



South Carolina Wills & Trusts

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Legal Developments

New South Carolina Power of Attorney Act

On January 1, 2017 the South Carolina Uniform Power of Attorney Act ("SCUPOAA") became effective. (S.C. Code Ann. 62-8-101 through 62-8-403). The Act was modeled after the Uniform Power of Attorney Act ("UPOAA") and was signed into law by Governor Nikki Haley on June 9, 2016. Click [here](#) for more information. This replaces the former power of attorney provisions Sections 62-5-501 through 62-5-505.

Updated Product Features

South Carolina Power of Attorney Revised

The Durable Power of Attorney form was revised to comply with the new statute. *Question 8*

New Formatting Convention

For Microsoft Word users, the document produced from Lawgic will contain style separators to distinguish two styles on the same line. This allows the Word Navigator to display the various headings in the document and makes movement within the document and editing much simpler. For more about how to use the Word Navigator, check the Help section in Word.

New Subsection Option for Wills and Trusts Custom Provisions

In response to customer requests, we have added a new subsection option to the 'Add Custom Provision' question at the end of each major section in the Navigator for wills and trust documents. This allows the user to add a 3rd level (a), (b), (c), and so on, under the level 2 headings which will provide greater flexibility when drafting documents and creating templates.

As before, you have the option of adding custom text either with or without a section heading. If you wish to create a template from your client answer file, the custom text will automatically become part of that template.

For more information on creating templates see **Creating Templates for Estate-Planning Products** in the **Using Templates** topic by selecting **HELP** from the Lawgic menu. In addition, you may attend one of our monthly template Webinars. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

New Questions 161, 188, 209, 227, 238, 250, 270, 276, 408, 482, 517, 583, 643, 692, 748, 919, 944, 983, 1060, 1084, 1103, 1135, 1167, 1176, 1182

Other: Minor revisions to the witness and notary pages for trusts, wills and codicils.

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