



**Community Property Laws** - If you are married, reside in a community property state (Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington or Wisconsin), and name someone other than your spouse as beneficiary, it is possible that payment of benefits may be delayed or disputed unless your spouse also signs the beneficiary designation.

Spouse Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please review *Guidelines for Designation of Beneficiaries*. If you need additional space, using the format indicated, attach a separate piece of paper with the appropriate policy number, the date, and your signature.

## GUIDELINES FOR DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARIES

**General** - Please be sure to include the beneficiary's full name, social security number and relationship to you. Providing this information can help expedite the claim process by making it easier to locate and verify beneficiaries.

**Minors** - While you may designate minors as beneficiaries, please note that claim payments may be delayed due to special issues raised by these designations. In the event of a claim and the beneficiary is a minor child, the insurance proceeds will not be released to the minor child. The insurance proceeds may be paid to a duly appointed guardian of the child's estate. You may want to obtain the assistance of an attorney in drafting your beneficiary designation.

**Trust as Beneficiary** - You may designate a trust as beneficiary, using the following form: "To [name of trustee], trustee of the [name of trust], under a trust agreement dated [date of trust]."

If you wish to designate a testamentary trust as beneficiary (i.e., one created by will), you should recognize the possibility that your will which was intended to create this trust may not be admitted to probate (because it is lost, contested, or superseded by a later will). Claim payment delays can result if the beneficiary designation doesn't provide for this situation.

**Life Status Changes** - We recommend that you review your beneficiary designation when significant life status events occur, such as marriage, divorce, or birth of a child.

**See an Attorney!** The above guidelines are general and are not intended to be relied on as legal advice. Unless your designation is a simple one, we recommend that you obtain the assistance of an attorney in drafting your beneficiary designation. A qualified attorney can help assure that your beneficiary designation correctly reflects your intentions, is clear and unambiguous, and meets legal requirements.