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wanted to share this information with you.

WHY YOU NEED A LEVEL III FINANCIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

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1. You want the person you selected (Agent) to make financial decisions for you or be able to make a gift when you are unable to do so yourself. You may have Alzheimer's and be in a nursing home and need to make gifts to get you eligible for government paid for nursing home care.
2. You want your Agent to be able to do this without getting your Agent in trouble. To do this your Agent needs to have special authority specifically stated in your Financial Power of Attorney.
 - a) Your Agent needs to have the authority to do what you would have done, had you been able to do it yourself, but can't because you are incompetent with Alzheimer's.
 - b) Your Agent needs to be authorized do what you would have done, rather than what is in your best interest. Gifting is rarely in your best interest, but it may be in your family's best interest. For example, gifting money away to make you eligible for your nursing home care to be paid for by the government sooner.
 - c) Your Agent may be one of several children. You will want your Agent to have the ability to gift to your Agent, as well as his brothers and sisters. Just providing your Agent with the authority to gift may not be enough. Your Agent must also be authorized to gift to himself. Your Agent must also be authorized to deal with himself (self-deal).

A Level III Financial Power of Attorney is the only Power of Attorney that has all of these features.

**“Those Who Plan Ahead Win.
Those Who Don't Plan Ahead Lose.”**

This article is for informational purpose only and is not intended as legal advice. It is recommended that you call Timothy P. Crawford for a free conference to discuss your situation in more detail. Attorney Crawford can be reached at 1-262-634-6659. Please refer to this article when you call.

*Attorney Timothy P. Crawford is a Nationally Board Certified Elder Law Attorney (**CELA**). He has been Board Certified by the National Elder Law Foundation which has been approved as the Sole Certifying Organization for Elder Law Attorneys by the American Bar Association.

Timothy P. Crawford was invited to join the Council of Advanced Practitioners (CAP**) of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (**NAELA**) in August of 2005. **CAP** is a small group of premier elder law attorneys, all of whom have been members of NAELA for at least 10 years, are certified as elder law attorneys by the National Elder Law Foundation, and are AV rated by Martindale Hubbell, a service that provides an independent rating of the quality of attorneys, as one of the top attorneys in the nation.

Attorney Timothy P. Crawford has been selected as a **Fellow** of NAELA. **Fellow** is the highest honor bestowed by the Academy. Selection as a **Fellow** signifies that his peers recognize the lawyer as a model for others and as an exceptional lawyer and leader.

Attorney Timothy P. Crawford has a superb rating of 10 out of 10 with A V V O.

A V V O has awarded to Attorney Timothy P. Crawford the A V V O Client's Choice Award.

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