



Louisiana Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund

10202 Jefferson Highway • Building A • Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809
Phone: (800) 256-6660 • Phone: (225) 293-1162 • Fax: (225) 291-7859

APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT/DROP/POST DROP

Name:		
Address:		Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
City:		Social Security #:
State:	Zip Code:	Employer Parish:
Home Number:		Date of Birth:
Work Number:		Date of Employment:
Cell Number:		Date of Last Active Payroll: <i>(Retiring Only)</i>
Email Address:		Date of Retirement:
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed		Total Service Credit:

SELECTION OF BENEFIT *(Choose One)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Retirement	<input type="checkbox"/> DROP Date of Participation in DROP begins: _____ Length of Participation: _____ <i>(Not to exceed 36 months)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Post DROP Retirement <i>(Only after completion of DROP)</i>	

SELECTION OF RETIREMENT/DROP/POST DROP OPTIONS *(Choose One)*

<input type="checkbox"/>	MAXIMUM PLAN - pays the largest monthly benefit allowable to the retiree but makes no provision for a beneficiary. Under this plan, all benefits cease upon the death of the retiree, unless benefits paid to the member prior to death are less than the contributions made by the member prior to retirement. I hereby apply for retirement under the Maximum plan. (If married, a spouse must complete the spousal consent section below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPTION NO. 1 - if the retiree dies before he/she has received, in annuity payments purchased by his/her contributions, the amount his/her contributions accumulated at the time of his/her retirement, the balance thereof shall be paid to any person he/she shall have nominated by written designation, duly acknowledged and filed with the board of trustees at the time of his/her retirement, or, if none, to his/her estate. I hereby apply for retirement under Option 1. (If married, a spouse must complete the spousal consent section below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPTION NO. 2 - upon his/her death, the retiree's reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and be paid to any person he/she shall have nominated by written designation, duly acknowledged and filed with the board at the time of his/her retirement. I hereby apply for retirement under Option 2. (If married and if you have not selected your spouse as the designated beneficiary, then your spouse must complete the spousal consent form below.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPTION NO. 3 - upon his/her death, one-half (½) of the retiree's reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and be paid to any person he/she shall have nominated by written designation, duly acknowledged and filed with the board at the time of his/her retirement. I hereby apply for retirement under Option 3. (If married, a spouse must complete the spousal consent form below.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPTION NO. 4 - other benefits or benefits shall be paid either to the retiree or to the person he/she shall have nominated, provided such other benefits or benefits, together with the reduced retirement allowance, shall be certified by the actuary to be of equivalent actuarial value to the retirement allowance and shall be approved by the board. I hereby apply for retirement under Option 4. \$ _____ is designated for my beneficiary at my death. (If married, a spouse must complete the spousal consent section below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPTION NO. 5 - the retiree may elect to receive ninety percent (90%) of his maximum retirement and upon death, if he/she is survived by a spouse to whom he/she was married at the time of his/her retirement, fifty percent (50%) thereof shall be paid to the surviving spouse during his/her lifetime. I hereby apply for retirement under Option 5.

SPOUSAL CONSENT/NOTARY *(If Applicable)* **(Spouse Signature must be Notarized)**

I am legally married to the applicant, and I consent to the option selected above.		
Signature of Spouse	Printed Name of Spouse	Date
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, Notary Public, in and for the state of _____, Parish of _____, this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.		
Notary ID # or Bar Roll #	Notary Public Name (Printed)	Notary Public Name (Signature)

SPOUSAL/BENEFICIARY INFORMATION

I hereby designate my beneficiary under said Option Plan; to receive benefits should I predecease him/her.

Name of Beneficiary:

Sex:

Relationship with Member:

Date of Birth:

Social Security Number:

Proof of age of beneficiary must accompany this application if option 2, 3, 4 or 5 is elected.

*****IMPORTANT*****

SIGNATURES OF MEMBER and WITNESSES *(This section must be sign by member and witnesses)*

- Any member may cancel his or her application for retirement prior to the effective date of said retirement; however, a member cannot cancel his application for retirement once payment for benefit has commenced.
- Should you become re-employed after your retirement in any capacity in any office of a Clerk of Court, you and the Clerk are required by law to report such re-employment to the retirement office immediately.
- It is the responsibility of the member to submit a Federal Income Tax Withholding Certificate (W4-P) to instruct the retirement office as to whether you do or do not want taxes withheld from your benefit.
- If a retired member dies, without having received an amount of retirement benefits equal to his/her accumulated contributions at the date of his/her retirement, the balance remaining shall be paid to his/her designated beneficiary or, if none, his/her estate.
- No changes in the options elected or the selection of the option beneficiary shall be permitted after the retiree has received his/her initial monthly benefit payment.

I have read and understand the above statement and I certify that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Witness

Witness

Date

Signature of Applicant

CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK FOR RETIREMENT

Having read the above application for Service Retirement, I hereby certify that the applicant has notified me of his/her desire to be relieved from active duty as a Clerk of Court, Deputy Clerk of Court, or other employee of my office, and that he/she will or did terminate on the _____ day of _____, 20 _____, at which time his/her salary and or earnings will or did cease.

I, further certify that if the retiree is re-employed in any capacity in my office, I will immediately notify the Board of the dates of re-employment.

Date

Signature of the Clerk of Court

Parish of: _____

CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK FOR DROP

Having read the above application for Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP), I hereby certify that the applicant is currently employed in my office and employment is expected to continue for the length of participation in DROP indicated in this application.

I have reviewed and certified the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Signature of the Clerk of Court

Parish of: _____

FOR RETIREMENT OFFICE USE ONLY

Monthly Benefit: _____

Option Benefit to Beneficiary: _____

Date Benefits are to Commence: _____

Date Approved: _____

(Received Stamp)

Forms may be faxed to the office, but the original documents are required by mail for the application to be valid. Thank you.



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DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (DROP) REQUEST FOR LUMP SUM DISTRIBUTION

****Before completing this form, please read the Special Tax Notice Regarding Plan Payment which is attached to this form.****

Name:		
Address:		Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
City:		Social Security #:
State:	Zip Code:	Employer Parish:
Home Number:		Date of Birth:
Cell Number:		Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
Work Number:		DROP Participation Exit Date:
Email address:		Date of Retirement:

In accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund, request is hereby made for lump sum distribution of deferred retirement option plan (DROP) Funds. Federal Law permits a rollover of the lump sum DROP payment to an IRA or to another qualified retirement plan. If payment of this lump sum is not made directly to an IRA or to another qualified retirement plan, the Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund is required by Federal Law to withhold twenty (20%) percent of this payment to be credited against your taxes. IF YOU ELECT TO ROLLOVER THIS LUMP SUM, PLEASE HAVE YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OF CHOICE SUBMIT A "LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE" OR "REQUEST TO TRANSFER" FORM WITH PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS.

PLEASE SELECT OPTION(S)

☐ I ELECT to have my DROP funds **PAID DIRECTLY** to me less the twenty (20%) percent federal withholding:

☐ FULL DISTRIBUTION ☐ PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION \$ _____

☐ I ELECT to **ROLLOVER/TRANSFER** my DROP funds. (If this box is checked, please provide the name and address of the financial institution that will be accepting the funds and attach the "Letter of Acceptance" or "Request to Transfer" form to this application.)

☐ FULL ROLLOVER/TRANSFER ☐ PARTIAL ROLLOVER/TRANSFER \$ _____

Name of Financial Institute Accepting Rollover: _____

Address of Financial Institute: _____

☐ I ELECT to **CONVERT** the LUMP Sum Distribution of my DROP Account in a **LIFETIME ANNUITY** based upon the Converted DROP Balance as computed by the System's Actuary. I acknowledge that once this selection has been completed and received by the Retirement Fund, my election to convert the LUMP Sum Distribution of my DROP Account in a Lifetime Annuity is **IRREVOCABLE**.

☐ DROP BALANCE FULL CONVERSION ☐ DROP BALANCE PARTIAL CONVERSION \$ _____

Witness

Witness

Participant Signature

Date

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

Having read the above request for lump sum distribution of deferred retirement option plan (DROP) funds, I hereby certify that the applicant has notified me of his/her desire to be relieved from active duty as a Clerk of Court, Deputy Clerk of Court, or other employee of my office, and that he/she will or did terminate on the _____ day of _____, 20____, at which time his/her salary and or earnings will or did cease.

I, further certify that if the retiree is re-employed in any capacity in my office, I will immediately notify the Board of the dates of re-employment.

Date

Signature of the Clerk of Court

Parish of : _____



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True-Life Annuity Benefit Estimate

(Allow 2 weeks for your estimate)

Employer:

Member's Name:

Social Security Number:

Date of Birth:

Member's Mailing Address: Street, City, State, Zip Code:

Member's Contact Number:

Member's Email Address:

Members must be exiting DROP and retiring or have funds invested with LAMP and retiring to convert DROP balance to a true-life annuity. **A fee of \$150 made payable to the La. Clerks of Court Retirement & Relief Fund must accompany this form to proceed the actuary calculation of a DROP true-life Annuity benefit.**

DROP Exit Date:

Retirement Date:

Amount to be converted:

☐ 100% DROP Balance

☐ Other Amount:

I understand the estimates I receive are subject to change until final selection is made on the *DROP True-Life Annuity Selection Form* and received by the Clerks' Retirement System.

Member's Signature

Date

Please forward the completed form to the address above or:

- Email: info@lclerksofcourt.org
- Fax (225) 291-7859.



PLEASE KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS!

SPECIAL TAX NOTICE REGARDING PLAN PAYMENTS

This notice contains important information you will need before you decide how to receive your benefits. This notice summarizes only the federal (not state or local) tax rules that might apply to your payment. The rules described below are complex and contain many conditions and exceptions that are not included in this notice. Therefore, you may want to consult with your professional tax advisor **before** you take a payment of your benefits from the plan. Also, you can find more specific information on the tax treatment of payments from qualified retirement plans in IRS Publication 575, "Pension and Annuity Income," and IRS Publication 590, "Individual Retirement Arrangements." These publications are available from your local IRS office or by calling (800) TAX-FORMS.

A payment from the Plan that is eligible for "rollover" may be taken in one or two ways:

1. PAID IN A "Direct Rollover" or
2. PAID TO YOU.

A Rollover is a payment of your plan benefits to your individual retirement account (IRA) or to another qualified employer plan. This choice will affect the tax you owe.

If you choose a **DIRECT ROLLOVER**:

- Your payment will not be taxed in the current year and no income tax will be withheld.
- Your payment will be made directly to your IRA or, if you choose, to another employer plan that accepts your rollover.
- Your payment will be taxed later when you take it out of the IRA or the employer plan.

If you choose to have your plan benefits **PAID TO YOU**:

- You will receive only eighty (80%) percent of the payment because the plan administrator is required to withhold twenty (20%) percent of the payment and send it to the IRS as income tax withholding to be credited against your taxes.
- Your payment will be taxed in the current year unless you roll it over. You may be able to use special tax rules that could reduce the tax you owe. However, if you receive the payment before age 59½, you also may have to pay an additional ten (10%) percent tax.
- You can rollover the payment to your IRA or to another employer plan that accepts your rollover within sixty (60) days of receiving the payment. The amount rolled over will not be taxed until you take it out of the IRA or employer plan.
- If you want to rollover one hundred (100%) percent of the payment to an IRA or an employer plan, you must find other money to replace the twenty (20%) percent that was withheld. If you rollover only eighty (80%) percent that you receive, you will be taxed on the twenty (20%) percent that was withheld and that is not rolled over.

1. PAYMENTS THAT CAN AND CANNOT BE ROLLED OVER

Payments from the plan may be “eligible rollover distributions.” This means that they can be rolled over to an IRA or to another employer plan that accepts rollovers. The plan administrator should be able to tell you what portion of your payment is an “eligible rollover distribution.” The following types of payment **cannot** be rolled over:

Non-Taxable Payments

In general, only the “taxable portion” of your payment is an eligible rollover distribution. If you have made “after-tax” employee contributions to the plan (contributions before January 1, 2000), these contributions will be non-taxable when they are paid to you, and they cannot be rolled over. (After-tax employee contributions generally are contributions you made from your own pay that were already tax.)

Payments Spread Over Long Periods

You cannot rollover a payment if it is part of a series of equal (or almost equal) payments that are made at least once a year and that will last for:

- Your lifetime (or your life expectancy);
- Your lifetime and your beneficiary’s lifetime (or life expectancies); or
- A period of ten (10) years or more.

Required Minimum Payments

Beginning in the year you reach age seventy and one-half (70½), a certain portion of your payment cannot be rolled over because it is a “required minimum payment” that must be paid to you.

2. DIRECT ROLLOVER

You can choose a direct rollover of all or any portion of your payment that is an “eligible rollover distribution,” (described above). In a direct rollover, the eligible rollover distribution is paid directly from the plan to an IRA or another employer plan that accepts rollovers. If you choose a direct rollover, you are not taxed on a payment until you later take it out of the IRA or the employer plan.

Direct Rollover to an IRA

You can open an IRA to receive the direct rollover. (The term “IRA”, as used in this notice, includes individual retirement accounts and individual retirement annuities.) If you choose to have your payment made directly to an IRA, contact an IRA sponsor (usually a financial institution) to find out how to have your payment made in a direct rollover to an IRA at that institution. If you are unsure of how to invest your money, you can temporarily establish an IRA to receive the payment. However, in choosing an IRA, you may wish to consider whether the IRA you choose will allow you to move all or a part of your payments to another IRA at a later date, without penalties or other limitations. See IRS Publication 590, “Individual Retirement Arrangements,” for more information on IRA’s.

Direct Rollover to a Plan

If you are employed by a new employer that has a plan, and you want to make a direct rollover to that plan, ask the administrator of that plan whether it will accept your rollover. If your new employer’s plan does not accept a rollover, you can choose a direct rollover to an IRA.

3. PAYMENT PAID TO YOU

If you have the payment made to you, it is subject automatically to a twenty (20%) percent income tax withholding. The payment is taxed in the year you receive it unless, within sixty (60) days, you roll it over to an IRA or another plan that accepts rollovers. If you do not roll it over, special tax rules may apply.

Mandatory Withholding

If any portion of the payment to you is an eligible rollover distribution, the Plan is required by law to withhold twenty (20%) percent of that amount. This amount is sent to the IRS as income tax withholding.

For Example: If your eligible rollover distribution is \$10,000 only \$8,000 will be paid to you because the plan must withhold \$2,000 as income tax. However, when you prepare your income tax return for the year, you will report the full \$10,000 as a payment from the plan. You will report the \$2,000 as tax withheld, and it will be credited against any income tax you owe for the year.

Sixty-Day (60) Rollover Option

If you have an eligible rollover distribution paid to you, you can still decide to roll over all or part of it to an IRA or another employer plan that accepts rollovers. If you decide to roll over, you must make this rollover within sixty (60) days after you receive the payment. The portion of your payment that is rolled over will not be taxed until you take it out of the IRA or the employer plan.

You can roll over up to one hundred (100%) percent of the eligible rollover distribution, including an amount equal to the twenty (20%) percent that was withheld. If you choose to roll over one hundred (100%) percent, you must find other money within sixty (60) days to contribute to the IRA (or the employer plan) to replace the twenty (20%) percent that was withheld. On the other hand, if you roll over only the eighty (80%) percent that you received, you will be taxed on the twenty (20%) percent that was withheld.

For Example: Your eligible rollover distribution is \$10,000, and you choose to have it paid to you. You will receive \$8,000 and \$2,000 will be sent to the IRS as income tax withholding. Within sixty (60) days after receiving the \$8,000, you may roll over the entire \$10,000 to an IRA or employer plan. To do this, you roll over the \$8,000 you received from the plan, and you will have to find \$2,000 for other sources (your savings, a loan, etc.). In this case, the entire \$10,000 is not taxed until you take it out of the IRA or employer plan. If you roll over the entire \$10,000, when you file your income tax return, you may get a refund of the \$2,000 withheld. If, on the other hand, you roll over only \$8,000, the \$2,000 you did not roll over is taxed in the year it was withheld. When you file your income tax return you may get a refund of part of the \$2,000 withheld.

Additional Ten (10%) Percent Tax If You Are Under Age 59 ½

If you receive a payment before you reach age 59 ½ and you do not roll it over, then, in addition to the regular income tax, you may have to pay an extra tax equal to ten (10%) percent of the taxable portion of the payment. The additional ten (10%) percent tax does not apply to your payment if it is:

1. paid to you because you separate from service with your employer during or after the year you reach age 55,
2. paid because you retired due to disability,
3. paid to you as equal (or almost equal) payment over your life or life expectancy (or you and your beneficiary's lives or life expectancies), or
4. used to pay certain medical expenses. (See IRS Form 5329 for more information on the additional ten (10%) percent tax.)

4. DIRECT ROLLOVER BY QDRO, SURVIVING SPOUSE, NON SPOUSE BENEFICIARY

A distribution to the plan participant's beneficiary generally isn't treated as an eligible rollover distribution. However, see Qualified domestic relations order (QDRO), Rollover by surviving spouse, and Rollovers by non-spouse beneficiary.

Rollover of nontaxable amounts

You may be able to roll over the nontaxable portion of a distribution (such as your after-tax contributions) made to another qualified plan that is a qualified member plan or a 403(b) plan or to a traditional or Roth IRA. The transfer must be made either through a direct rollover to a qualified plan or (403)b plan that separately accounts for the taxable and nontaxable portions of the rollover or through a rollover to a traditional or Roth IRA

Qualified domestic relations order (QDRO)

You may be able to roll over tax free all or a portion of a distribution to a qualified retirement plan that you receive under a QDRO. If you receive the distribution as a member's spouse or former spouse (not as a nonspousal beneficiary), the rollover rules apply to you as if you were the member.

Rollover by surviving spouse

You may be able to roll over tax free all or a portion of a distribution to a qualified retirement plan you receive as the surviving spouse of a deceased member. The rollover rules apply to you as if you were the member. You can roll over the distribution into a qualified retirement plan or a traditional or Roth IRA.

Rollovers by nonspouse beneficiary

If you are a designated beneficiary (other than a surviving spouse) of a deceased member, you may be able to rollover tax free all or a portion of a distribution you receive from this plan. The distribution must be a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer to your traditional or Roth IRA that was set up to receive the distribution. The transfer will be treated as an eligible rollover distribution and the receiving plan will be treated as an inherited IRA.

**Withholding Certificate
for Periodic Pension or Annuity Payments**

Give Form W-4P to the payer of your pension or annuity payments.

2025**Step 1:
Enter
Personal
Information**

(a) First name and middle initial

Last name

(b) Social security number

Address

City or town, state, and ZIP code

(c) ☐ Single or Married filing separately☐ Married filing jointly or Qualifying surviving spouse☐ Head of household (Check only if you're unmarried and pay more than half the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and a qualifying individual.)

TIP: Consider using the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App to determine the most accurate withholding for the rest of the year if: you are completing this form after the beginning of the year; expect to receive your payments only part of the year; or have changes during the year in your marital status, number of pensions/jobs for you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly), dependents, other income (not from jobs or pension/annuity payments), deductions, or credits. Have your most recent payment statements/pay stubs from this year available when using the estimator. At the beginning of next year, use the estimator again to recheck your withholding.

Complete Steps 2–4 ONLY if they apply to you; otherwise, skip to Step 5. See pages 2 and 3 for more information on each step, when to use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App, and how to elect to have no federal income tax withheld (if permitted).

**Step 2:
Income
From a Job
and/or
Multiple
Pensions/
Annuities
(Including a
Spouse's
Job/
Pension/
Annuity)**

Complete this step if you (1) have income from a job or more than one pension/annuity, or (2) are married filing jointly and your spouse receives income from a job or a pension/annuity. **See page 2 for examples on how to complete Step 2.**

Do **only one** of the following.

(a) Use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App for the most accurate withholding for this step (and Steps 3–4). If you or your spouse have self-employment income, use this option; **or**

(b) Complete the items below.

(i) If you (and/or your spouse) have one or more jobs, then enter the total taxable annual pay from all jobs, plus any income entered on Form W-4, Step 4(a), for the jobs less the deductions entered on Form W-4, Step 4(b), for the jobs. Otherwise, enter “-0-” . . . \$

(ii) If you (and/or your spouse) have any other pensions/annuities that pay less annually than this pension/annuity, then enter the total annual taxable payments from all lower-paying pensions/annuities. Otherwise, enter “-0-” . . . \$

(iii) Add the amounts from items (i) and (ii) and enter the **total** here . . . \$

TIP: To be accurate, submit a new Form W-4P for all other pensions/annuities if you haven't updated your withholding since 2021 or this is a new pension/annuity that pays less than the other(s). Submit a new Form W-4 for your job(s) if you have not updated your withholding since 2019.

Complete Steps 3–4(b) on this form only if (b)(i) is blank **and** this pension/annuity pays the most annually. Otherwise, do not complete Steps 3–4(b) on this form.

**Step 3:
Claim
Dependent
and Other
Credits**

If your total income will be \$200,000 or less (\$400,000 or less if married filing jointly):

Multiply the number of qualifying children under age 17 by \$2,000 \$

Multiply the number of other dependents by \$500 . . . \$

Add other credits, such as foreign tax credit and education tax credits \$

Add the amounts for qualifying children, other dependents, and other credits and enter the total here . . . **3** \$**Step 4
(optional):
Other
Adjustments**

(a) **Other income (not from jobs or pension/annuity payments).** If you want tax withheld on other income you expect this year that won't have withholding, enter the amount of other income here. This may include interest, taxable social security, and dividends . **4(a)** \$

(b) **Deductions.** If you expect to claim deductions other than the basic standard deduction and want to reduce your withholding, use the Deductions Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result here . **4(b)** \$

(c) **Extra withholding.** Enter any additional tax you want withheld from **each payment** . **4(c)** \$

Step 5:**Sign
Here****Your signature** (This form is not valid unless you sign it.)**Date**



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DIRECT DEPOSIT FORM

I (we) hereby authorize the Louisiana Clerks' Retirement and Relief Fund to initiate credit entries and to initiate, if necessary, debit entries and adjustments for any credit entries in error to my **(Select one)** ☐ **Checking Account** ☐ **Saving Account**, indicated below and the depository named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to credit and/or debit the same to such account.

This authority is to remain in effect until the Louisiana Clerks' Retirement and Relief Fund has received **written notification** from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford the Louisiana Clerks' Retirement and Relief Fund and the Depository a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Signature of Member: _____

Member's Name: _____ Date: _____
(Please Print Name)

Member's Social Security Number: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name as it appears on the bank account: _____

Depository Name (Bank, Credit Union, etc.): _____

Routing Number: _____

Account Number: _____

PLEASE ATTACH A VOID CHECK WITH THIS APPLICATION

The check must have a 9 digit routing number on it. (bottom left corner)

For Office Use Only

Transit/ABA #: _____ Account #: _____



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DEBBIE D. HUDNALL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ENROLLMENT FORMS FOR SELF-DIRECTED DROP PLAN EMPOWER RETIREMENT SERVICES

FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO:

LA CLERKS OF COURT RETIREMENT & RELIEF FUND
10202 JEFFERSON HIGHWAY, BUILDING A
BATON ROUGE, LA 70809



LOUISIANA CLERKS OF COURT RETIREMENT AND RELIEF FUND

IRREVOCABLE WAIVER

****Member must initial each paragraph for Irrevocable Waiver to be valid****

I, _____, acknowledge that I have certain rights regarding the interest earned on my Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) account which are protected by Article X, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution.

_____ I understand that I am waiving my right to be in the Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund ("LCCR") traditional DROP account.

_____ I understand that by choosing to participate in the Self-Directed Plan (SDP), I must move 100% of my balance from the traditional DROP account to the SDP.

_____ I acknowledge my right to have my DROP account earn interest at money market investment rates guaranteed to be no less than zero if I choose not to sign this election and waiver.

_____ I make this irrevocable waiver of my constitutional rights as set forth in Article X, Section 29(A) and (B) of the Louisiana Constitution as it relates to my subaccount in the SDP, including, but not necessarily limited to, as regards the interest earnings on my DROP account. I understand that the word "irrevocable" means that I will not at any time be able to change my mind after I sign this waiver.

_____ I acknowledge that, by choosing to participate in the SDP, the benefits payable to me are not the obligations of the state or the system, and that any returns and other rights of the plan are the sole liability and responsibility of myself and Great-West Retirement Services.

_____ I understand that by choosing to sign this document and electing to participate in the SDP, I can elect a beneficiary other than my spouse without my spouse's signature.

_____ I understand that by signing this waiver, then the Clerks' Retirement and Relief Fund shall no longer monitor any of my beneficiary designations.

_____ I agree that Great-West Retirement Services and I shall be responsible for complying with all applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

_____ I agree that if any violation of the Internal Revenue Code occurs as a result of my participation in Great-West Retirement Services, it shall be the sole responsibility and liability of me and Great-West Retirement Services, not the state or LCCR.

_____ I understand that there shall be no liability on the part of and no cause of action of any nature shall arise against the state, LCCR, or its agents or employees, for any action taken by me for choices I make in relationship to the funds in which I choose to place my subaccount balance once I move to Great-West Retirement Services.

_____ I understand that by signing this waiver, my DROP account balance will not be protected by the Louisiana Constitution. My DROP account balance will earn interest as returned by my self-directed DROP account with Great-West Retirement Services. I fully understand the risks involved in electing this option and do hereby knowingly assume this risk.

_____ I understand that, by signing this waiver, the amount of money in my DROP account will be reduced if the return on my self-directed DROP account is negative.

_____ I acknowledge that I may call the retirement system office and ask questions or seek additional information prior to signing this waiver.

Signed in _____, _____, _____, 20____.
(City) (State) (Month/Day) (Year)

(First Witness Signature)

(Member's Signature)

(Second Witness Signature)

MAIL FORMS TO:

**Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund
10202 Jefferson Highway, Building A
Baton Rouge, LA 70809**



Participant Enrollment 401(a) Plan

Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund Self-Directed DROP Plan

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Participant Information

Last Name First Name MI
(The name provided MUST match the name on file with Service Provider.)

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code

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Home Phone Work Phone

☐ Check box if you prefer to receive quarterly account statements in Spanish.

Social Security Number

E-Mail Address

☐ Married ☐ Unmarried ☐ Female ☐ Male

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Date of Birth Date of Hire

Annual Income (Required for My Total Retirement enrollment)

Do you have a retirement savings account with a previous employer or an IRA? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

Payroll Information

☐ I elect to contribute \$_____ (up to \$23,000.00) per pay period of my compensation as Before Tax contributions to the 401(a) Plan until such time as I revoke or amend my election.

My Total Retirement Information

The My Total Retirement provided by Empower Advisory Group, LLC will automatically direct your investment elections and will rebalance your account periodically, as necessary. This election will be effective as soon as administratively feasible following receipt of your completed enrollment form and signed Advisory Services Agreement. By electing My Total Retirement, you agree to the fees associated with this service and understand the fees will be deducted from your account in accordance with the attached Advisory Services Agreement. If you prefer to make your own investment decisions and not participate in this service, simply select the Select My Own Investment Options box and enter your investment instructions in the Investment Option Information section.

My Total Retirement:

☐ By checking this box, I elect to have my account professionally managed by Empower Advisory Group, LLC until such time as I cancel my enrollment in the service.

-OR-

Select My Own Investment Options:

☐ I elect to direct my own investments.

I understand and agree that my employer and other Plan fiduciaries will not be liable for the results of my personal investment decisions.

Make your investment election for future deposits in the Investment Option Information section.

Do not complete this section if you are electing to enroll in the My Total Retirement.

Investment Option Information (applies to all contributions) - Please refer to your communication materials for information regarding each investment option.

I understand that funds may impose redemption fees on certain transfers, redemptions or exchanges if assets are held less than the period stated in the fund's prospectus or other disclosure documents. I will refer to the fund's prospectus and/or disclosure documents for more information.

INVESTMENT OPTION	INVESTMENT OPTION
NAME	NAME
TICKER CODE	TICKER CODE
%	%
*Empower SecureFoundation Balanced Inv..... N/A	Invesco American Value R..... N/A
Empower Lifetime 2015 Fund Inv..... N/A	American Century Equity Income Fund..... N/A
Empower Lifetime 2025 Fund Inv..... N/A	American Funds Growth Fund R3..... N/A
Empower Lifetime 2035 Fund Inv..... N/A	Empower Large Cap Value Investor II..... N/A
Empower Lifetime 2045 Fund Inv..... N/A	Empower Large Cap Growth Inv..... N/A
Empower Lifetime 2055 Fund Inv..... N/A	Empower S&P 500 Index Fund Inv..... N/A
Artisan International Fund..... N/A	Invesco Comstock R..... N/A
Empower International Growth Inv..... N/A	JPMorgan US Research Enhanced Equity A.... N/A
Empower International Value Inv..... N/A	MFS Research R3..... N/A
Invesco Global A..... N/A	Empower Bond Index Fund Inv..... N/A
Empower Real Estate Index Fund Inv..... N/A	Empower Federated Bond Fund Inv..... N/A
ClearBridge Small Cap Growth A..... N/A	Empower Multi-Sector Bond Inv..... N/A
Delaware Small Cap Core A..... N/A	Empower Global Bond Inv..... N/A
Empower S&P SmCap 600 Index Fund Inv..... N/A	Empower US Govt Securities Fund Inv..... N/A
Empower Small Cap Value Inv..... N/A	PIMCO Total Return Admin..... N/A
Ariel Appreciation Fund..... N/A	Putnam High Yield R..... N/A
Empower Ariel Mid Cap Value Fund Inv..... N/A	Putnam Income A..... N/A
Empower T Rowe Price MdCp Gr Fund Inv..... N/A	Empower Guaranteed Fixed Fund..... N/A
Virtus Ceredex Mid-Cap Value Equity I..... N/A	
	MUST INDICATE WHOLE PERCENTAGES = 100%

Plan Beneficiary Designation

This designation is effective upon execution and delivery to Service Provider at the address below. I have the right to change the beneficiary. If any information is missing, additional information may be required prior to recording my beneficiary designation. If my primary and contingent beneficiaries predecease me or I fail to designate beneficiaries, amounts will be paid pursuant to the terms of the Plan Document or applicable law.

You may only designate one primary and one contingent beneficiary on this form. However, the number of primary or contingent beneficiaries you name is not limited. If you wish to designate more than one primary and/or contingent beneficiary, do not complete the section below. Instead, complete and forward the Beneficiary Designation form.

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If I have elected Guaranteed Annual Withdrawals with a Joint Covered Person, my spouse must be my sole primary beneficiary.

Primary Beneficiary

100.00%

% of Account Balance () Phone Number (Optional)	Primary Beneficiary Name Relationship (Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.) <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner	Date of Birth
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Contingent Beneficiary

100.00%

% of Account Balance () Phone Number (Optional)	Contingent Beneficiary Name Relationship (Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.) <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner	Date of Birth
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Participation Agreement

***Empower SecureFoundation®** - I understand that a Summary Disclosure Statement is attached to this form which contains information regarding the Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit. Additional documentation concerning the features associated with the Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit is available at www.louisianadcp.com. If you have any questions, please call your Service Provider at 1-866-696-8232.

Withdrawal Restrictions - I understand that the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and/or my employer's Plan Document may impose restrictions on transfers and/or distributions. I understand that I must contact the Plan Administrator to determine when and/or under what circumstances I am eligible to receive distributions or make transfers.

Investment Options - If I elect to direct my own investments, I understand that by signing and submitting this Participant Enrollment form for processing, I am requesting to have investment options established under the Plan as specified in the Investment Option Information section. I understand and agree that this account is subject to the terms of the Plan Document. I understand and acknowledge that all payments and account values, when based on the experience of the investment options, may not be guaranteed and may fluctuate,

and, upon redemption, shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. I acknowledge that investment option information, including prospectuses, disclosure documents and Fund Profile sheets, have been made available to me and I understand the risks of investing.

I understand if I elect to have my account managed by Empower Advisory Group, LLC, that my entire account, including any transfers or rollovers, will be professionally managed and I have not completed the Investment Option Information section. In the event investment option information is completed, my election to have my account professionally managed will override my investment option elections. Dollar cost averaging and asset allocation are not available if my account is professionally managed. I understand that the applicable fees will be deducted from my account. In order to enroll in the My Total Retirement, I understand that I must provide my date of birth, gender, marital status, state of residence and annual income. If any of this information is not provided, I understand that I will not be enrolled in the My Total Retirement.

Compliance With Plan Document and/or the Code - I agree that my employer or Plan Administrator may take any action that may be necessary to ensure that my participation in the Plan is in compliance with any applicable requirement of the Plan Document and/or the Code. I understand that the maximum annual limit on contributions is determined under the Plan Document and/or the Code. I understand that it is my responsibility to monitor my total annual contributions to ensure that I do not exceed the amount permitted. If I exceed the contribution limit, I assume sole liability for any tax, penalty, or costs that may be incurred.

Incomplete Forms - I understand that in the event my Participant Enrollment form is incomplete or is not received by Service Provider at the address below prior to the receipt of any deposits, I specifically consent to Service Provider retaining all monies received and allocating them to the default investment option selected by the Plan. If no default investment option is selected, funds will be returned to the payor as required by law. Once an account has been established on my behalf, I understand that I must call the Voice Response System or access the Web site in order to transfer monies from the default investment option. Also, I understand all contributions received after an account is established on my behalf will be applied to the investment options I have most recently selected.

Account Corrections - I understand that it is my obligation to review all confirmations and quarterly statements for discrepancies or errors. Corrections will be made only for errors which I communicate within 90 calendar days of the last calendar quarter. After this 90 days, account information shall be deemed accurate and acceptable to me. If I notify Service Provider of an error after this 90 days, the correction will only be processed from the date of notification forward and not on a retroactive basis.

My Total Retirement Fee - If you elect the My Total Retirement, a quarterly fee will be assessed. If you wish to cancel your enrollment in the future please call your Plan's Voice Response System number.

Signature(s) and Consent

Participant Consent

I have completed, understand and agree to all pages of this Participant Enrollment form including the terms of the My Total Retirement Agreement.

Participant Signature

Date

A handwritten signature is required on this form. An electronic signature will not be accepted and will result in a significant delay.

After all signatures have been obtained, this form can be:

Uploaded electronically to:

Login to account at
www.louisianadcp.com
Click on *Upload Documents* to submit

OR

Sent regular mail to:

Empower
PO Box 173764
Denver, CO 80217-3764

OR

Sent express mail to:

Empower
8515 E. Orchard Road
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

We will not accept hand delivered forms at express mail addresses.

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ADVISORY SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement describes the terms and conditions applicable to the investment advice and management services (each a “Service” and collectively the “Services”) offered by Empower Advisory Group, LLC (“EAG”) and described below. EAG is a registered investment adviser and wholly owned subsidiary of Empower Life & Annuity Insurance Company of America (“EAIC”), which provides financial services and products under the brand name “Empower”. EAG offers the Services to accounts (each an “Account” and collectively the “Accounts”) held by investors participating in employer-sponsored retirement plans (each a “Plan”) recordkept through Empower. By using the Services, you consent to be bound by these terms and conditions.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

EAG offers the following two Services to your Account: Online Advice and the Managed Account service. You may receive all or some of the Services as determined by the Plan’s sponsor. If you have multiple Accounts held with Empower, you must select which of the Services you will use for each Account.

Online Advice: Online Advice offers fund-specific investment advice to users who wish to manage their own Account but receive assistance in doing so. The investments recommended by Online Advice are based on information drawn from your Account profile and from the investment options available within your Account. You decide whether to implement the advice delivered through Online Advice.

- EAG does not provide advice for, or recommend allocations of, individual stocks (including employer stock, unless your employer instructs EAG otherwise), self-directed brokerage accounts, guaranteed certificate funds, or employer-directed monies, or any other investment options that do not satisfy the methodology requirements of the subadviser who provides investment methodology to EAG.
- EAG is not responsible for any delays or limitations impacting Online Advice that are attributable to restrictions imposed by a third-party investment provider of an investment option within your Account.

Managed Account service: The Managed Account service offers users an investment management service under which investment professionals will select and allocate your Account among the available investment options. You will receive a personalized investment portfolio that reflects your retirement timeframe, life stages and overall financial picture, including, but not limited to, assets held outside your Account (if you elect to provide this information), which may be taken into consideration when determining the allocation of assets in your Account. Changes that you make to your profile, such as outside assets, your intended retirement age or constraining your portfolio to a specific risk level, will generally apply to all your accounts held through Empower. Such changes may cause each managed account, whether managed by an affiliate of Empower or an unaffiliated third-party advisor, to be rebalanced and re-allocated. For taxable accounts, rebalancing or re-allocation transactions will typically have tax implications, as a result we’ll send you tax forms for any capital gains and losses associated with the rebalancing activity. Generally, EAG will not provide advice for, recommend allocations of, or manage your outside accounts.

- Under the Managed Account service, EAG has discretionary authority over allocating your assets among the Plan’s investment options without your prior approval of each transaction. EAG is not responsible for either the selection or maintenance of the investment options available within your Plan. Further, EAG is not responsible for any delays or limitations impacting the Managed Account service attributable to restrictions imposed by a third-party investment provider of an investment option within your Account.
- EAG does not provide advice for, or recommend allocations of, individual stocks (including employer stock, unless your employer instructs EAG otherwise), self-directed brokerage accounts, guaranteed certificate funds, or employer-directed monies, or any other investment options that do not satisfy the methodology requirements of the subadviser who provides investment methodology to EAG. Your balances in any of these investment options or vehicles may be liquidated, subject to your Plan’s and/or investment provider’s restrictions.

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- Account assets subject to the Managed Account service will be monitored, rebalanced and reallocated periodically by EAG, according to the methodology of EAG's subadvisor. You will receive an Account update statement periodically and can update your personal information at any time by calling EAG or by visiting the Plan website.

INFORMATION ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICES

Information Gathered to Provide the Services. You or your employer must provide all data that is necessary for EAG to perform its duties under this Agreement, including but not limited to: your date of birth, income, gender, and state of residence, which EAG may rely upon in providing the services to you. If the data supplied by you or your Plan sponsor, if applicable, does not meet the Managed Account service methodology requirements, we will attempt to contact you for updated information. If this is not completed, your enrollment in the Managed Account service may not be completed or may be terminated. Information that you provide in addition to the recordkeeping data sources, such as linking accounts manually, through account aggregation or linking multiple record-kept Employer plans through OneID/One Password in the Empower Personalized Experience, may all be used by the Services to help personalize your recommendations and projections. Please ensure manually entered assets are not already being included by the Services automatically as this may impact the recommendations and projections. If you participate in My Total Retirement, you will receive a Welcome Kit shortly after enrollment. You will also receive an account update statement periodically, providing you with a detailed analysis of your Account. Your account update statement will also confirm your personal data which is used to provide you with personalized investment management.

You are responsible for reviewing your account statements, transaction confirmations, and advisory services communications carefully for discrepancies or errors. Call your Plan's toll-free customer service number to notify EAG of any incorrect information including, but not limited to, current or future investment allocations, desired retirement age, investment risk level, and outside investment holdings.

You must notify EAG of any errors or discrepancies immediately. EAG is not responsible for corrections related to incorrect data provided by you or your Plan sponsor and is also not responsible for the correction of errors not reported in a timely manner.

Fees Applicable to the Services. Appendix A to this Agreement describes the fees applicable to the Services. You authorize EAG to deduct the billing period fee described in Appendix A. The fees are subject to change. EAG reserves the right to offer discounted fees or other promotional pricing.

Investment Methodology. EAG generates investment recommendations under Online Advice and My Total Retirement using an investment methodology generated by its independent subadvisor (currently, Morningstar Investment Management LLC, herein "Morningstar"). EAG may change its subadvisor at any time. Using its proprietary methodology, Morningstar determines an appropriate asset level portfolio that best suits each user's situation using the investment options available for the Services. Your Account is monitored and rebalanced periodically among the available investment options. EAG will also provide various recommendations and projections for your Account using methodology developed by EAG or its affiliates including, but not limited to, savings rate advice and retirement income projections. The projections or other information generated by this process regarding the likelihood of various investment outcomes are hypothetical in nature, do not reflect actual investment results and are not guarantees of future results. Results may vary with each use and over time.

Additional Fees May Apply. Fees for the Services do not include the fees and expenses charged by the investment options to which your Account will be allocated. For more information about the fees assessed by investment options in your Account, including information about the options' expense ratios and share class, please review your Plan's investment option disclosure documents. Some Plan investment options may also charge redemption fees, which vary in amount and application by each applicable investment option. It is possible that transactions performed through the Services may result in the imposition of a redemption fee on one or more available investment options. Any such redemption fees are deducted from your account balance.

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Conflicts of Interest. EAG has several conflicts of interest in providing services to your Account.

- Investment advice and management services. EAG's representatives may recommend that you use the Services for your Account. If you enroll in the Managed Account service, EAG will earn additional compensation, since you will pay fees to use the Service as described in Appendix A.
- Increased fee income. When you use the Services, EAG may recommend you increase contributions to the Plan, or implement other savings or investment strategies. EAG's affiliates provide a bundle of recordkeeping, trust, custody, brokerage, investment and other related services to your Plan and to related IRA products. If you pay for these services through an arrangement where our affiliates charge a direct fee, EAG's affiliates may receive additional fees for these services as a result of EAG's recommendations, because you may contribute, invest, or transact in more assets with EAG's family of companies.
- Proprietary investment funds. EAG's affiliates offer proprietary investment funds, and EAG may recommend or allocate your Account to our affiliates' proprietary investment funds, such as proprietary mutual funds and collective investment trusts. These investment funds generate additional income to EAG's family of companies. For our proprietary investment funds, fees compensate our affiliates for administering, managing, and supervising these funds.
- Proprietary insurance products. EAG's parent company, EAIC, offers proprietary insurance products for investment. EAG may recommend or allocate your Account to different types of EAIC insurance products and funding agreements. Most EAIC insurance products are annuity contracts that are structured either as a "general account" product or as a "separate account" product. If you invest in a general account product, which is an insurance product backed by the general account of an insurance company, EAG's affiliates generate revenue by retaining spread, which is the difference between actual earnings on contracts offered by the insurer, and the crediting rate declared and guaranteed by the insurer through the contract. EAG's affiliates may also receive different types of fee income if you invest in the general account or separate account products, as well as other third-party payments associated with investments held in the separate account.
- Third-Party Payments. EAG's affiliates receive payments from other firms, non-proprietary investment funds or products, or providers, such as revenue sharing payments, in connection with the investments made in your Account pursuant to our recommendation or investment management. For example, a mutual fund available through your Plan may make 12b-1 payments to EAG's affiliated broker-dealer based on your Account investment.
- Representative Compensation. EAG's representatives are generally paid a salary and a variable bonus. The bonus is based on a combination of the performance of Empower, as well as the representative's individual performance. Additionally, EAG has authorized Empower Financial Services, Inc. ("EFSI") and its licensed agents and registered representatives, to solicit, refer and market the Services to Plan sponsors and potential users. EFSI representatives may be compensated in part based on these solicitation activities, in accordance with applicable law.

For additional information about the Services, the methodology used to produce investment and other recommendations, compensation for EAG representatives or EAG's conflicts of interest, please see EAG's Form ADV and information available at www.empower.com.

Cancellation. Once enrolled in the Managed Account service, you will no longer be able to make investment allocation changes to your Account. You may cancel participation in the Managed Account service at any time online or by calling EAG. Once you have opted-out of the Managed Account service, you are responsible for managing your own Account. You will need to initiate your own allocation changes and/or transfers if you wish to change your investment allocations made by the Managed Account service.

Proxy Voting. EAG does not assume the responsibility to provide assistance or vote proxies or other issuer communications regarding your Account, or to exercise voting or other decision-making authority regarding proxies or other issuer communications. Correspondence regarding the matters described in this section will be handled in connection with the Plan's policies and service provider arrangements.

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STANDARD OF CONDUCT, LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

EAG acknowledges that, as a registered investment adviser, it owes a fiduciary duty to customers with respect to investment advice it provides. EAG may also be a fiduciary to your Account pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), depending on whether your Plan is subject to ERISA. EAG uses reasonable care, consistent with industry practice, in providing services to you. EAG, your Plan sponsor and/or the Plan recordkeeper, as applicable, do not guarantee the future performance of your Account or that the investments we recommend will be profitable. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with market conditions, and you may lose money. The investments EAG may recommend or purchase for your Account, if applicable, are subject to various risks, including, without limitation; business, market, currency, economic, and political risks. By recommending allocations among the available investment options, we are not endorsing the selection of particular investment options available in your Plan.

EAG, the Plan sponsor and/or the Plan recordkeeper, as applicable, will not be liable to you for any loss caused by (1) our prudent, good faith decisions or actions, (2) following your instructions, or (3) any person other than EAG or its affiliates who provides services for your Account. Neither EAG nor your Plan sponsor will be liable to you for any losses resulting from your disclosure of your personal information or your password to third parties even if the purpose of your disclosure is to enable such person to enroll you in or cancel your enrollment in the Services.

You agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless EAG and its officers, directors, shareholders, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, consultants, agents and licensors, your employer, the Plan administrator and/or recordkeeper, Plan sponsor, Plan trustees, Plan fiduciaries, their agents, employees, and contractors, as applicable, from and against any and all third party claims, liability, damages and/or costs (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees) arising from your failure to comply with this Agreement, the information you provide us, your infringement of any intellectual property or other right of a third party, or from your violation of applicable law. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IN NO EVENT WILL THE PLAN SPONSOR, EAG OR ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, PARENTS, SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, EMPLOYEES, CONSULTANTS, AGENTS, LICENSORS OR ANY DATA PROVIDER BE LIABLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL OR INDIRECT DAMAGES, LOSS OF BUSINESS REVENUE OR LOST PROFITS, WHETHER IN AN ACTION UNDER CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER THEORY EVEN IF WE ARE ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH.

TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, EAG DISCLAIMS ALL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES, AND ALL INFORMATION DERIVED FROM THEM, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, QUALITY, TIMELINESS, ACCURACY, AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARISING FROM COURSE OF PERFORMANCE OR COURSE OF DEALING. IN ADDITION, EAG DOES NOT WARRANT THAT THE SERVICES OR CONTENT CONTAINED IN IT WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED, ERROR FREE, FULLY AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES OR THAT ANY INFORMATION OR OTHER MATERIAL ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE SERVICES ARE FREE OF ERRORS OR OTHER HARMFUL CONTENT.

COMMUNICATIONS

EAG or its affiliates may provide any communications to you at your mailing address, or your e-mail address provided to us by you. You agree to not make any claims against EAG or its affiliates if you do not receive any communications sent to you. You agree to notify EAG promptly if your mailing address and/or e-mail address changes and to keep all account information, such as your mailing address and/or e-mail address, current and accurate. The website Terms of Service apply to your use of the customer website. You agree to receive electronic communications, including regulatory documents such as EAG's Form ADV Part II, privacy notice and Form CRS, through the Empower website or other electronic media. EAG will not impose any additional charge to you for such electronic communication. You may opt-out of electronic communications by calling your Plan's toll-free customer service number.

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GENERAL TERMS

EAG may not assign this Agreement (within the meaning of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act")) without your consent. You may not assign this Agreement. Unless otherwise agreed to in your Plan's agreement with EAG, this Agreement is entered into in Denver, Colorado and governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado, without regard to its conflict of law provisions. You agree that proper forum for any claims under this Agreement shall be in the courts of the State of Colorado for Arapahoe County or the United States District Court, District of Colorado. Please contact your Plan sponsor to determine proper venue for actions brought under this agreement. The prevailing party shall be entitled to recovery of expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between you and EAG with respect to the subject matter herein. If for any reason a provision or portion of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable, that provision of the Agreement will be enforced to the maximum extent permissible so as to affect the intent of the parties, and the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect. No failure or delay on the part of EAG in exercising any right or remedy with respect to a breach of this Agreement by you shall operate as a waiver thereof or of any prior or subsequent breach of this Agreement by you, nor shall the exercise of any such right or remedy preclude any other or future exercise thereof or exercise of any other right or remedy in connection with this Agreement. Any waiver must be in writing and signed by EAG. All terms and provisions of this Agreement will survive termination of the Agreement. This Agreement will automatically terminate upon termination of your Plan's agreement with EAG, or upon termination of your Plan's service agreement with its recordkeeper, if applicable. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive compliance with the Advisers Act, ERISA, if applicable, or any applicable rule or order of the Department of Labor under ERISA. EAG shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its obligations hereunder if such delay or failure is caused by an unforeseeable event beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation: act of God; fire; flood; earthquake; labor strike; sabotage; fiber cut; embargoes; power failure; lightning; suppliers failures; act or omissions of telecommunications common carriers; material shortages or unavailability or other delay in delivery; government codes, ordinances, laws, rules, regulations or restrictions; war or civil disorder, or acts of terrorism. EAG reserves the right to modify this Agreement at any time. You agree to review this Agreement periodically so that you are aware of any such modifications. Your continued participation in the Services shall be deemed to be your acceptance of the modified terms of this Agreement. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of EAG's successor and assigns. EAG, its officers and employees may purchase securities for their own Accounts and these securities may be the same as those recommended to, or invested for, you (e.g., shares of the same mutual fund).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All content provided as part of the Services, including without limitation names, logos, methodologies, and news or information provided by third parties, is protected by copyrights, trademarks, service marks, patents, or other intellectual property and proprietary rights and laws ("Intellectual Property") and may constitute trade secrets, as defined by applicable law. All such Intellectual Property is the property of their respective owners and no rights or licenses are granted to you as a result of your participation in the Services.

ABOUT EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

Additional information about the services provided by EAG may be found in EAG's Form ADV Part II, which is available free of charge online at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov and www.empower.com, or upon request by calling your Plan's toll-free customer service number or by writing EAG at: 8515 East Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111.

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FEES FOR THE SERVICE

Fees for each service are shown below. The chart below reflects the applicable billing period and annual fee amount.

Online Advice	Quarterly Fee	Annual Fee
	\$0.00	\$0.00
My Total Retirement		
Participant Account Balance	Quarterly Fee	Annual Fee
≤ \$100,000.00	0.125%	0.50%
Next \$150,000.00	0.10%	0.40%
Next \$150,000.00	0.075%	0.30%
≥ \$400,000.01	0.05%	0.20%

For example, if your account balance subject to My Total Retirement is \$50,000.00, the maximum annual fee is 0.50% of the account balance. If your account balance subject to My Total Retirement is \$500,000.00, the first \$100,000.00 will be subject to a maximum annual fee of 0.50% (quarterly 0.125%), the next \$150,000.00 will be subject to a maximum annual fee of 0.40% (quarterly 0.10%), the next \$150,000.00 will be subject to a maximum annual fee of 0.30% (quarterly 0.075%), and any amounts over \$400,000.00 will be subject to a maximum annual fee of 0.20% (quarterly 0.05%). For example, the maximum quarterly fee for an account balance less than \$100,000.00 (subject to maximum annual fee of 0.50%) would be 0.125% quarterly, as demonstrated above.

If you cancel participation in the service, the fee will be based on your participation in the My Total Retirement through the date of cancellation for asset-based fees. For dollar-based fees, the full billing period rate will be assessed notwithstanding the date of cancellation. If your Plan terminates its agreement with its recordkeeper, the fee will be debited based on your participation in the My Total Retirement through the date of such termination.

You can access our Privacy Policy via the link below:

<https://www.empower.com/privacy>

You can access our ADV Disclosure Brochure via the link below:

<https://dcprovider.com/EAG/EAG-ADV-Part-2A-Brochure-MIM-MAS.pdf>

Summary Disclosure Statement

8515 East Orchard Road
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
Tel: (800) 537-2033
May 1, 2020

Empower SecureFoundation®
Group Fixed Deferred Annuity Contract
Describing the
Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit
Issued by:

Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America

Before you choose this investment, you may wish to review the Disclosure Statement, which contains more information about the Empower SecureFoundation® Group Fixed Deferred Annuity Contract (the “Contract”) issued by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (“we,” “us,” “our,” and “Empower”), a Colorado company, which describes the Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit (“GLWB” or “Benefit”). You can find the Disclosure Statement, the prospectuses for the Empower SecureFoundation® mutual funds offered by Empower Funds, Inc., the disclosure memoranda for the Empower SecureFoundation® trusts offered by Empower Trust Company, LLC, and other information online at www.louisianadcp.com. You may also request this information at no cost by calling 866-696-8232. This summary disclosure statement describes certain features, benefits, and risks of the GLWB. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Disclosure Statement.

The Contract is available for use with 401(k), 401(a), or governmental 457(b) retirement plans (“Retirement Plans”). Plan Participants in Retirement Plans who choose one of the following investment options (the “Covered Funds”) will elect the GLWB for a fee:

- Empower SecureFoundation® Lifetime 2020 Fund
- Empower SecureFoundation® Lifetime 2025 Fund
- Empower SecureFoundation® Lifetime 2030 Fund
- Empower SecureFoundation® Lifetime 2035 Fund
- Empower SecureFoundation® Lifetime 2040 Fund
- Empower SecureFoundation® Lifetime 2045 Fund
- Empower SecureFoundation® Lifetime 2050 Fund
- Empower SecureFoundation® Lifetime 2055 Fund
- Empower SecureFoundation® Lifetime 2060 Fund
- Empower SecureFoundation® Balanced Fund
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Note: Not all of the Covered Funds may be available in your Retirement Plan. Information about available Covered Funds is available online at www.louisianadcp.com, by contacting your Plan Sponsor, or by calling 866-696-8232. The Covered Funds are not issued by Empower. Empower Funds, Inc. and Empower Trust Company, LLC are the issuers of the Covered Funds and are affiliates of Empower.

What is the GLWB?

The GLWB is a payment of guaranteed income for the life of a designated person (the “Covered Person”) based on your investment in one or more of the Covered Funds, provided specified conditions are met, regardless of how long the Covered Person lives or the actual performance or value of the Covered Funds. Specifically, if the value of the shares/units in the Covered Fund (“Covered Fund Value”) equals zero as a result of Covered Fund performance, certain fees, and/or Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal(s) (“GAW”), we will make annual payments to the Covered Person for the rest of the Covered Person’s life. The GLWB has no cash value and no surrender value.

The amount of the GAW may increase from time to time based on the Covered Fund Value. The amount of the GAW may decrease if you take an Excess Withdrawal either by: (i) taking any withdrawal during the Accumulation Phase; or (ii) taking a withdrawal during the GAW Phase that is greater than the GAW. These Excess Withdrawals will reduce your Covered Fund Value on a dollar-for-dollar basis and will adjust your Benefit Base by the ratio of the new Covered Fund Value (after the Excess Withdrawal) to the previous Covered Fund Value (after the GAW). For examples of these calculations, please refer to the Disclosure Statement.

The guaranteed income that may be provided by the GLWB is based on the age and life of the Covered Person (or if there are joint Covered Persons, on the age of the younger joint Covered Person and the lives of both Covered Persons) as of the date we calculate the first Installment. The Covered Person is either you or you and your spouse. Your spouse must be the 100% primary beneficiary under the Retirement Plan in order to be a joint Covered Person.

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How does the GLWB work?

The GLWB has three phases: an "Accumulation Phase," a "GAW Phase," and a "Settlement Phase."

- **The Accumulation Phase:** During the Accumulation Phase, you may direct additional Contract Contributions to the Covered Fund(s), which establish the Benefit Base (this is the sum of all Contract Contributions minus any withdrawals and any adjustments made on the "Ratchet Date"), and take Distributions from your Account just as you otherwise would be permitted to (although Excess Withdrawals will proportionally reduce the amount of the Benefit Base). You are responsible for managing withdrawals during the Accumulation Phase. During the Accumulation Phase, the Benefit Base will be automatically adjusted annually on the Ratchet Date to the greater of: (a) the current Benefit Base; or (b) the current Covered Fund Value. During the Accumulation Phase, your Ratchet Date is the date of the anniversary that you elected the GLWB.
- **The GAW Phase:** After you (or if there are joint Covered Persons, the younger joint Covered Person) have turned age 55, then you can elect to begin to take GAWs and start the GAW Phase without reducing the Benefit Base. GAWs are withdrawals from your account value allocated to the Covered Fund(s) that do not exceed a specified annual amount. GAWs before age 59 ½ may result in certain tax penalties. During the GAW Phase, the Benefit Base will be automatically adjusted annually on the Ratchet Date to the greater of: (a) the current Benefit Base; or (b) the current Covered Fund Value. However, your GAW Percentage (GAW%) will not change unless you request a reset of the GAW%. You may not direct additional Contract Contributions to the Covered Fund(s) during the GAW Phase. During the GAW Phase, your Ratchet Date is the date you elected to begin receiving GAWs. If you are not fully vested in the Covered Funds, please see the Disclosure Statement for information on how vesting may affect GAWs.
- **Settlement Phase:** If the Covered Fund Value falls to zero as a result of Covered Fund performance, certain fees, and/or GAWs, the Settlement Phase will begin. During the Settlement Phase, we continue to make Installments to you for as long as you live. However, the Settlement Phase may never occur, depending on how long the Covered Person(s) lives and how well the Covered Fund performs. The Settlement Phase is the first time that we use our own money to make Installments to you. If the Covered Fund Value is less than the amount of the final Installment in GAW Phase, the initial payment in Settlement Phase may take up to seven days from the Installment Date.

The Installments that you receive when you are in the GAW Phase or Settlement Phase are determined by multiplying the vested Benefit Base by the GAW%, which is determined by the age of the Covered Person as of the date we calculate the first Installment. The GAW is based on a percentage of the Benefit Base pursuant to the following schedule:

Sole Covered Person

4.0% for life at ages 55-64

5.0% for life at ages 65-69

6.0% for life at ages 70-79

7.0% for life at ages 80+

Joint Covered Person

3.5% for youngest joint life at ages 55-64

4.5% for youngest joint life at ages 65-69

5.5% for youngest joint life at ages 70-79

6.5% for youngest joint life at ages 80+

The amount of the Installment equals the GAW divided by the number of payments per year under the elected Installment Frequency Option, which may be annual, semi-annual, quarterly, or monthly. As described in more detail in the Disclosure Statement, the amount of the Installments may increase on an annual basis during the GAW Phase due to positive Covered Fund performance and will decrease as a result of any Excess Withdrawals. If the Contract is terminated, all Installments will cease.

For more information and examples of how the GLWB works, please refer to the Disclosure Statement.

What protection does the GLWB provide?

By electing the GLWB as a source or potential source of lifetime retirement income or other long-term purposes, you receive two basic protections. Provided that certain conditions are met, you will be protected from:

- longevity risk, which is the risk that you will outlive the assets invested in the Covered Fund; and
- income volatility risk, which is the risk of downward fluctuations in your retirement income due to changes in market performance.

Both of these risks increase as a result of poor market performance early in retirement. Point-in-time risk, the risk of retiring on the eve of a down market, significantly contributes to both longevity and income volatility risk.

The GLWB does not guarantee that the Covered Fund will retain a certain value or that the value of the Covered Fund will remain steady or grow over time. Therefore, it is important to understand that while the preservation of capital may be one of your goals, the GLWB does not guarantee the achievement of that goal.

How much does the GLWB cost?

While the Contract is in force, we will calculate and deduct a Guarantee Benefit Fee from the Covered Fund Value on a monthly basis. It will be paid by redeeming the number of shares/units of the Covered Fund equal to the Guarantee Benefit Fee. The Guarantee Benefit Fee is calculated as a specified percentage of the Covered Fund Value at the time the Guarantee Benefit Fee is calculated. We reserve the right to change the frequency of the deduction, but will notify the Contract Owner (the Plan Sponsor or trustee) in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the change. Because the Benefit Base may not exceed \$5,000,000, we will not charge the Guarantee Benefit Fee on an amount of the Covered Fund Value that exceeds \$5,000,000.

The Guarantee Benefit Fee compensates us for the costs and risks we assume for providing the GLWB (including marketing, administration, and profit). If we do not receive the Guarantee Benefit Fee (except during the Settlement Phase), including as a result of the failure of your Plan trustee or custodian to submit it to us, the Contract will terminate as of the date that the fee is due. We will not provide you with notice prior to termination of the Contract and we will not refund the Guarantee Benefit Fee upon termination of the Contract.

The guaranteed maximum, guaranteed minimum, and current Guarantee Benefit Fee we can charge for the GLWB is shown below.

- The maximum Guarantee Benefit Fee, as a percentage of the Covered Fund Value, on an annual basis, is 1.5%.
- The minimum Guarantee Benefit Fee, as a percentage of the Covered Fund Value, on an annual basis, is 0.70%.
- The current Guarantee Benefit Fee, as a percentage of the Covered Fund Value, on an annual basis, is 0.90%.

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We may change the current Guarantee Benefit Fee at any time within the minimum and maximum range described above upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to you.

The Guarantee Benefit Fee is in addition to any charges that are imposed in connection with advisory, custodial and other services, and charges imposed by the Covered Funds. Because the Covered Funds are offered by our affiliated companies, we may benefit indirectly from the charges imposed by the Covered Funds. Premium taxes may be applicable in certain states. Premium tax applicability and rates vary by state and may change. We reserve the right to deduct any such tax from premium when received.

How do you elect the GLWB?

You are required to elect the GLWB in connection with your allocation of some or all of your Account with the Covered Fund(s). However, the actual date of election of the GLWB will depend on which Covered Fund shares you choose. For the Empower SecureFoundation® Lifetime Funds and the Empower SecureFoundation® Lifetime Trusts, you will not be deemed to have actually elected the GLWB until the first business day of the year that is ten years prior to the date in the name of the fund and do not pay the Guaranteed Benefit Fee until the election is made. There is no minimum initial investment. You may allocate any amount to any Covered Fund. However, your Benefit Base is limited to \$5,000,000. The GLWB may only be elected by Plan Participants in Retirement Plans that offer the Covered Funds.

Can you cancel the GLWB?

You may cancel the GLWB by causing the Covered Fund Value or the Benefit Base of each Covered Fund to be reduced to zero prior to the Settlement Phase due to one or more Excess Withdrawals or by failing to pay the Guarantee Benefit Fee. We will not return any portion of the Guarantee Benefit Fee that has been collected.

What are the principal risks of the GLWB?

There are a number of risks associated with the GLWB as described below:

- If the Plan Sponsor selects a new record keeper, you may lose the GLWB.
- The Plan Sponsor may elect to cancel the Contract at any time or remove the Covered Funds from the Retirement Plan's investment options. If the Plan Sponsor takes either of these actions, you will lose the GLWB.
- Your Plan may not offer all necessary features for you to benefit from the GLWB. If your Plan does not offer all of the features or removes any features necessary for you to receive the benefit of the GLWB, you may not fully benefit from the GLWB and may not be able to begin GAWs.
- You may die before receiving payments from us or may not live long enough to receive enough income to exceed the amount of the Guarantee Benefit Fees paid.
- The Covered Funds may perform well enough so that you may not need the GLWB.
- You may need to make Excess Withdrawals, which have the potential to substantially reduce or even terminate the benefits provided by the GLWB. We are not required to warn you of Excess Withdrawals or other actions with adverse consequences.
- You may choose to cancel the GLWB prior to a severe market downturn.
- You might not begin making GAWs at the most financially beneficial time.
- If you move to another Retirement Plan record keeper or to an IRA that does not offer the GLWB, you may never receive any benefits.
- The deduction of the Guarantee Benefit Fee each month, while not affecting the performance of the Covered Funds, will negatively affect the growth of the Covered Fund Value.
- If the Covered Fund that you invest in becomes ineligible for the GLWB, you must Transfer the Covered Fund Value to another Covered Fund in order to keep the Contract in force. In the event that all Covered Funds become ineligible at our direction or are liquidated by the fund company, we will designate a new fund as a Covered Fund. The new Covered Fund may have higher fees and charges and different investment objectives/strategies than the ineligible Covered Fund.
- The Plan Sponsor may terminate the Contract upon 75 days written notice to Empower. If the Plan Sponsor terminates the Contract, then all benefits, rights, and privileges provided by the Contract, including without limitation, the GLWB, shall terminate.
- We may terminate the Contract upon 75 days (up to 90 days for certain plans that have at least \$250 million in plan assets) written notice to the Plan Sponsor. If we terminate the Contract, such termination will not adversely affect your rights, except that we will not permit additional Contract Contributions to the Covered Fund(s). However, we will accept reinvested dividends and capital gains.
- Any payments we are required to make under the GLWB will depend on our long-term ability to make such payments. The Covered Funds do not make payments under the GLWB.
- The Contract is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities administrator.

In no instance will the Guarantee Benefit Fee be refunded.

What is an example of the GLWB?

A note about the example:

- All Contract Contributions are assumed to be at the end of the year and occur immediately before the next Ratchet Date.
- All withdrawals are assumed to be at the beginning of the year and occur on the Ratchet Date.
- You are assumed to be fully vested.
- All positive investment performance of the Covered Fund is assumed to be net of investment management fees.
- In the example, you have access to the Covered Fund Value until it is depleted:
 - If you die before the Covered Fund Value is depleted, the remaining Covered Fund Value would be available to your Beneficiary.
 - If you need to take a withdrawal in excess of the GAW, you may take up to the Covered Fund Value, which will be considered an Excess Withdrawal.

Assume you elect the GLWB at age 55 and start taking GAWs in annual Installments at age 65. Also, assume that the Covered Fund Value (net of investment management fees) increases by 5% in years 1 through 7, decreases by 10% in years 8 through 11, and increases by 5% thereafter.

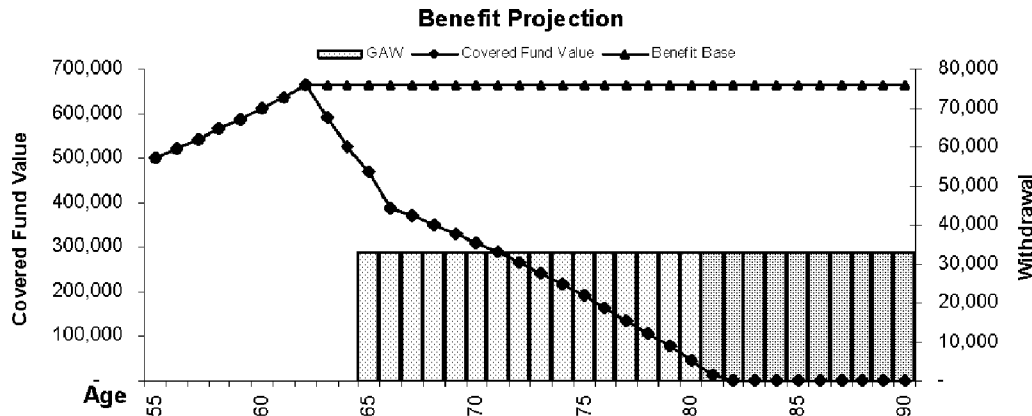
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Details:

- Sole Covered Person
- Initial Covered Fund Value: \$500,000
- GAW Percent: 5%
- Guarantee Benefit Fee: 0.90%
- Changes in Covered Fund Value (net of investment management fees):
 - Years 1 through 7: 5%, Years 8 through 11: -10%, Years 12+: 5%

Result:

- Positive Covered Fund performance through year 7 results in a Covered Fund Value of \$662,407 on the Ratchet Date.
- The Benefit Base Ratchets to \$662,407.
- Covered Fund Value at the beginning of year 10 is \$468,552, but GAWs are based on the Benefit Base, which is \$662,407.
 - GAWs are $\$662,407 \times 5\% = \$33,120$.
- You annually withdraw \$33,120 from the Covered Fund until about age 81 when the Covered Fund is depleted:
 - At age 81, the Covered Fund Value is \$13,326.
 - The GAW results in the withdrawal of the \$13,326 which depletes the Covered Fund and you are now in Settlement Phase. We provide the remaining \$19,794 necessary to make the Installment \$33,120.
- We continue to pay Installments of \$33,120 each year for your life.

Illustration:**Is the GLWB right for you?**

The GLWB may be right for you if you believe that you may outlive your retirement investments or are concerned about market risk. If you believe that your retirement investments will be sufficient to provide for your retirement expenses regardless of market performance or your lifespan, then the GLWB may not be right for you.

The GLWB does not protect the actual value of your investments in your Retirement Plan or guarantee the Covered Fund Value. For example, if you invest \$500,000 in a Covered Fund, and your Covered Fund Value has dropped to \$400,000 on the Initial Installment Date, we are not required to add \$100,000 to your Covered Fund Value. Instead, the GLWB guarantees that when you reach the Initial Installment Date, you may begin GAWs based upon a Benefit Base of \$500,000, rather than \$400,000 (so long as specified conditions are met).

The GAWs are made from your own investment. We start using our money to make Installments to you only if your Covered Fund Value is reduced to zero due to Covered Fund performance, the Guarantee Benefit Fee, certain other fees that are not directly associated with the GLWB, and/or GAWs. We limit our risk under the GLWB in this regard by limiting the amount you may withdraw each year to your GAWs. If you need to take Excess Withdrawals, you may not receive the full benefit of the GLWB.

If the return on your Covered Fund Value over time is sufficient to generate gains that can sustain constant GAWs, then the GLWB would not have provided any financial gain to you. Conversely, if the return on your Covered Fund Value over time is not sufficient to generate gains that can sustain constant GAWs, then the GLWB would be beneficial to you. You should consider the payment of the Guarantee Benefit Fee (which is in addition to any fee paid for the Covered Fund) relative to the benefits and features of the GLWB, your risk tolerance, and proximity to retirement.

The Covered Funds are managed by an investment adviser affiliated with us, which may have an incentive to manage the funds in a way to reduce volatility of the funds' returns in order to lower the amounts that we have to pay under the Contract. Offering the Contract in connection with your investment in the Covered Funds, therefore, may subject us to a potential conflict of interest. Reducing volatility may have the effect of lowering the returns of the Covered Funds relative to other funds. This may suppress the value of the benefits provided by the Contract because your Benefit Base will reset only when your Covered Fund Value is higher than your Benefit Base. We took into account the Covered Funds' use of strategies to lower volatility when we selected them for use with this Contract. In addition, each of the Covered Funds is a fund of funds, for which you will pay fees at both fund levels, which will reduce your investment return.

As an alternative to electing the GLWB, if you elect to annuitize your Covered Fund Value into a fixed annuity prior to the Settlement Phase, the GLWB will terminate and the Guarantee Benefit Fee will not be refunded. Fixed annuity payments may be less than payments guaranteed by the GLWB, and participation in the Contract may not be appropriate if you plan to annuitize.

You should discuss your investment strategy and risk tolerance with your financial advisor before purchasing the GLWB.

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How is the Contract sold?

Empower Financial Services, Inc. serves as a marketing agent for the Contract. Empower Financial Services is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as with the securities administrators in the states in which it operates, and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). Empower Financial Services may enter into selling agreements with unaffiliated broker-dealers to sell the Contract. At times, Empower Financial Services may make cash and non-cash payments to selling firms for certain expenses. We do not pay commissions to Empower Financial Services or to the unaffiliated broker-dealers in connection with the sale or solicitation of the Contract. Empower Financial Services and its affiliates may receive payments from affiliates of the selling firms that are unrelated to the sale of the Contract.

Empower Financial Services makes the Contract available through both affiliated and unaffiliated registered representatives who are registered with FINRA and with the states in which they do business. These registered representatives are also licensed as insurance agents in the states in which they do business and are appointed with us. We may provide non-cash compensation in the form of training and education programs to registered representatives of Empower Financial Services who sell the Contract as well as registered representatives of unaffiliated broker-dealers. Registered representatives of Empower Financial Services also sell other insurance products that we offer and may receive certain non-cash items, such as conferences, trips, prizes and awards under non-cash incentive compensation programs pertaining to those products. None of the items are directly attributable to the sale or solicitation of the Contract. Such compensation will not be conditioned upon achievement of a sales target. Finally, we and Empower Financial Services may provide small gifts and occasional entertainment to registered representatives with Empower Financial Services or other selling firms in circumstances in which such items are not preconditioned on achievement of sales targets.

What are the tax and ERISA considerations of electing the GLWB?

The GLWB is novel and innovative. While no definitive determinations have been issued to date, we understand that the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Department of Labor may be considering tax and ERISA issues associated with products similar to the GLWB. **Under the circumstances, you should consult your legal counsel or tax advisor on the considerations of including the GLWB in your plan's investment options or electing the GLWB.**

Can I rollover my GLWB to an IRA?

If the Empower SecureFoundation® Group Fixed Deferred Annuity Certificate (or individual contract in certain states) that we issue in connection with IRAs (the "Certificate") has been approved in your state of residence and you are eligible and permitted by the terms of your Retirement Plan documents, you may rollover the proceeds of your tax deferred Retirement Plan, including the GLWB, to your IRA. To preserve the GLWB in your rollover, your IRA provider must offer one or more of the Covered Funds and the Certificate. If your rollover is from a tax-deferred Retirement Plan and you have previously elected the GLWB as part of your investments in your tax-deferred Retirement Plan, your new Benefit Base may be equal to your Benefit Base as it existed under your prior tax-deferred Retirement Plan immediately prior to your rollover. Your new Benefit Base after the rollover to the IRA will equal the Benefit Base you had under your tax-deferred Retirement Plan only if you: (a) invest the rollover or transfer proceeds covered by the GLWB immediately prior to distribution from the tax-deferred Retirement Plan in the Covered Fund(s); (b) invest in a Covered Fund approved by Empower as described in the prospectus for the Certificate, unless the GLWB is in Settlement Phase; and (c) you Request the restoration of the Benefit Base as it existed under your tax-deferred Retirement Plan. To maintain the same Benefit Base, you must be in the same phase (i.e., Accumulation Phase, GAW phase, or Settlement Phase) that you were in at the time of the rollover or transfer after the rollover or transfer is complete. If you do not meet these requirements, a new Benefit Base will be established that is equal to your Covered Fund Value as of the date of the rollover and your Guarantee Benefit fee will be calculated as a percentage of your Covered Fund Value.

Your new Covered Fund Value after the IRA rollover will initially equal the Covered Fund Value as of the date of the rollover. We will calculate your Guarantee Benefit Fee as a specified percentage of your Covered Fund Value. The prospectus for the Certificate contains more information about the Certificate and rollovers.

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Beneficiary Designation 401(a) Plan

Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund Self-Directed DROP Plan

95247-01

For My Information

- For questions regarding this form, visit the website at www.louisianadcp.com or contact Service Provider at 1-800-937-7604.
- Use black or blue ink when completing this form.

A Participant Information

Account extension, if applicable, identifies funds transferred to a beneficiary due to participant's death, alternate payee due to divorce or a participant with multiple accounts.

Account Extension

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Social Security Number (Must provide all 9 digits)

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Date of Birth

(The name provided MUST match the name on file with Service Provider.)

☐ Married

☐ Unmarried

B Beneficiary Designation (Attach an additional sheet to name additional beneficiaries.)

Primary Beneficiary Designation (Primary beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)

- See the attached examples on how to complete the below beneficiary designations if the beneficiary is a non-individual, such as a trust, charity or estate.

%	Primary Beneficiary Name (Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)	Date of Birth or Trust Date

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

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Relationship (Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)

Phone Number (Optional)

☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Parent ☐ Grandchild ☐ Sibling ☐ My Estate ☐ A Trust ☐ Other
☐ Domestic Partner

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Contingent Beneficiary Designation (Contingent beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)

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Street Address

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C	Participant Consent for Beneficiary Designation <i>(Please sign on the 'Participant Signature' line below.)</i>
<p>I have completed, understand and agree to all pages of this Beneficiary Designation form. Subject to the terms of the Plan, I am making the above beneficiary designations for my vested account in the event of my death. I acknowledge and agree that it is my responsibility to monitor the beneficiary designations in my account and to update the beneficiary designations as I deem necessary upon a change in marital status, death of a beneficiary or any other change that may impact my beneficiary designations.</p> <p>If I have more than one primary beneficiary, the account will be divided as specified. If a primary beneficiary predeceases me, his or her benefit will be allocated to the surviving primary beneficiaries. Contingent beneficiaries will receive a benefit only if there is no surviving primary beneficiary, as specified. If a contingent beneficiary predeceases me, his or her benefit will be allocated to the surviving contingent beneficiaries. If I fail to designate beneficiaries, amounts will be paid pursuant to the terms of the Plan or applicable law. This designation is effective upon execution and delivery to Service Provider. If any information is missing, additional information may be required prior to recording my designation.</p> <p>This designation supersedes all prior designations. Beneficiaries will share equally if percentages are not provided and any amounts unpaid upon death will be divided equally. Primary and contingent beneficiaries must separately total 100%. The percentages can be divided up to two decimal points (Example: 33.33%).</p> <p>If I have elected Guaranteed Annual Withdrawals with a Joint Covered Person, my spouse must be my sole primary beneficiary.</p> <p>Any person who presents a false or fraudulent claim is subject to criminal and civil penalties.</p> <p>Participant Signature _____ Date (Required) _____</p> <p><i>A handwritten signature is required on this form. An electronic signature will not be accepted and will result in a significant delay.</i></p>	

D	Delivery Instructions									
<p>After all signatures have been obtained, this form can be</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> Uploaded Electronically: Login to account at www.louisianadcp.com Click on Upload Documents to submit </td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> OR </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> Sent Regular Mail to: Empower PO Box 173764 Denver, CO 80217-3764 </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;"> OR </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="vertical-align: top;"> Sent Express Mail to: Empower 8515 E. Orchard Road Greenwood Village, CO 80111 </td> </tr> </table> <p>We will not accept hand delivered forms at Express Mail addresses.</p>		Uploaded Electronically: Login to account at www.louisianadcp.com Click on Upload Documents to submit	OR	Sent Regular Mail to: Empower PO Box 173764 Denver, CO 80217-3764	OR			Sent Express Mail to: Empower 8515 E. Orchard Road Greenwood Village, CO 80111		
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EXAMPLE BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

Example 1: Multiple Individuals as Beneficiaries

B Beneficiary Designation <i>(Attach an additional sheet to name additional beneficiaries.)</i>			
Primary Beneficiary Designation <i>(Primary beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the attached examples on how to complete the below beneficiary designations if the beneficiary is a non-individual, such as a trust, charity or estate. 			
33.33 %	John M. Doe	01/06/1954	
% of Account Balance	Primary Beneficiary <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Date of Birth or Trust Date	
111 Elm Street	Anytown	MO	60000
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
(XXX) XXX-XXXX	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>		
Phone Number <i>(Optional)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner		
33.33 %	Don M. Doe	01/06/1954	
% of Account Balance	Primary Beneficiary <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Date of Birth or Trust Date	
222 North Avenue	Anytown	CA	90000
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
(XXX) XXX-XXXX	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>		
Phone Number <i>(Optional)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner		
33.34 %	Michelle L. Doe	01/06/1957	
% of Account Balance	Primary Beneficiary <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Date of Birth or Trust Date	
333 West Blvd	Anytown	CO	80000
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
(XXX) XXX-XXXX	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>		
Phone Number <i>(Optional)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner		

Example 2: Trust as Beneficiary

B Beneficiary Designation <i>(Attach an additional sheet to name additional beneficiaries.)</i>			
Primary Beneficiary Designation <i>(Primary beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the attached examples on how to complete the below beneficiary designations if the beneficiary is a non-individual, such as a trust, charity or estate. 			
100 %	Trust of Jane Doe	06/30/2015	
% of Account Balance	Primary Beneficiary <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Date of Birth or Trust Date	
150 Main Street	Anytown	MO	60000
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
(XXX) XXX-XXXX	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>		
Phone Number <i>(Optional)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner		

Example 3: Estate as Beneficiary

B Beneficiary Designation <i>(Attach an additional sheet to name additional beneficiaries.)</i>			
Primary Beneficiary Designation <i>(Primary beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the attached examples on how to complete the below beneficiary designations if the beneficiary is a non-individual, such as a trust, charity or estate. 			
100 %	Estate of Anne Doe	/ /	
% of Account Balance	Primary Beneficiary <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Date of Birth or Trust Date	
45 East Road	Anytown	MO	60000
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
(XXX) XXX-XXXX	Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i>		
Phone Number <i>(Optional)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner		

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Example 4: Charity as Beneficiary

B	Beneficiary Designation <i>(Attach an additional sheet to name additional beneficiaries.)</i>		
Primary Beneficiary Designation <i>(Primary beneficiary designations must total 100% - percentage can be made out to two decimal places.)</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the attached examples on how to complete the below beneficiary designations if the beneficiary is a non-individual, such as a trust, charity or estate. 			
100	%	ABC Charity	/ /
% of Account Balance		Primary Beneficiary <i>(Name of Individual, Trust, Charity, etc.)</i>	Date of Birth or Trust Date
75 South Place		Anytown	CO
Street Address		City	State
(XXX) XXX-XXXX		80000	
Phone Number <i>(Optional)</i>		Zip Code	
Relationship <i>(Required - If Relationship is not provided, request will be rejected and sent back for clarification.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> My Estate <input type="checkbox"/> A Trust <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner			

**Retiree Benefits Enrollment & Change Form****Retiree Information**

Full Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

Gender: _____ Social Security No.: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: _____ Date of Retirement: _____

Phone: _____ Are you disabled? ___Yes ___No *If yes, you must submit a waiver request for Life

Enrollment type (Please circle one)

New Retiree Enrollment Qualifying Event (Event Date: _____) Cancellation Beneficiary Change

Other: _____

Benefit Elections - SELF

___ Medical Option 1-HDHP ___ Medical Option 2 -PPO ___ Dental ___ Vision

___ United Advantage Medicare Insurance Plan (Med & RX combined)

___ Basic Retiree Life

___ Voluntary Life ___ \$5,000 ___ \$10,000 ** \$4.75 per \$1,000 of coverage

☐ **I DECLINE ALL APPLICABLE COVERAGES OFFERED BY MY EMPLOYER – Medical, Dental, Vision, Voluntary Life & AD&D, and Voluntary Disability****Benefit Elections - DEPENDENTS**

Enroll	Term	Change	Dependent Name	Date of Birth	SSN	Relationship	Medical	Dental	Vision

Qualifying Event / Change Information**Name Change:** From: _____ To: _____**Address Change (New):** _____**Coverage Change:** ___ Add Dependent ___ Drop Dependent

Reason: _____

Cancellation of Coverage:

___ Termination ___ Offered/enrolled in other coverage ___ Death ___ Aged off ___ Other: _____

Retiree Benefits Enrollment & Change Form (page 2)

Life Insurance - Beneficiary Election

If you name two or more Beneficiaries in a class (primary or contingent), two or more surviving Beneficiaries will share equally, unless you provide for unequal shares. The amounts must add up to 100% for each class (primary or contingent)

Class (check one)	Name	Relationship	Social Security#	Percentage
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent				
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent				
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent				
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent				

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone # _____

Other Insurance and/or Medicare

Are you or any family members covered by any other insurance plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what coverage: ☐ Medical ☐ Medicare Supplement ☐ Dental ☐ Vision

Please provide existing coverage information below:

Who is Covered? _____
Effective Date: _____ Policy #: _____
Policy Termination Date: _____ Insurance Carrier: _____

Are you or your spouse currently enrolled in Medicare? ☐ Yes ☐ No **(please provide copy of Medicare ID card)**

If yes, who? ☐ Self ☐ Spouse ☐ Both What part? ☐ Part A ☐ Part B ☐ Part A & B

Disclaimer and Signature

I hereby certify that this foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby accept the form(s) of group insurance presently contracted for me by my prior employer with the Louisiana Clerks of Court Insurance Trust in the amount(s) for which I am or may become eligible and authorize until revoked by me in writing. I have read the same statements on this form.

Retiree Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I understand and agree that any misstatement on this form may result in denial of benefits and/or termination of coverage/membership. I agree to be bound by the group contract's terms and conditions. I understand that this application is hereby made a part of the group contract. I understand any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim of an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

Questions?

Please contact your Gallagher service team.

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DROP RETURN TO WORK APPLICATION

Please fill out this form if you are continuing to work upon completion of the DROP Program.

Name:		
Address:		Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
City:		Social Security #:
State:	Zip Code:	Employer Parish:
Home Number:		Date of Birth:
Cell Number:		Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
Work Number:		DROP Participation Exit Date:
Email address:		Return to Work Date:

INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Please choose one of the following DROP Fund Investment options:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Self-Directed DROP Plan with Empower Retirement Services <i>(Please complete the Empower Retirement Services Enrollment Packet)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	LAMP (Louisiana Asset Management Pool) <i>(Upon retiring the LAMP DROP balance can be converted to a monthly true-life annuity)</i>

Date

Applicant Signature

CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK

I hereby certify that the above-named employee has completed the DROP Program and will continue to work at which time the employee rate of 8.25% will be contributed.

Date

Clerk of Court Signature

Parish of : _____