## **Power of Attorney United States Savings Bonds and Notes**



To authorize an attorney-in-fact to act on behalf of a bond owner, please do either of the following:

- Submit a certified copy of the power of attorney authorizing the attorney-in-fact to do so. The document must:
  - Have a legible stamp or seal of the certifying officer
  - Either be signed within the past two years or contain a durability clause
- Complete Durable Power of Attorney for Securities and Savings Bonds Transactions (FS Form 5188).

## **Transactions**

To **cash** savings bonds, the attorney-in-fact, acting in his or her fiduciary capacity, must complete and sign Special Form of Request for Payment of United States Savings and Retirement Securities Where Use of a Detached Request Is Authorized (FS Form 1522).

To **file a claim** for lost, stolen, or destroyed savings bonds, the attorney-in-fact must complete *Claim for Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed United States Savings Bonds* (FS Form 1048).

We don't reissue savings bonds upon the request of an attorney-in-fact.

It is important that the form(s) be completed and signed in accordance with the instructions. Please note, forms must be signed in the presence of an authorized certifying officer (available at a bank, trust company, or credit union).

You can download forms at www.TreasuryDirect.gov.

## **NOTES:**

- We don't return legal evidence, such as a power of attorney.
- If you have questions about what fiduciary transaction an attorney-in-fact can complete (administered estates, trusts, etc.), please contact us.

Unless instructed otherwise, send required documents to:

Treasury Retail Securities Services PO Box 9150 Minneapolis, MN 55480-9150

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