

Subject: Witness Copies – Blackford Last Wills (Signed June 4, 2025)

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Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 06:53 PM CDT

Steven Borth

2513 Mentor Place

Rock Hill, MO 63144

Stephen Walker

337 Clarkson Park

St. Charles, MO 63303

June 4, 2025

Re: Witnessing of Last Wills – Michael Bret and Michelle T. Blackford

Dear Mr. Borth and Mr. Walker,

Thank you for serving as witnesses today for the signing of our Last Will and Testament documents. Attached are scanned copies of the signed wills for your records.

We would be grateful if you could retain this electronic copy in case it is ever needed to confirm the validity of the documents.

With appreciation,

--- Bret

Michael Bret Blackford

cc: Michelle T. Blackford



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Last Will and Testament of Michelle T. Blackford

Article I – Declaration

I, Michelle T. Blackford, a resident of St. Louis County, Missouri, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all wills and codicils previously made by me.

Article II – Family Information

I am married to Michael Bret Blackford, and all references in this Will to my 'husband' are to Michael Bret Blackford. I have three children: Cora Jane Riscoe, Neva Rose Blackford, and David Kim Blackford. All references to 'my children' in this Will refer to them.

Article III – Disposition of Estate

I give, devise, and bequeath my primary residence located at 9805 Bradford Court, Rock Hill, Missouri 63119, to my spouse, if he or she survives me. If my spouse does not survive me, I give said residence to my daughter, Cora Jane Riscoe, as it is my intent that this property be handled by a single heir to simplify liquidation or retention.

I give, devise, and bequeath all remaining parts of my estate, both real and personal and wherever located, to my spouse, if he or she survives me.

If my spouse does not survive me, I give, devise, and bequeath all such remaining estate in equal shares to my surviving children: Cora Jane Riscoe, Neva Rose Blackford, and David Kim Blackford. If any child of mine predeceases me but leaves descendants surviving, that child's share shall be distributed per stirpes to their descendants.

Any retirement accounts, including but not limited to my Vanguard 401(k) accounts associated with Arch Resources, Inc. (acct. 094905), BJC Health System (acct. 090553), and my Schwab IRA (acct. 3131-1294), shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of this Will, provided they are not governed by beneficiary designations. If beneficiary designations exist, I request that they be used.

Article IV – Appointment of Personal Representative

I appoint my husband, Michael Bret Blackford, as the Personal Representative of this Will. If they are unable or unwilling to serve, I appoint my daughter, Cora Jane Riscoe, as the alternate Personal Representative.

Article V – Guardianship

If my son, David Kim Blackford, is a minor at the time of my death and my husband, Michael Bret Blackford, is unable or unwilling to serve as guardian, I nominate my daughter, Cora Jane Riscoe, as guardian of the person and estate of David Kim Blackford.

Article VI – Bond Waiver

I direct that no bond or other security shall be required of any Personal Representative appointed in this Will.

Article VII – Powers of Personal Representative

My Personal Representative shall have all powers allowed by law, including but not limited to the power to sell, lease, or distribute any real or personal property of my estate without court order.

Article VIII – Simultaneous Death

If my husband and I die simultaneously or under circumstances that make it difficult to determine the order of death, I direct that I shall be deemed to have predeceased my spouse for purposes of distributing my estate.

Article IX – Miscellaneous Provisions

This Will is made in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and shall be governed by and interpreted under such laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4 day of June, 2025.



Michelle T. Blackford

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above-named Testator signed and executed this instrument as their Last Will and Testament in our presence, and that we, in their presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses this 4 day of June, 2025.



Witness 1 Name



Witness 2 Name

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I am married to Michelle T. Blackford, and all references in this Will to my 'wife' are to Michelle T. Blackford. I have three children: Cora Jane Riscoe, Neva Rose Blackford, and David Kim Blackford. All references to 'my children' in this Will refer to them.

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Michael Bret Blackford

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