



## **Oklahoma City Law Firm Discusses the Important Aspects that Define a Durable Power Of Attorney**

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma's Cortes Law Firm has established a reputation for being able to help families and individuals with top-notch legal representation. The firm specializes in such legal areas as estate planning, wills, trusts, and has a strong name in their area when it comes to probate matters and litigation. They are also a law firm that likes to help keep people informed of different aspects estate planning. A good example of this is the blog that is posted on their website that discusses the important aspects that define a Durable Power of Attorney. The firm's lead attorney and founder, Steve Cortes, says, "A Durable Power of Attorney allows you to designate who will care for your finances if you become incapacitated. That makes it a very important part of a Revocable Trust Centered Estate Plan." It is also the next important document after Pour Over Last Will in a Revocable Living Trust Centered Estate Plan.

In this blog that was posted on Jul 4, 2022, to the Cortes Law Firm website it started out by reaffirming Attorney Cortes' statement that a Durable Power of Attorney (DPOA) grants an agent or "attorney-in-fact" the power to manage assets outside a trust during incapacity. It's a legal document that under Oklahoma law that gives an agent power to do something for or on behalf of another person, the "principal", who grants them power in the event of their incapacity. The blog post also stated that DPOA's differ from state to state

and that's why it's important to have them drawn up by an attorney that knows Oklahoma probate law such as those at the Cortes Law Firm. It also talked about how these documents usually kick in in the event of a person's illness or disability. That's why it's often referred to as a power of attorney that lasts even if someone loses their capacity to make sound estate decisions. The article stated that this document needs to be in writing, must be signed by the person granting power, and should always be properly notarized. It also helps if these actions are witnessed or verified. The special wording in the document is what gives a power of attorney "durability" and they end either by revocation of the principal while he or she still has legal capacity, or the death of either party. This Cortes Law article can be seen in its entirety on the firm's website.

Those who have obtained a Durable Power of Attorney or other probate assistance from the Cortes Law Firm often express in reviews being very satisfied with the legal advice and representation they have received. Kathy Padilla stated, "Thank you for the clear and direct communication and help in getting my affairs in order. This was a very pleasant experience and I have a peace of mind knowing that my estate will be directed exactly how I want it to be when that time comes!." Jabbar Chaibainou expressed, "Mr. Cortes is a big hearted, a wonderful spirit. His promises are legally delivered. He would take time, listen to my case and if it's not winnable he wouldn't charge me. He is one the most unselfish lawyer I have ever known. May God bless him and his family." Ishita Vest wrote, "Anything I say can't do justice to how great everyone at Cortes Law Firm is. I had a really good experience. I will recommend him to anyone that needs his services." Also, Kevin C proclaimed, "Steve was just awesome and easy to work with! We got everything we were hoping for and made the process very easy. I can't thank him enough. I highly recommend him; he does a great job!" All 30 reviews that have been left on the Cortes Law Firm's Google rate them a perfect 5 out of a possible 5-stars. Attorney Cortes also takes the time to personally reply to each review that is left on the firm's GMB Listing.

Those that would like more information on the probate legal services that the Cortes Law Firm offers can get that information by contacting them by phone or by referring to the firm's website.

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