

Michigan Power of Attorney Checklist

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___ **Sign this document.** This document needs to be signed by:

Zelda Aaron Jones

A notary public

The Power of Attorney must be signed by a principal who is mentally competent and the signature must be notarized. Notarization is required because it makes it harder for a third party to challenge the validity of the signature, and allows the document to be "recorded" for use with real estate transactions, if recording becomes necessary or advisable. You may also have 2 competent witnesses sign this document.

___ **Everyone gets a copy.** Anyone named in the document should receive a copy of the signed document. The Agent designated in the document should be advised of the location of the original copy of the Power of Attorney document and given access to that original.

Important Details

Before signing this document, you should consider its consequences. You are providing another person with the power to handle personal, business and legal matters on your behalf. Any such action undertaken by that person within the scope of the Power of Attorney document is legally binding upon you.

The Agent(s) must sign the Declaration of Trust before exercising authority under the power of attorney. The Agent(s) cannot take any action without first reading and signing this Declaration of Trust.

A Power of Attorney is not legally binding unless the Principal is mentally competent at the time of the signing. If there is any question regarding competence, it is best to obtain a physician's written opinion that the Principal understands the document and the consequences of signing the document. It is also advisable to review any competency issues with a lawyer.

Reasons to Update

A change in your level of trust in the Agent.

The death or incapacity of the Agent.

A desire to change the powers granted to the Agent.