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IN RE: ***EDITH C ELLIS***

Docket No: ***24P886***

I, JOSEPH P. DAY, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Davidson County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Order heretofore entered in the above styled case on May 6, 2024 in the Seventh Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, as same remains of record in the Minutes of said Court.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, at office, in Nashville, on May 7, 2024.

JOSEPH P. DAY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

JOSEPH P. DAY, Clerk,

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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This Instrument Prepared By:
Randi L. Crawford, Attorney at Law
4205 Gallatin Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37216

Last Will and Testament of Edith C. Ellis

I, Edith C. Ellis, a resident of Davidson County, Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all Wills and Codicils thereto at any time heretofore made by me.

Item I.

I hereby nominate and appoint my Son, Joseph Leslie Ellis, Jr., of Davidson County, Tennessee, as Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, without the necessity of a bond or other security for the faithful performance of his duties herein, and without the necessity of filing any inventory, settlement, or accounting with any Court in which he may be called upon to act in the administration of my Estate.

Item II.

I direct that all of my just and legitimate debts, taxes, funeral expenses, and the cost of administration of my estate, including ancillary administration be first paid as soon as may be convenient after my death before distribution thereof. However, my Executor shall not be required to pay any obligation in advance of its maturity. My Executor may pay the same out of whatever property he deems advisable, and I hereby

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direct and authorize my Executor to sell whatever property, real or personal, that he deems necessary or advisable to pay said debts and expenses.

Item III.

With regard to my home at 1311 Sunnymeade Drive, Davidson County, Nashville, Tennessee and any property I may be using as a home at the time of my death, I hereby direct that a life estate shall be established for the benefit for my Husband, Christopher Allan Bernard Mildred until his death or until he shall in writing advise the Executor that he no longer desires to have such property held for him, whichever shall first occur, when the said property shall fall into and form part of the residue of my estate. My Husband may at any time direct my Executor to sell such property and with the proceeds of such sale to be divided equally between my Husband and my three children – Joseph Leslie Ellis, Jr.; David J. Ellis; and Honna Lee Rodriguez, *per stirpes*. Should my Husband predecease me, his share of the profit of the home shall be equally divided between his grandchildren – Katie Merritt and Jack Merritt of Kilhampton, Devon, England.

All taxes, insurance, repairs, mortgage interest and any other charges or amounts necessary for the general upkeep of the said property while it is occupied by my Husband shall be paid by my Husband.

Item IV.

All of my personal property shall pass upon my death to my Husband, Christopher Allan Bernard Mildred. This shall include the automobile I own at the time of my death as well as all furniture, appliances and miscellaneous household items located at our shared residence. Should my Husband predecease me, all of my property

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including the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, of every nature and wherever situated, I give, devise, and bequeath, in fee simple and absolutely, to my children - Joseph Leslie Ellis, Jr.; David J. Ellis; and Honna Lee Rodriguez, *per stirpes* .

Item V.

Should any clause or provision in this my Last Will and Testament be construed as contrary to the laws or to the public policy of this state, I hereby direct that such provisions be construed to conform to state law in accordance with my expressed desires, and in any event such clause will not affect the validity of any other valid clause herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Edith C. Ellis, have hereunto subscribed my name to this, my Last Will and Testament, consisting of SIX pages, on each of which I have placed my initials for identification purposes in the sight and presence of the undersigned attesting witnesses, who are individuals witnessing at my request, this the 24 day of January, 2011.

Edith C. Ellis

Edith C. Ellis

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Edith C. Ellis signed the foregoing instrument in our sight and presence, publishing and declaring it to be her Last Will and Testament, and as witnesses whereof, we do, at her request and in her sight and presence, and in the sight and presence of each other, hereto subscribe our names on the date above mentioned. We further certify that, at the time of execution hereof, we believe the Testatrix to be of sound mind and disposing memory. This attestation clause having been read by us and having noted that the events herein enumerated took place as stated, we hereunto subscribe our names.

WITNESSES:

Jessica Simpson

ADDRESS:

4205 Gallatin Road
Nashville TN 37216

WITNESSES:

Mark Bell

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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We, Jessica Simpson and Mark Bullard being adult citizens and residents of Davidson County and Davidson County, Tennessee, after being duly sworn according to law, depose and state that this date Edith C. Ellis signed an instrument in our presence, publishing and declaring it to be her Last Will and Testament and as witnesses, we, at her request, subscribed our names in her sight and presence and in the sight and presence of each other, and in our opinion, the said Edith C. Ellis was at the time of sound mind and disposing memory. This affidavit is executed in accordance with TennCodeAnn. § 32-2-110, at the request of the said Edith C. Ellis.

This the 24th day of January, 2011.

Mark Bullard
WITNESS

Jessica Simpson
WITNESS

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I certify that the previous document, being the Last Will and Testament of Edith C. Ellis, was signed by all parties in the sight and presence of myself and of each of them, and all, in my opinion, were of sound mind and disposing memory. The same was sworn to and subscribed before me this the 24th day of January, 2011.

Randi L. Crawford

Notary Public

RANDI L. CRAWFORD
STATE OF TENNESSEE NOTARY PUBLIC
DAVIDSON COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: January 6, 2015

My Commission Expires: Jan. 6, 2015