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## POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE LETTER

It is customary for a husband and wife to employ the same law firm to assist them in planning their estates. However, it is important that you understand that since we would be representing both of you, each of you would be our client. As a result, matters which one of you might discuss with us would not be protected by the attorney/client privilege from disclosure to the other of you. The rules of professional conduct of the State Bar of California (the "rules") prohibit us from agreeing with either of you to withhold information from the other. Of course, anything either of you discuss with us is privileged from disclosure to third parties. If the two of you have a difference of opinion concerning your proposed estate plan, we can point out the pros and cons of such differing opinions. The rules prohibit us, as the lawyer for both of you, from advocating one of your positions over the other.

Although we doubt that it will happen, if conflicts do arise between the two of you of such nature that it is impossible in our judgment to perform our obligations to each of you in accordance with this letter, it would become necessary for us to withdraw as your joint attorney and to advise one or both of you to obtain independent counsel.

Please sign and date and return one copy of this letter. A return envelope is provided for your convenience. Retain one copy for your records. By signing and returning the letter you are acknowledging that you have read and understand this letter and wish us to proceed with your representation.

Sincerely,

Firm Representative

We have read the foregoing letter and understand its contents. We consent to having you represent both of us on the terms and conditions set forth therein. We understand the discussion of conflicts set forth above and agree that between the two of us, with respect to information either of us provides you, there shall be no confidential communications.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse

Spouse

Sign and return the original in the pre-addressed envelope provided. Retain one copy for your records.