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## **Power of attorney**

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This power of attorney authorizes you as my attorney-in-fact

1. to commence and maintain all legal proceedings related to the matter in issue (among others, to conduct a lawsuit according to the German Code of Civil Procedure (ZPO) §§ 81 et seq., to the German Administrative Court Procedures Code (VwGO) and to the German Administrative Procedures Act (VwVfG)) , including to file and to withdraw counter claims and to provide representation in proceedings before all administrative agencies;
2. to file petitions in divorce cases and consequential matters, to enter into settlement agreements in consequential matters, as well as to file petitions for the issuing of information on old-age and other pensions;
3. to provide representation and defense in criminal matters and administrative fine matters (German Code of Criminal Procedure (StPO) §§ 302, 374), including preliminary proceedings, as well as (in the case of absence) to provide representation according to StPO § 411 (2), with the explicit authorization according to StPO §§ 233 (1) and 234, to receive legal notices pursuant to StPO § 145a (2), to initiate criminal proceedings and to file any other petitions permitted by the StPO and the Law on the Compensation for Criminal Prosecution Measures, especially for amount/cash proceedings;
4. to irrevocably settle a labor law case;
5. to receive notices in tax law matters pursuant to the German General Tax Code (AO) § 123;
6. to provide representation in other proceedings and in extrajudicial proceedings and negotiations of any kind;
7. to enter into, to change, and to terminate contractual agreements and to issue and receive any legal notices relating to the matter in issue.

This power of attorney is valid for all instances and also covers all kinds of ancillary and consequential proceedings (e.g. writ of attachment and temporary injunction, proceedings of fixing costs, execution proceedings, intervention proceedings, compulsory sale procedures, receivership proceedings, and depositing proceedings, as well as bankruptcy and composition proceedings regarding the assets of the adversary). It includes the authorization to file petitions of any kind and to effect and receive service, to delegate the power of attorney completely or partially to others (substitute power of attorney), to file, to withdraw, to restrict, or to waive appeals, to resolve the proceedings or extrajudicial negotiations by way of settlement, waiver, or acknowledgement, to receive money, valuables and deeds, especially the object in dispute, and the amounts to be reimbursed by the opposing party, the judicial or other authorities, as well as to inspect files. Any actions already taken in this matter in issue are deemed to be approved by this power of attorney. This power of attorney shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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Place / Date / Signature Client