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Power of Attorney

A power of attorney enables you to delegate specific authority (legal or otherwise) to a person of your choice at any time. This person may then act on your behalf with legally binding effect. You may wish to delegate a specific task to a person, if you do not wish to or are unable to complete a task yourself. This may be useful or necessary, in the event you are away, e.g., on holidays or a business trip, or in hospital. A general power of attorney will authorise a person to act for you in all areas and is valid immediately, without approval of any authorities. You are free to limit when and for which actions it may be used.

A general power of attorney may even render the validation of an advance care directive unnecessary in cases of a merely temporarily impaired capacity of judgement. It can provide a transitional solution in cases of complete loss of capacity of judgement until the validation of an advance care directive. A power of attorney, whether specific or general, may be revoked at any time.

Patient Decree (Living Will)

By means of a patient decree you determine in advance which types of medical treatment you would like and who shall make decisions on your behalf in medical matters, in the event you are not able to do so yourself.

Advance Care Directive (Lasting Power of Attorney)

The advance care directive is a special type of power of attorney which is available under Swiss law. It safeguards your right to make your own decisions in the event that you lose capacity of judgement. By means of an advance care directive, you may designate a trusted person in advance who is empowered to take care of your financial or personal matters (e.g., decide on the place where you live), who can make decisions and act on your behalf should you no longer be capable of doing so yourself. Contrary to the general power of attorney, the adult protection authorities must validate an

advance care directive to give it full legal effect. Such a validation takes place after you have lost capacity of judgement.

Last Will and Testament

Setting up a last will or testament is highly advisable for anyone. Particularly, if you have children, have assets abroad, own real estate or have multiple nationalities, inheritance laws which apply if you are intestate may not always be in accordance with what you expect or wish. Please take expert advice on these complex matters!