

LIMITING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

It is possible to limit the powers granted to an attorney. Where a grantor wishes the **attorney to act only for a specified time period** (the grantor's vacation or hospital stay) or **in respect of a specific transaction** (the closing of a real estate deal), a limited or specific power of attorney may be advisable.

In the case of a general continuing power of attorney, many (likely most) grantors want the **document to be used only if and when they become incapable of managing their property themselves**. Although the document is effective when signed, it is **possible to include provisions** in the document itself that defers it to a future date or the occurrence of a specified condition. These are sometimes referred to as "springing" powers of attorney.