property that, in our Trustee's judgment, is not readily marketable) are insufficient to make these payments. However, if our trust holds United States Treasury Bonds which are eligible for redemption at par in payment of the federal estate tax, our Trustee shall redeem such bonds to the extent necessary to pay federal estate tax as a result of a death.

Payments authorized under this Section may be made by our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, either directly to the appropriate persons or institutions or to the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate. If our Trustee makes payments directly to the personal representative

of the deceased Founder's probate estate, our Trustee shall not have any duty to see to the application of such payments. Any written statement of the deceased Founder's personal representative regarding material facts relating to these payments may be relied upon by our Trustee.

As an addition to our trust, our Trustee is authorized to purchase and retain in the form received any property which is a part of the deceased Founder's probate estate. In addition, our Trustee may make loans to the deceased Founder's probate estate with or without security. Our Trustee shall not be liable for any loss suffered by our trust as a result of the exercise of the powers granted in this paragraph.

Our Trustee shall be under no obligation to examine the records or accounts of the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate and is authorized to accept distributions from the personal representative of the deceased Founder's probate estate without audit.

## **2. Exempt Property Excluded**

Our Trustee shall not use any property in making any payments pursuant to this Section to the extent that such property is not included in the deceased Founder's gross estate for federal estate tax purposes. However, if our Trustee makes the determination, in its sole and absolute discretion, that other non-exempt property is not available for payments authorized under this Section, it may then use such exempt property where it is not economically prudent to use non-exempt property for the payment of such expenses.

## **3. Apportionment of Payments**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this trust declaration, all expenses and claims, and all estate, inheritance and death taxes, excluding any generation-skipping transfer tax, resulting from the death of a Founder shall be paid without apportionment and without reimbursement from any person.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in our trust, no death taxes payable as a result of the death of the first Founder to die shall be allocated to or paid from the Survivor's Trust or from any assets passing to the surviving Founder and qualifying for the federal estate tax marital deduction unless our Trustee has first used all other assets available to our Trustee.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in our trust declaration, estate, inheritance and death taxes assessed with regard to property passing outside

of our trust or outside of our probate estates, but included in the gross estate of a Founder for federal estate tax purposes, shall be chargeable against the persons receiving such property.

## **Section B. Division and Distribution of Trust Property**

Our Trustee shall divide the remaining trust property into two separate trusts upon the death of the first one of us to die. The resulting trusts shall be known as the Survivor's Trust and the Decedent's Trust.

### **1. Creation of the Survivor's Trust**

The Survivor's Trust shall consist of the surviving Founder's interest in the community portion of the trust property, if any, and his or her separate portion of the trust property. In addition, the Survivor's Trust shall be the fractional share of the deceased Founder's trust property as follows:

#### **a. Numerator of the Fractional Share**

The numerator of the fractional share shall be the smallest amount which, if allowed as a marital deduction, would result in the least possible federal estate tax being payable as a result of the deceased Founder's death, after allowing for the unified credit against federal estate tax (after taking into account adjusted taxable gifts, if any) as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, and the credit for state death taxes (but only to the extent that the use of this credit does not require an increase in the state death taxes paid).

The numerator shall be reduced by the value, for federal estate tax purposes, of any interest in property that qualifies for the federal estate tax marital deduction and which passes or has passed from the deceased Founder to the surviving Founder other than under this Article.

#### **b. Denominator of the Fractional Share**

The denominator of the fractional share shall consist of the value, as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, of all of the deceased Founder's trust property under this agreement.



## **2. Creation of the Decedent's Trust**

The Decedent's Trust shall consist of the balance of the trust property.

### **Section C. Valuation of Property Distributed to the Survivor's Trust**

Our Trustee shall use those values as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes in making any computation which is necessary to determine the amount distributed to the Survivor's Trust. On the dates of distribution, the fair market value of all of the deceased Founder's property shall in no event be less than the amount of the Survivor's Trust as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes.

### **Section D. Conversion of Nonproductive Property**

The surviving Founder shall at any time have the absolute right to compel our Trustee to convert nonproductive property held as an asset of the Survivor's Trust to productive property. Such right exists notwithstanding any contrary term in this agreement. The surviving Founder shall exercise this right by directing our Trustee in writing to convert such property.

### **Section E. Survivor's Right to Refuse Property or Powers Granted**

With respect to property passing to the surviving Founder or for the surviving Founder's benefit, any portion of any interest in such property or power may be disclaimed by the surviving Founder within the time and under the conditions permitted by law with regard to disclaimers.

Any interest disclaimed by the surviving Founder with respect to any portion of the Survivor's Trust shall be added to the Decedent's Trust. Any interest disclaimed by the surviving Founder with respect to any portion of the Decedent's Trust shall be disposed of under the appropriate provisions of this agreement as though the surviving Founder had predeceased the first Founder to die.

Any disclaimer exercised must be an irrevocable and unqualified refusal to accept any portion of such interest in the property or power disclaimed. Such disclaimer must be delivered to our Trustee in writing.

## **Section F. Allocation of Trust Property**

Subject to the conditions of Section B.1 of this Article, our Trustee shall have the complete authority to make allocations of the deceased Founder's trust property between the Survivor's and Decedent's Trusts.

Our Trustee may make allocations in cash or its equivalent, in kind, in undivided interests, or in any proportion thereof between the two trusts. Our Trustee may also, in its sole discretion, allocate such assets in kind based on the date of distribution values, rather than an undivided interest in each and every asset.

Our Trustee shall not allocate any property or assets, or proceeds from such property or assets, to the Survivor's Trust which would not qualify for the federal estate tax marital deduction in the deceased Founder's estate.

Our Trustee shall not allocate any policies of life insurance insuring the life of the surviving Founder to the Survivor's Trust that are the sole and separate property of the deceased Founder.

To the extent that there are insufficient assets qualifying for the marital deduction to fully fund this Survivor's Trust, the amount of the funding to the Survivor's Trust shall be reduced accordingly.

Our Trustee shall consider the tax consequences of allocating property subject to foreign death tax, property on which a tax credit is available, or property which is income in respect of a decedent under applicable tax laws prior to allocating the deceased Founder's property to the Survivor's Trust.

## **Section G. Distributions from Retirement Plan to the Survivor's Trust**

If Retirement Plan distributions are included in the Survivor's Trust, or in any Survivor's Trust Share, our Trustee shall comply with the following guidelines.

### **1. Form of Distribution**

Our Trustee may elect to receive distributions from any pension, profit sharing, individual retirement account, or other retirement plan ("Retirement Plan") for which our Trust, or any subtrust provided for herein, is named as beneficiary, in installments or in a lump sum.

## **2. Income Requirement**

Our Trustee shall elect to receive distributions from a Retirement Plan payable to the Survivor's Trust or any Survivor's Trust Share in compliance with the minimum distribution rules of the Internal Revenue Code if applicable and also so that at least all income earned by the Retirement Plan each calendar year is distributed to the Trust and allocated to trust income during the year. If distributions from the Retirement Plan total less than all income earned by the Retirement Plan for a calendar year, our Trustee shall demand additional distributions equal to at least the shortfall so that the surviving Founder will receive all income earned by the Retirement Plan at least annually. The surviving Founder shall have full power, in such surviving Founder's discretion, to compel our Trustee to demand such distributions and to compel the Retirement Plan Trustee to convert any nonproductive property to productive property.

## **3. Retirement Plan Expenses**

In calculating "all income earned by the Retirement Plan," our Trustee shall allocate all Retirement Plan expenses, including income taxes and Trustee's fees, that are attributable to principal distributions so that all income distributions from the Retirement Plan are not reduced.

## **Article VIII**

### **Administration of the Survivor's Trust**

#### **Section A. Creation of Two Survivor's Shares**

The property passing to the Survivor's Trust shall be divided into two shares. Both shares shall collectively constitute the Survivor's Trust.

##### **1. Survivor's Share One**

Our Trustee shall allocate all of the surviving Founder's separate portion of the trust property and all of the surviving Founder's community portion of the trust property, if any, to Survivor's Share One.

##### **2. Survivor's Share Two**

Survivor's Share Two shall consist of the balance, if any, of the property passing to the Survivor's Trust.

If any allocation under this Article results only in the funding of Survivor's Share One, our Trustee shall administer this agreement as if Survivor's Share Two did not exist. The funding of Survivor's Share One, when Survivor's Share Two does not exist, shall be referred to only as the Survivor's Trust and no designation shall be necessary.

Separate accounts shall be maintained for Survivor's Share One and Survivor's Share Two. Our Trustee may, however, hold the separate shares as a common fund for administrative convenience.

#### **Section B. Administration of Survivor's Share One**

Our Trustee shall administer Survivor's Share One for the surviving Founder's benefit as follows:

##### **1. The Surviving Founder's Right to Income**

Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the surviving Founder's benefit, at least monthly during the surviving Founder's lifetime, all of the net income from Survivor's Share One.

## **2. The Surviving Founder's Right to Withdraw Principal**

Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the surviving Founder's benefit such amounts from the principal of Survivor's Share One as the surviving Founder may at any time request in writing.

No limitation shall be placed on the surviving Founder as to either the amount of or reason for such invasion of principal.

## **3. Principal Distributions in Our Trustee's Discretion**

Our Trustee may also distribute to or for the surviving Founder's benefit as much of the principal of Survivor's Share One as our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall consider necessary or advisable for the surviving Founder's education, health, maintenance, and support.

Our Trustee shall take into consideration, to the extent that our Trustee deems advisable, any income or resources of the surviving Founder which are outside of the trust and are known to our Trustee.

## **4. The Surviving Founder's General Power of Appointment**

The surviving Founder shall have the unlimited and unrestricted general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, the entire principal and any accrued and undistributed net income of Survivor's Share One as it exists at the surviving Founder's death. In exercising this general power of appointment, the surviving Founder shall specifically refer to this power.

The surviving Founder shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to the surviving Founder the right to appoint property to the surviving Founder's own estate. It also specifically grants to the surviving Founder the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations, or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as the surviving Founder may elect.

## **Section C. Administration of Survivor's Share Two**

Our Trustee shall administer Survivor's Share Two for the surviving Founder's benefit as follows:

### **1. The Surviving Founder's Right to Income**

Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the surviving Founder's benefit, at least monthly during the surviving Founder's lifetime, all of the net income from Survivor's Share Two.

The surviving Founder shall have the unlimited and unrestricted general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, any accrued and undistributed net income of Survivor's Share Two. In exercising this general power of appointment, the surviving Founder shall specifically refer to this power.

The surviving Founder shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to the surviving Founder the right to appoint property to the surviving Founder's own estate. It also specifically grants to the surviving Founder the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations, or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as the surviving Founder may elect.

### **2. Principal Distributions in Our Trustee's Discretion**

Our Trustee may also distribute to or for the surviving Founder's benefit as much of the principal of Survivor's Share Two as our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall consider necessary or advisable for the education, health, maintenance, and support of the surviving Founder.

Our Trustee shall take into consideration, to the extent that our Trustee deems advisable, any income or resources of the surviving Founder which are outside of the trust and are known to our Trustee.

It is our desire, to the extent that it is economically prudent, that principal distributions be made from Survivor's Share One until it is exhausted, and only thereafter from the principal of Survivor's Share Two.

### **3. The Surviving Founder's Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment**

The surviving Founder shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of our descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of the principal of Survivor's Share Two as it exists at the surviving Founder's death.

The surviving Founder may make distributions among our descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as the surviving Founder shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of the surviving Founder's estate, the creditors of the surviving Founder's estate, or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to the surviving Founder.

#### **Section D. Administration of Both Survivor's Shares at Surviving Founder's Death**

Both Survivor's Share One and Survivor's Share Two shall terminate at the surviving Founder's death. Our Trustee shall administer the unappointed balance or remainder of both shares as follows:

##### **1. The Surviving Founder's Final Expenses**

Our Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, pay for the following expenses:

Expenses of the last illness, funeral, and burial of the surviving Founder.

Legally enforceable claims against the surviving Founder or the surviving Founder's estate.

Expenses of administering the surviving Founder's estate.

Any inheritance, estate, or other death taxes payable by reason of the surviving Founder's death, together with interest and penalties thereon.

Statutory or court-ordered allowances for qualifying family members.

The payments authorized under this Section are discretionary, and no claims or right to payment by third parties may be enforced against the trust by virtue of such discretionary authority.

Our Trustee shall be indemnified from the trust property for any damages sustained by our Trustee as a result of its exercising, in good faith, the authority granted it under this Section.

It is our desire that, to the extent possible, any payments authorized under this Section be paid from the surviving Founder's probate estate before any payments are made pursuant to this Section.

## **2. Redemption of Treasury Bonds**

If the Survivor's Trust holds United States Treasury Bonds eligible for redemption in payment of the federal estate tax, our Trustee shall redeem the bonds to the extent necessary to pay any federal estate tax due by reason of the surviving Founder's death.

## **3. Coordination with the Personal Representative**

This Paragraph shall be utilized to help facilitate the coordination between the personal representative of the surviving Founder's probate estate and our Trustee with respect to any property owned by the surviving Founder outside of this trust agreement at the surviving Founder's death.

### **a. Authorized Payments**

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, may elect to pay the payments authorized under this Section either directly to the appropriate persons or institutions or to the surviving Founder's personal representative.

Our Trustee may rely upon the written statements of the surviving Founder's personal representative as to all material facts relating to these payments; our Trustee shall not have any duty to see to the application of such payments.



**b. Purchase of Assets and Loans**

Our Trustee is authorized to purchase and retain in the form received, as an addition to the trust, any property which is a part of the surviving Founder's probate estate. In addition, our Trustee may make loans, with or without security, to the surviving Founder's probate estate. Our Trustee shall not be liable for any loss suffered by the trust as a result of the exercise of the powers granted in this paragraph.

**c. Distributions from the Personal Representative**

Our Trustee is authorized to accept distributions from the surviving Founder's personal representative without audit and our Trustee shall be under no obligation to examine the records or accounts of the personal representative.

**4. Trustee's Authority to Make Tax Elections**

Our Trustee may exercise any available elections with regard to state or federal income, inheritance, estate, succession, or gift tax law.

**a. Alternate Valuation Date**

The authority granted our Trustee in this Paragraph includes the right to elect any alternate valuation date for federal estate or state estate or inheritance tax purposes.

**b. Deduction of Administration Expenses**

The authority granted our Trustee in this Paragraph shall include the right to elect whether all or any parts of the administration expenses of the surviving Founder's estate are to be used as estate tax deductions or income tax deductions.

No compensating adjustments need be made between income and principal as a result of such elections unless our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine otherwise, or unless required by law.

**c. Taxes and Returns**

Our Trustee may also sign tax returns; pay any taxes, interest, or penalties with regard to taxes; and apply for and collect tax refunds and interest thereon.

**Section E. Subsequent Administration of the Survivor's Trust**

The unappointed balance or remainder of Survivor's Share One and Survivor's Share Two shall be administered as provided in Article X.

## **Article IX**

### **Administration of the Decedent's Trust**

#### **Section A. Use of Income and Principal**

During the lifetime of the surviving Founder, our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the benefit of the surviving Founder all net income and such portions of principal from the Decedent's Trust according to the following guidelines:

1. **NET INCOME** shall be paid in convenient installments, at least monthly.
2. **PRINCIPAL**
  - a. The surviving Founder shall have the noncumulative right to withdraw in any calendar year amounts not to exceed \$5,000.00.
  - b. In addition, on the last day of any calendar year, the surviving Founder may withdraw an amount by which five percent (5%) of the then market value of the principal of the Decedent's Trust exceeds principal amounts previously withdrawn in that year pursuant to Section A.2.a. of this Article.
  - c. Our Trustee may also distribute any amount of principal deemed necessary, in our Trustee's sole and absolute discretion, for the health, education, maintenance and support of the surviving Founder and our descendants.

#### **Section B. Guidelines for All Distributions**

At all times, our Trustee shall give primary consideration to the surviving Founder's health, education, maintenance and support, and thereafter to our descendant's health, education, maintenance and support.

If the surviving Founder has the power to remove a Trustee of the Decedent's Trust, our Trustee shall not distribute any of the principal of the Decedent's Trust that would in any manner discharge the surviving Founder's legal obligation to a beneficiary of the Decedent's Trust. If the surviving Founder is disabled, our Trustee shall ignore this restriction during the period of the surviving Founder's disability, and the surviving Founder shall not have the power to remove a Trustee of the Decedent's Trust.

### **Section C. Guidelines for Discretionary Distributions**

Before making discretionary distributions of principal from the Decedent's Trust to the surviving Founder, our Trustee shall preferably exhaust the Survivor's Trust.

Before making discretionary distributions pursuant to this Article, our Trustee shall consider income or other resources which are available outside of the Decedent's Trust to any beneficiary. Distributions need not be made to all Decedent's Trust beneficiaries and may be to the complete exclusion of some beneficiaries. Distributions may be made in equal or unequal amounts according to the respective needs of the Decedent's Trust beneficiaries and shall not be charged against a beneficiary's ultimate share of trust property.

### **Section D. Termination of the Decedent's Trust**

When the surviving Founder dies, the Decedent's Trust shall terminate and our Trustee shall administer the balance of the Decedent's Trust according to the following guidelines and in the following order:

1. The surviving Founder shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint all of the undistributed principal and income of the Decedent's Trust among our descendants only (but only to the extent such undistributed principal and income have not been transferred or assigned to the Decedent's Trust by virtue of a disclaimer executed by the surviving Founder). Any such appointment may be in any proportion and on such terms and conditions as the surviving Founder may elect. The surviving Founder shall not have the right or power to appoint any portion of the Decedent's Trust in favor of the surviving Founder's estate, creditors of the surviving Founder's estate, or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to the surviving Founder. The right to exercise this limited testamentary power of appointment is the sole and exclusive right of the surviving Founder. Our Trustee shall distribute the

appointed portions of the Decedent's Trust according to such appointment if exercised and specifically referred to either (i) in a valid last will and testament; (ii) in a living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment executed by the surviving Founder.

2. Any unappointed balance of the Decedent's Trust shall be administered as provided in the Articles that follow.

# Article X

## Upon the Death of the Survivor of Us

### Section A. Our Beneficiaries

Unless one of us shall otherwise direct in a qualified beneficiary designation as to his or her ownership interest in the trust, all trust property not previously distributed under the terms of our trust shall be divided and distributed in accordance with the terms of this trust declaration and as follows:

<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Share</u>
CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS	1/5
CAROL ANN BRUNSTING	1/5
CARL HENRY BRUNSTING	1/5
AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART	1/5
ANITA KAY RILEY	1/5

### Section B. Distribution to our Beneficiaries

1. (a) Distribution of the share of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

The trust share created for CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall be held in trust and administered and distributed as follows:

- i. Distributions of Net Income

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS as much of the net income from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS, for her lifetime.

ii. Distributions of Principal

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS as much of the principal from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS, for her lifetime.

iii. General Testamentary Power of Appointment

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall have the unlimited and unrestricted testamentary general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' share of the principal and any accrued and undistributed net income from such portion of the Trust assets which is not exempt from federal generation-skipping tax, as they exist at CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' death.

In exercising this general power of appointment, CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall specifically refer to this power.

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS the right to appointment of property to CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' own estate. It also specifically grants to CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS may elect.

However, if under the law in effect at the time of the death of the survivor of us this trust is not subject to generation skipping transfer tax and neither this trust nor distributions from it will be subject to generation skipping transfer tax in the future, this general power of appointment shall terminate and shall be replaced by a limited power of appointment pursuant to the provisions which follow.

iv. Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' share of the principal of such portion of the Trust assets which is exempt from federal generation-skipping tax as they exist at CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' death.

CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS may make distributions among CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' estate, the creditors of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS' estate or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS.

(b) Distribution on the Death of CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS

If CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, and without exercising a power of appointment outlined above, the trust share set aside for CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

2. (a) Distribution of the share of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING

The trust share created for CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall be held in trust and administered and distributed as follows:



i. Distributions of Net Income

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING as much of the net income from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING, for her lifetime.

ii. Distributions of Principal

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING as much of the principal from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING, for her lifetime.

iii. General Testamentary Power of Appointment

CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall have the unlimited and unrestricted testamentary general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's share of the principal and any accrued and undistributed net income from such portion of the Trust assets which is not exempt from federal generation-skipping tax, as they exist at CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's death.

In exercising this general power of appointment, CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall specifically refer to this power.

CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to CAROL ANN BRUNSTING the right to appointment of property to CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's own estate. It also specifically grants to CAROL ANN BRUNSTING the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as CAROL ANN BRUNSTING may elect.

However, if under the law in effect at the time of the death of the survivor of us this trust is not subject to generation skipping transfer tax and neither this trust nor distributions from it will be subject to generation skipping transfer tax in the future, this general power of appointment shall terminate and shall be replaced by a limited power of appointment pursuant to the provisions which follow.

iv. Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment

CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's share of the principal of such portion of the Trust assets which is exempt from federal generation-skipping tax as they exist at CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's death.

CAROL ANN BRUNSTING may make distributions among CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's estate, the creditors of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING's estate or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to CAROL ANN BRUNSTING.

(b) Distribution on the Death of CAROL ANN BRUNSTING

If CAROL ANN BRUNSTING should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, and without exercising a power of appointment outlined above, the trust share set aside for CAROL ANN BRUNSTING shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if CAROL ANN BRUNSTING has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

3. (a) Distribution of the share of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING

The trust share created for CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall be held in trust and administered and distributed as follows:

i. Distributions of Net Income

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING as much of the net income from his trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING, for his lifetime.

ii. Distributions of Principal

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING as much of the principal from his trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING, for his lifetime.

iii. General Testamentary Power of Appointment

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall have the unlimited and unrestricted testamentary general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's share of the principal and any accrued and undistributed net income from such portion of the Trust assets which is not exempt from federal generation-skipping tax, as they exist at CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's death.

In exercising this general power of appointment, CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall specifically refer to this power.

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to CARL HENRY BRUNSTING the right to appointment of property to

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's own estate. It also specifically grants to CARL HENRY BRUNSTING the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as CARL HENRY BRUNSTING may elect.

However, if under the law in effect at the time of the death of the survivor of us this trust is not subject to generation skipping transfer tax and neither this trust nor distributions from it will be subject to generation skipping transfer tax in the future, this general power of appointment shall terminate and shall be replaced by a limited power of appointment pursuant to the provisions which follow.

iv. Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's share of the principal of such portion of the Trust assets which is exempt from federal generation-skipping tax as they exist at CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's death.

CARL HENRY BRUNSTING may make distributions among CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as CARL HENRY BRUNSTING shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's estate, the creditors of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING's estate or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to CARL HENRY BRUNSTING.

(b) Distribution on the Death of CARL HENRY BRUNSTING

If CARL HENRY BRUNSTING should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of his trust share, and without exercising a power of appointment outlined above, the trust share set aside for CARL HENRY

BRUNSTING shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if CARL HENRY BRUNSTING has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

4. (a) Distribution of the share of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

The trust share created for AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall be held in trust and administered and distributed as follows:

i. Distributions of Net Income

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART as much of the net income from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, for her lifetime.

ii. Distributions of Principal

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART as much of the principal from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, for her lifetime.

iii. General Testamentary Power of Appointment

AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall have the unlimited and unrestricted testamentary general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's share of the principal and any accrued and undistributed net income from such portion of the Trust assets which is not exempt from federal generation-skipping tax, as they exist at AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's death.

In exercising this general power of appointment, AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall specifically refer to this power.

AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART the right to appointment of property to AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's own estate. It also specifically grants to AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART may elect.

However, if under the law in effect at the time of the death of the survivor of us this trust is not subject to generation skipping transfer tax and neither this trust nor distributions from it will be subject to generation skipping transfer tax in the future, this general power of appointment shall terminate and shall be replaced by a limited power of appointment pursuant to the provisions which follow.

iv. Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment

AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's share of the principal of such portion of the Trust assets which is exempt from federal generation-skipping tax as they exist at AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's death.

AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART may make distributions among AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART's estate, the creditors of AMY RUTH

TSCHIRHART's estate or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART.

(b) Distribution on the Death of AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART

If AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, and without exercising a power of appointment outlined above, the trust share set aside for AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

5. (a) Distribution of the share of ANITA KAY RILEY

The trust share created for ANITA KAY RILEY shall be held in trust and administered and distributed as follows:

i. Distributions of Net Income

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of ANITA KAY RILEY as much of the net income from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of ANITA KAY RILEY, for her lifetime.

ii. Distributions of Principal

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of ANITA KAY RILEY as much of the principal from her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of ANITA KAY RILEY, for her lifetime.

iii. General Testamentary Power of Appointment

ANITA KAY RILEY shall have the unlimited and unrestricted testamentary general power to appoint either (i) by a valid last

will and testament; (ii) by a valid living trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, ANITA KAY RILEY's share of the principal and any accrued and undistributed net income from such portion of the Trust assets which is not exempt from federal generation-skipping tax, as they exist at ANITA KAY RILEY's death.

In exercising this general power of appointment, ANITA KAY RILEY shall specifically refer to this power.

ANITA KAY RILEY shall have the sole and exclusive right to exercise the general power of appointment.

This general power of appointment specifically grants to ANITA KAY RILEY the right to appointment of property to ANITA KAY RILEY's own estate. It also specifically grants to ANITA KAY RILEY the right to appoint the property among persons, corporations or other entities in equal or unequal proportions, and on such terms and conditions, whether outright or in trust, as ANITA KAY RILEY may elect.

However, if under the law in effect at the time of the death of the survivor of us this trust is not subject to generation skipping transfer tax and neither this trust nor distributions from it will be subject to generation skipping transfer tax in the future, this general power of appointment shall terminate and shall be replaced by a limited power of appointment pursuant to the provisions which follow.

#### iv. Limited Testamentary Power of Appointment

ANITA KAY RILEY shall have the limited testamentary power to appoint to or for the benefit of ANITA KAY RILEY's descendants, either (i) by a valid last will and testament; (ii) by a valid trust agreement; or (iii) by a written exercise of power of appointment, all or any portion of ANITA KAY RILEY's share of the principal of such portion of the Trust assets which is exempt from federal generation-skipping tax as they exist at ANITA KAY RILEY's death.

ANITA KAY RILEY may make distributions among ANITA KAY RILEY's descendants in equal or unequal amounts, and on



such terms and conditions, either outright or in trust, as ANITA KAY RILEY shall determine.

This power shall not be exercised in favor of ANITA KAY RILEY's estate, the creditors of ANITA KAY RILEY's estate or in any manner which would result in any economic benefit to ANITA KAY RILEY.

(b) **Distribution on the Death of ANITA KAY RILEY**

If ANITA KAY RILEY should predecease us or die before the complete distribution of her trust share, and without exercising a power of appointment outlined above, the trust share set aside for ANITA KAY RILEY shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to such beneficiary's then living descendants, per stirpes. However, if ANITA KAY RILEY has no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

**Section C. Administration of the Share of a Descendant of a Deceased Beneficiary**

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions as to the disposition of a trust share upon the death of a beneficiary, each share set aside for a deceased beneficiary who has then living descendants shall be divided into as many shares as shall be necessary to create shares for each then living descendant of such deceased beneficiary on a per stirpes basis. For example, if a deceased beneficiary has a deceased child who leaves children, then the share that would have passed to such deceased child shall be shared equally among his or her living children on a per stirpes basis. Each such share shall be held in trust to be administered as follows:

1. **Distribution of Trust Income**

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of any descendant of a deceased beneficiary as much of the net income from his or her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of such descendant.

## 2. Distribution of Trust Principal

Our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall pay to or apply for the benefit of any descendant of a deceased beneficiary as much of the principal from his or her trust share as our Trustee deems advisable for the health, education, maintenance and support of such descendant.

When such descendant reaches the age of 30 or if, on the creation of his or her trust share, he or she has already attained the age of 30, thereafter, upon the written request of such descendant delivered to our Trustee, our Trustee shall distribute an amount not greater than fifty percent of the accumulated net income and principal, as it is then constituted, free of trust. If more than one written request for distribution is made by such descendant, our Trustee shall not cumulatively distribute to such descendant, in response to all such requests, more than fifty percent of the accumulated income and principal of the trust as it existed on the date of the first request for a distribution made under this paragraph by such descendant or fifty percent of the total trust funds remaining at the date of any subsequent request, whichever is the lesser amount.

When such descendant reaches the age of 40 or if, on the creation of his or her trust share, he or she has already attained the age of 40, thereafter, upon the written request of such descendant delivered to our Trustee, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the accumulated net income and principal of such trust share, as it is then constituted to such descendant, free of trust. Undistributed funds shall continue to be held in trust.

If a descendant of a deceased beneficiary should die before the complete distribution of such trust share, the trust share shall terminate and our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to the surviving descendants of such descendant, share and share alike, per stirpes. If such descendant of a deceased beneficiary dies with no surviving descendants, then such share shall terminate and be distributed to the remaining descendants of the deceased beneficiary, share and share alike, per stirpes. If there are no descendants of such deceased beneficiary, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust share to our then living descendants, per stirpes. In the event we have no then living descendants, our Trustee shall distribute the balance of the accumulated income and principal of the trust share as provided in Section G of this Article.

Our Trustee shall administer and distribute each such share according to the provisions of Article XI, Section D.

#### **Section D. Subsequent Children**

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article wherein beneficiaries are named, if, subsequent to the creation of this trust declaration, we have additional children or legally adopt children who are under the age of 18, each such child shall be included among the beneficiaries named in this Article and an equal trust share shall be created for each such beneficiary.

Our Trustee shall administer and distribute each such share according to the provisions of Article XI, Section D.

#### **Section E. Guidelines for Discretionary Distributions**

Whenever we have given our Trustee any discretionary authority over the distribution of income or principal to any named beneficiary, our Trustee shall be liberal in exercising such discretion and shall give such beneficiary assistance for any opportunity or expense deemed by our Trustee to be in the best interest of such beneficiary. However, before making discretionary distributions, our Trustee shall take into consideration any additional sources of income and principal available to such beneficiary which exist outside of this agreement and are known to our Trustee, and the future probable needs of such beneficiary.

#### **Section F. Guidelines for All Distributions**

Whenever any provision of this Article authorizes or requires a distribution to any beneficiary, then our Trustee shall retain such distribution in trust at such beneficiary's written request. Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary such amounts of income and principal as the beneficiary may at any time request in writing. No limitations shall be placed upon the beneficiary regarding withdrawals from his or her respective trust share. In addition, our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, may distribute to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary as much of the principal and income of the beneficiary's trust share as our Trustee deems advisable, in its sole and absolute discretion, for the health, education, maintenance and support of the beneficiary.

#### **Section G. Ultimate Distribution**

If at any time there is no person, corporation or other entity entitled to receive all or any part of the trust property of one of us, it shall be distributed as follows:

Beneficiary

Share%

CENTRAL COLLEGE OF IOWA  
Pella, Iowa

100%

If the CENTRAL COLLEGE OF IOWA, Pella, Iowa, is no longer in existence at the date of distribution, but has designated a successor, such successor shall receive such beneficiary's share. However, if no such successor has been designated, the share of such beneficiary shall pass one-half to those persons who would be the wife Founder's heirs as if she had died intestate, unmarried, owning such property and the balance shall pass to those persons who would be the husband Founder's heirs as if he had died intestate, unmarried, owning such property.

The distribution of trust property, for purposes of this Section, shall be determined by the laws of descent and distribution for intestate estates in the State of Texas as such laws are in effect at the time of any distribution under this Article.

## **Article XI**

### **Protection of Beneficial Interests**

#### **Section A. Protection of the Interests of Our Beneficiaries**

No beneficiary will have the power to anticipate, encumber or transfer any interest in the trust. No part of the trust will be liable for or charged with any debts, contracts, liabilities or torts of a beneficiary or subject to seizure or other process by any creditor of a beneficiary.

#### **Section B. Unproductive or Underproductive Assets**

A beneficiary who is then entitled to the income of the trust, or the income of any other trust established or continued pursuant to this trust declaration, will have the authority to issue a written directive to the Trustee to convert trust property which does not produce an income, or which is underproductive, into property which is income producing or which will provide a greater income to the trust.

Upon actual receipt of an income beneficiary's written directive, the Trustee will reasonably and prudently proceed to convert unproductive or underproductive property into property which will produce a reasonable and safe rate of return. The Trustee may do so by selling the unproductive or underproductive asset upon such terms and conditions as are prudent and reasonable under all circumstances which may then exist (including the acceptance of an income or interest bearing obligation as the whole or a part of the sales price), and investing the proceeds of the sale in income producing instruments or obligations.

Notwithstanding these requirements, a trust beneficiary cannot direct the Trustee to invest or reinvest trust property in a trust investment which is speculative in nature or which, in result, would violate the spendthrift provisions of this trust declaration.

#### **Section C. No Contest of Our Trust**

The Founders vest in the Trustee the authority to construe this trust instrument and to resolve all matters pertaining to disputed issues or controverted claims. Founders do not want to burden this trust with the cost of a litigated proceeding to resolve questions of law or fact unless the proceeding is originated by the Trustee or with the Trustee's written permission.

Any person, agency or organization who shall originate (or who shall cause to be instituted) a judicial proceeding to construe or contest this trust instrument, or any will which requires distribution of property to this trust, or to resolve any claim or controversy in the nature of reimbursement, or seeking to impress a constructive or resulting trust, or alleging any other theory which, if assumed as true, would enlarge (or originate) a claimant's interest in this trust or in the Founders' estates, without the Trustee's written permission, shall forfeit any amount to which that person, agency or organization is or may be entitled and the interest of any such litigant or contestant shall pass as if he or she or it had predeceased us, regardless of whether or not such contestant is a named beneficiary.

These directions shall apply even though the person, agency or organization shall be found by a court of law to have originated the judicial proceeding in good faith and with probable cause and even though the proceedings may seek nothing more than to construe the application of this no contest provision.

This requirement is to be limited, even to the exclusion thereof, in the event it operates to deny the benefits of the federal estate tax or federal gift tax marital deduction.

#### **Section D. Our Trustee's Authority to Keep Property in Trust**

Unless this trust declaration provides otherwise, if any trust property becomes distributable to a beneficiary when the beneficiary is under 21 years of age, or when the beneficiary is under any form of legal disability, as defined in Article XIII, our Trustee shall retain that beneficiary's share in a separate trust until he or she attains 21 years of age, or until his or her legal disability has ceased, to be administered and distributed as follows:

##### **1. Distributions of Trust Income and Principal**

Our Trustee shall pay to or apply for the benefit of the beneficiary as much of the net income and principal of the trust as our Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, deems necessary or advisable for the beneficiary's health, education, maintenance and support. No guardian or custodian of a beneficiary shall have any control or interposition over our Trustee.

In making any distributions of income and principal under this Section, our Trustee shall be mindful of, and take into consideration to the extent it deems necessary, any additional sources of income and principal available to the beneficiary which arise outside of this agreement.

Any net income not distributed to a beneficiary shall be accumulated and added to principal.

## 2. Methods of Distribution

Distributions to an incompetent or disabled beneficiary, or a minor beneficiary, may be made in any of the following ways as in the Trustee's opinion will be most beneficial to the interests of the beneficiary:

- (a) Directly to such beneficiary;
- (b) To his or her parent, guardian or legal representative;
- (c) To a custodian for said beneficiary under any Uniform Gifts to Minors Act and/or Gifts of Securities to Minors Act in the jurisdiction of residence of such beneficiary;
- (d) To any person with whom he or she is residing;
- (e) To some near relative or close friend; or
- (f) By the Trustee using such payment directly for the benefit of such beneficiary, including payments made to or for the benefit of any person or persons whom said beneficiary has a legal obligation to support;
- (g) To persons, corporations or other entities for the use and benefit of the beneficiary;
- (h) To an account in a commercial bank or savings institution in the name of the beneficiary, or in a form reserving the title, management and custody of the account to a suitable person, corporation or other entity for the use and benefit of the beneficiary; or
- (i) In any prudent form of annuity purchased for the use and benefit of the beneficiary.

The Trustee may instead, in the Trustee's sole discretion, hold such income or corpus for the account of such beneficiary as custodian. A receipt from a beneficiary or from his parent, guardian, legal representative, relative or close friend or other person described above shall be a sufficient discharge to the Trustee from any liability for making said payments.

The Trustee is likewise authorized to consult with and act upon the advice of the parent, guardian, custodian or legal representative of any beneficiary who is either an incompetent or a minor with respect to any and all matters which may arise under this trust and as it concerns the rights or interests of said beneficiary.

All statements, accounts, documents, releases, notices or other written instruments, including but not limited to, written instruments concerning the resignation or replacement of any Trustee or Trustees, required to be delivered to or executed by such beneficiary, may be delivered to or executed by the parent, guardian, custodian or legal representative of said incompetent or minor beneficiary, and when so delivered or executed shall be binding upon said incompetent or minor beneficiary, and shall be of the same force and effect as though delivered to or executed by a beneficiary acting under no legal disability.

### **3. Termination and Ultimate Distribution**

Our Trustee shall distribute the trust property to a beneficiary:

When he or she attains 21 years of age, or

When he or she ceases to be disabled.

### **Section E. Application to Founders**

Notwithstanding anything in this agreement to the contrary, this Article shall not apply to, modify or affect the surviving Founder's right to receive the net income from the Survivor's Trust as set forth and provided for in this agreement.



## **Article XII**

### **Our Trustees' Powers and Authority**

#### **Section A. Applicability of Texas Trust Code and Other Statutes**

The Trustee shall have the powers, duties, and liabilities set forth in this declaration and as more specifically stated in this Article, as well as such powers, duties and liabilities set forth in the Texas Trust Code, and all other applicable state and federal statutes, as now enacted and as hereafter amended, except to the extent the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this declaration, in which case the provisions of this declaration shall govern.

#### **Section B. Powers to Be Exercised in the Best Interests of the Beneficiaries**

The Trustee shall exercise the following administrative and investment powers without the order of any court, as the Trustee determines in its sole and absolute discretion to be in the best interests of the beneficiaries.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this agreement, the Trustee shall not exercise any power in a manner inconsistent with the beneficiaries' right to the beneficial enjoyment of the trust property in accordance with the general principles of the law of trusts.

The Trustee may perform every act reasonably necessary to administer each and every share or trust created under this agreement.

#### **Section C. General Investment and Management Powers**

The Trustee is authorized to invest in such investments as the Trustee deems proper and prudent, even if such investments fail to constitute properly diversified trust investments or for any other reason could be considered to be improper trust investments. The Trustee's investment authority is intended to be quite broad, and shall include, but is not limited to, all authority that follows.

In addition, the Trustee is granted the authority to exercise any managerial powers of an individual with respect to matters affecting a trust, it being our intention to grant broad managerial discretion to the Trustee that is consistent with the management and administration of a trust, including the following managerial authorities.

### **Originally Contributed Properties**

The Trustee may continue to hold and maintain all assets originally contributed to any trust.

### **Additional Properties**

The Trustee is authorized to receive additional trust property, whether by gift, will, or otherwise, either from us, from either of us, or from any other person, corporation, or entity.

Upon receipt of any additional property, the Trustee shall administer and distribute the same as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may retain, without liability for depreciation or loss resulting from such retention, all property constituting the trust estate at the time of its creation or thereafter received from other sources.

The foregoing shall be acceptable even though such property may not be of the character prescribed by law for the investment of trust funds or may result in inadequate diversification of the trust property.

### **Securities Powers**

The Trustee may invest and reinvest in such classes of stocks, bonds, securities, commodities, options, metals, or other property real or personal, as it shall determine.

The Trustee is authorized to buy, sell, and trade in securities of any nature, including short sales on margin. The Trustee may maintain and operate margin accounts with brokers, and may pledge any securities held or purchased by other Trustees with such brokers as securities for loans and advances made to the Trustee.

The Trustee may retain, exercise, or sell rights of conversion or subscription with respect to any securities held as part of the trust property.

The Trustee may vote or refrain from voting at corporate meetings either in person or by proxy, whether general or limited, and with or without substitutions.

### **Investment of Cash Assets**

A corporate entity serving as Trustee may deposit trust funds with itself as either a permanent or temporary investment, and may place trust funds under its administration in common trust funds established and maintained by such corporate trustee or its affiliate. In

determining where to invest cash resources, the Trustee may consider all factors, including facility of access and security of funds invested, as well as the stated rate of return.

### **Unproductive or Wasting Assets**

Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, the Trustee may receive, acquire and maintain assets that may constitute unproductive, underproductive or wasting assets if the Trustee believes it is reasonable to do so. Upon the sale or disposition of any such asset, the Trustee need not make an allocation of any portion of the principal element of such sale proceeds to the income beneficiaries of the trust.

### **Personal Residence and Furnishings of Personal Residence**

To the extent that the personal residence that we occupied at the date of the death of the first of us to die and any furnishings of such residence become part of a trust estate, the Trustee is authorized to continue to retain and use, to distribute in kind, or to sell any such assets should the Trustee believe the retention, use, distribution or sale of such assets would be beneficial to the survivor of us.

### **Mineral Properties**

The Trustee shall have the power to acquire, exchange, maintain or sell mineral interests, and to make oil, gas and mineral leases covering any lands or mineral interests forming a part of a trust estate, including leases for periods extending beyond the duration of the trust.

The Trustee may pool or unitize any or all of the lands, mineral leaseholds or mineral interests of a trust with others for the purpose of developing and producing oil, gas or other minerals, and may make leases or assignments containing the right to pool or unitize.

The Trustee may enter into contracts and agreements relating to the installation or operation of absorption, repressuring and other processing plants, may drill or contract for the drilling of wells for oil, gas or other minerals, may enter into, renew and extend operating agreements and exploration contracts, may engage in secondary and tertiary recovery operations, may make "bottom hole" or "dry hole" contributions, and may deal otherwise with respect to mineral properties as an individual owner might deal with his own properties.

The Trustee may enter into contracts, conveyances and other agreements or transfers deemed necessary or desirable to carry out these powers, including division orders, oil, gas or other hydrocarbon sales contracts, processing agreements, and other contracts relating to the processing, handling, treating, transporting and marketing of oil, gas or other mineral production.