# A Guide to Financial Information and Final Wishes for my Family/Advocate/Executor



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This publication is a guide to organizing and compiling important personal and financial information. It might not have any legal standing in the settlement of an estate and is not a substitute for a Will unless an attorney incorporates the document within the Will. This document is intended to be an instrument of organization and convenience. We recognize that it can be daunting to fill this out but having this information in one place can be particularly helpful to your loved ones in the case of long-term illness or death. We hope you will find it useful. Comments and feedback are invited.

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#### **Instructions**

Keep copies of documents in one place. Include copies of documents, such as wills, living trusts, durable powers of attorney, and advanced directives (living wills). Review and update your important documents and beneficiary designations on a regular basis. Share this planner with your advocate, spouse, partner, or another family member or friend so that they will know your wishes and have access to your key documents and information. Remember to share updated versions as well. Often, several people are designated for various roles of advocacy; we encourage you to share relevant pages of this document for their convenience. You may choose to discuss portions of this document with a financial adviser.

To minimize the risk of data theft or unwanted disclosure of personal information, we advise you to print a hard copy of the document and fill in necessary information by hand. Upon completion, the document should be filed in a secure location. (Be sure to advise your advocate where to find it).

Alternatively, or additionally (for redundancy), you may choose to save the information on an encrypted external storage medium, such as a secure USB flash drive, which should then also be stored in a secure location. To reduce the security risks associated with inputting personal information on a computer, we recommend disconnecting your computer from the internet prior to inputting information into the form, and reconnecting to the internet only after the form has been completed, and the data moved to a secure storage medium that is no longer connected to your computer. We strongly discourage anyone from saving such information on a computer or phone or sending the document via email. In the case of a security breach, important information could be compromised.

Throughout this document, please write NA (not applicable) when appropriate, to show that the question was not overlooked.

**Preface** (You may wish to add a personal note here to whoever reads this):

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## **Personal Information**

Name
Former name(s) and/or maiden name
Place/Date of birth
Current address
Additional addresses (summer home, etc.)
Social Security number
Medicare number(s)
Email address(es)/passwords)
<u>Driver's license</u> number, state, date of issue
Passport number & country of issue
Emergency contact(s)
Other/Misc.
You can cut/paste or type here. Attach comments if you need more space beyond the size of this text box.

# **Contact Information of Family, Advocates, Friends, Professionals**

Primary family/advocate contact (if there is no primary family contact, check here)  Name/relationship	
Contact information (address, phone, email)	
Other family members	
Name(s)/relationship	
Contact information	
Other family members	
Name(s)/relationship	
Contact information	
If needed, attach a list of additional family members and check here.	
Are there individuals who should NOT be contacted? If so, list here:	
Advocate(s)/ friends	
Name(s)Contact information	
Contact information	
Health care proxy (Power of attorney for health care decisions)	
Name	
Contact information	
Power of attorney for asset management	
Name	
Contact information	

<u>Attorney</u>
Name/Company
Contact information
Tax consultant or accountant
Name(s)/company
Contact information
Personal financial advisor
Name/Company
Contact information
Primary Executor
Name
Contact information
Secondary executor(s)
Name(s)
Contact information
Religious contact/organization
Name(s)
Contact information
If appropriate, attach a list of key contact information from work, volunteer activities, etc. and check here.

## **Dependents and Pets**

I have a special-needs family member or friend for whom I am responsible.	
Name & relationship	
Nature of need/support	
Attach related contact, medical, and financial information, and check here.	
Other Dependents	
Name & relationship	
Nature of need/support	
Attach related contact, medical, and financial information, and check here.	
<u>Pet #1</u>	
Type (dog, cat, etc.), name and birth year	
Veterinarian name and contact information	
If I become incapacitated or die, it is my desire thattake care of my pet.	(name/contact)
Instructions	
Pet #2	
Type (dog, cat, etc.), name and birth year	
Veterinarian name and contact information (if different from above)	
If I become incapacitated or die, it is my desire thattake care of my pet.	
Instructions	
For additional nets/information add a list to the end and check here	

## **Estate Planning Checklist**

•	•	tach copies or indicate their location.
Health	Care Proxy	
Advand	ce health care directive (Living Will)	
Organ	donor directive	
Power	of attorney for asset management	(Durable power of attorney)
Wills a	nd codicils/Living trusts	
Trust a	greements	
Other/	asset management directives	
	Comput	er/Internet Access
Note: Passwo	rds should be changed frequently (i	deally every 90 days). A current list of passwords could be
<u>kept separate</u>	from this document and its location	n noted here.
If you have so	cial media accounts (e.g., Facebook	) that may require action, attach a list with suggested action
Device #1.		
Туре	User Name	Password
Additional Sec	curity requirement	
Device #2.		
Type_	<u>User Name</u>	Password
Device #3		
Туре	User Name	Password
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For add	ditional devices, add a list and checl	k here.

# **Physicians, Medical Contacts, Pharmacy**

Primary Care Physician (name and contact information)
Other Key Medical Providers: if necessary, attach list of additional providers and check here
Pharmacy (name/location/contact information:
Mail Order Pharmacy (name/contact information)
Prescriptions/Rx
Rx #1 (medication name and RX #)
Rx #2 (medication name and RX #)
Rx #3 (medication name and RX #)
Rx #4 (medication name and RX #)
For additional prescriptions, add a list to the end and check here.

#### **Insurances**

The most common insurances are listed here.

#### **Life Insurance**

Company name
Policy number/Member number
Contact information
Homeowner/Renter Insurance
Company name
Policy number/Member number
Contact information
Automobile Insurance
Company name (f different from Homeowner insurance)
Policy number/Member number
Contact information
Personal and/or Professional Liability Insurance
Company name
Policy number/Member number
Contact information
Umbrella Insurance (if different from homeowner insurance)
Company name
Policy number/Member number
Contact information

Long-term Care Insurance
Company name
Policy number/Member number
Contact information
For additional insurance information, add a list to the end and check here.
Medicare  Note: Contract College employees may get reimbursed by NYS for Medicare Part B IRMAA (Income-Related
Monthly Adjustment Amount)
Medicare number
Other Health Insurance
Company name
Policy number/Member number
Contact information
Prescription Drug Coverage Plan
Plan Name/Local Pharmacy
Policy number/Member number
Contact information
Dental Insurance Company name
Policy number/Member number

Contact information\_\_\_\_\_

## **Sources of Income**

<u>Retirement accounts</u> (IRA, 401(k), 403b, 457, Keogh, SEP or other retirement accounts). Most Cornell retirees are invested in TIAA or Fidelity.

Type of account #1
Company name
Policy number
Contact information:
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
Type of account #2
Company name
Policy number
Contact information:
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
If you have other retirement accounts, attach a list and check here.
Other investment accounts
Type of account
Company name
Policy number
Contact information:
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
If you have other investment accounts, attach a list and check here.
Social Security
I receive SS benefits I am eligible for SS benefits
Name on Social Security Card
Social Security Number_

Password on "My Social Security" site
Type of benefit received (retirement, widow(er), disability, etc.)
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
If you have other relevant information, attach a list and check here.
<u>Veteran Benefits</u>
I served in the military I am the spouse/dependent of a military person I am eligible for military burial Name served under
Military service number
Dates of Service and Rank
Account number(s)/ Pension ID number
Plan Contact/Administrator (Including local one if applicable)
Phone/Email/Address
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
If you have other retirement accounts, attach a list and check here.
<u>Pensions</u>
Pension Source #1
Name of Plan and ID#
Company name
Policy number
Contact information
Years of employment and position
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
Check here if there are survivor benefits under this plan.

Pension Source #2
Name of Plan and ID#
Company name
Policy number
Contact information
Years of employment and position
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
If there are survivor benefits under this plan, check here If you have other pension sources, attach a list, and check here.
<u>Annuities</u>
Company Name #1
Policy number
Contact information
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
There are survivor benefits under this plan.
Company Name #2
Policy number
Contact information
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
There are survivor benefits under this plan.
If you have other/additional annuities, attach a list and check here.
Employment (Salary/consulting fees, etc.)
Type of Income#1
Company name
Contact information
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number

Other Income (Royalties, patents, charitable gift annuities, etc.)
Type of Income #1
Company name
Contact information
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
Type of Income #2
Company name
Contact information
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
Type of Income #3
Company name
Contact information
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
If you have additional income information, attach a list and check here.
Bank Accounts, Credit Cards, Assets
Bank Accounts
Bank/Credit Union #1 Name
Local Branch, if any
Type of Account (Savings, checking, etc.)
Account number
Other names on account(s)
Bank Contact information
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number

Bank/Credit Union #2 Name
Local Branch, if any
Type of Account (Savings, checking, etc.)
Account number
Other names on account(s)
Bank Contact information
Automatic deposit? If yes, Bank/Account number
If you have additional banking information, attach a list and check here.
Safety Deposit Box Bank Name/Contact information  Box Number Location of Safe Deposit Box Names of people authorized to access box: Contents in Safety Deposit Box:
<u>Security Safety Box</u> – (this is a purchased, security safe box, such as a home safe, <u>not</u> a safe deposit box)
Location of Security Box
Where to find keys/codes
Contents in Box
College Savings Plan (529 Plan)
Account name and location
Contact information

#### **Credit Cards**

#### Credit Card #1

Contact information
Type of Card (Visa, Mastercard, etc.)
Account number, expiration date, security code
Other Names on Account
Credit Card #2
Contact information
Type of Card (Visa, Mastercard, etc.)
Account number, expiration date, security code
Other Names on Account
Credit Card #3
Contact information
Type of Card (Visa, Mastercard, etc.)
Account number, expiration date, security code
Other Names on Account
Credit Card #4
Contact information:
Type of Card (Visa, Mastercard, etc.)
Account number, expiration date, security code
Other Names on Account
If you have additional information to add, attach a list and check here.

## **Property/Real Estate/Assets**

Real Estate #1 (Residence, vacation, commercial, rental, timeshare, etc.)
ist location of deeds, rental agreements, timeshares, associations, etc., as relevant.
ype of Property
Address
Owner(s)
ocation of deed
Approximate current valueas of (date)
Mortgage or reverse mortgage details
Real Estate #2 (Residence, vacation, commercial, rental, timeshare, etc.)
ist location of deeds, rental agreements, timeshares, associations, etc., as relevant.
ype of Property
Address
Owner(s)
ocation of deed
Approximate current valueas of (date)
Mortgage or reverse mortgage details If you have additional information to add, attach a list and check here.
<u>Fimeshare Property</u> (vacation, commercial, rental, timeshare, etc.)
ype of Property
Address
Owner(s)
ocation of deed
Approximate current valueas of (date) If you have additional information to add, attach a list and check here.

Automobile(s)
Brand, Model, Year
Location of title
Owner(s)
Other Assets #1 (boat, piano, etc.)
Type of Asset
Owner(s)
Contact Information Related to Asset
Other Asset #2
Type of Asset
Owner(s)
Contact Information Related to Asset If you have additional information to add, attach a list and check here.
Personal Property Inventory Instructions  Attach a list and/or pictures of any personal property of financial or sentimental value, including jewelry, furniture, artwork, family heirlooms, etc. Indicate where that property is stored and designated beneficiary. If you have had items appraised, compile that information, and incorporate here (or secure it in a safety deposit box). Alternatively, take photographs of such property and annotate with location and designated beneficiary.
Debts To Me, Debts I Owe, Automatic Payments
Money Owed To Me (If you have promissory notes, contracts, etc., attach a copy (file originals in safe place or safety deposit box and indicate where you have stored them).
Type of Debt
Name
Contact information
Amount of original debt
Written agreement location if applicable
Interest/Balanceas of (date)

#### **Debts I Owe**

# Mortgage #1 Company name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Account number(s) Contact information \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly payment/ Payoff amount Deed/application information location \_\_\_\_\_ Second Mortgage/Refinance Information Company name(s) Account number(s) Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly payment/ Payoff amount Deed/application information location: **Auto Loans/Rentals** Company name(s) Account number(s) Contact information \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly payment/ Payoff amount \_\_\_\_\_ **Personal Debts** Name owed to \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly payment/ Payoff amount

Automatic Payments (Phone, cable, internet, online apps, professional societies, subscriptions, magazines, newspapers, charities, investments, etc.) Payment #1 Payee\_\_\_\_\_ Contact information \_\_\_\_\_ Source of payment (credit card, bank transfer, etc.) Account from which payment is made \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid \_ Payment interval (monthly, quarterly, yearly, etc.) Should this payment continue? No Yes until when/cancellation date Payment #2 Payee Contact information Source of payment (credit card, bank transfer, etc.) Account from which payment is made Amount paid Payment interval (monthly, quarterly, yearly, etc.) Should this payment continue? No\_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_until when/cancellation date \_\_\_\_\_\_ Payment #3 Contact information Source of payment (credit card, bank transfer, etc.) Account from which payment is made 

Payment interval (monthly, quarterly, yearly, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ If you have additional automatic payments, attach a list and check here.

Should this payment continue? No Yes\_\_\_until when/cancellation date \_\_\_\_\_

# Office/Professional Space at Cornell or Elsewhere

ocation/Depart	ment				
Office contact/in					
				t chair for assistanc	ce. Consider netid,
extensions, bool	ks, meaningful ar	rtifacts, papers, e	tc.)		
	<u>F</u>	inal Wishes a	and Prior Arr	angements	
	es regarding bur	inal Wishes a ial, cremation, fu following wishes	neral home, bur	<b>angements</b> ial site, funeral, or me	emorial service, etc
	es regarding bur	ial, cremation, fu	neral home, bur		emorial service, etc
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	ligible, provide contact information
rior Arrangements	
	the following arrangements: e.g., prepaid burial plot, anatomical/body donation to Include relevant contact information (funeral home, body donation registry, etc.)

# **Signature**

Your name (printed)	
Signature	Date

## **Additional Information**

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# **List of Documents Attached (or their location)**

	Health Care Proxy (Power of attorney for health care decisions)
	Advance health care directive (Living Will)
	Organ donor directive
	Power of attorney for asset management (Durable power of attorney)
	Wills and codicils/Living trusts
	Trust agreements
	Information about any businesses owned
	Other asset management directives
	Birth certificate
	Marriage certificate or domestic partner agreement
	Pre-nuptial agreement / post-nuptial agreement / divorce records
	Personal property inventory / photos and descriptions
	Social security card
	Social media accounts and suggested actions (disable account, e.g.)
	Other
	Other
	Other
	Other
Anythi	ng else that others should know?