

## Worksheet for **Standby Custodian Designation**

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Minnesota Statutes Chapter 257B permits a parent to nominate someone else (a "Standby Custodian") to have custody and control of minor children if the parent dies or becomes incapacitated. Many people refer to a Standby Custodian as a guardian for minor children.

A Standby Custodian Designation ensures the Court hears your wishes as to who will raise your children if you cannot. Although the other natural parent of minor children generally has custodial rights to them, single parents should still have a Standby Custodian Designation just in case the other natural parent is unfit or unable to raise the minor children.

The nominated Standby Custodians will need to consent to the appointment. Therefore, you should talk to your chosen Standby Custodians before your first estate planning appointment to see if they are willing to serve.

If you name a married couple, be sure you actually intend that they both be named as Standby Custodians. For example, if you are naming your sister and her spouse, would you still want the spouse to be the Standby Custodian if your sister died or if they were divorced? If you want to name both persons, you should do so. However, if the real Standby Custodian you want is only one person of a married couple, then you should name only that person.

### **Client Information:**

Your Name (first/mi/last): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name (first/mi/last): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Children:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Custodian(s):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Alternate Custodian(s): optional**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Second Alternate Custodian(s): optional**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_