

# Durable Power of Attorney

A Power of Attorney is a legal document used to give legal authority to another person and allow them to act on your behalf and make decisions for you. It's only effective while you're living and is an indispensable part of everyone's estate plan. It is primarily used to allow another person to handle your legal, financial and day-to-day affairs if you become incapacitated due to an injury or illness and are unable to do those things on your own. The agent that you appoint in your Power of Attorney takes over those things on your behalf. "Durable" Powers of Attorney are most commonly drafted in the estate planning context. "Durable" simply means that the power of attorney is still effective even after your incapacity.

A Durable Power of Attorney is a "must have" document that should be a part of everyone's estate planning. If you become incapacitated due to an injury or illness without a Durable Power of Attorney, your relatives may have no other choice but to go through an expensive, cumbersome and time-consuming court process to have a Guardian and/or Conservator appointed for you. A properly drafted Durable Power of Attorney will usually avoid any such court proceeding.

A Power of Attorney must be created and executed properly in order to be effective. Attorney Christopher Cox has over 35 years of estate planning experience. He can discuss the drafting of this document with you and provide you with customized advice.

Contact our St Louis law firm today to [schedule an appointment](#) to learn how our legal expertise can help you achieve your goals. Attorney Christopher Cox is conveniently located in Chesterfield, Missouri. Call us at [314-727-0163](tel:314-727-0163) or [contact us online](#).