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DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

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Thirty-Eight (38) States have varying Domestic Partnership rights and laws. This page provides some information about the rights & laws shared by the majority of these 38 States, please contact us for State Specific Materials to review for your specific state. Note: as of March 2024, the states of Alabama, Delaware, Idaho, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming DO NOT recognize domestic partnerships at the State or Local Levels.

To be eligible for a Domestic Partnership in most eligible states, you and your partner must be over 18 years of age, or if one or both of you are under 18, you must have the written consent of your parents or guardian. You must also obtain a court order granting permission to establish a Domestic Partnership. A registered Domestic Partnership is a legally binding contract in most eligible states.

In most of the eligible states, a Domestic Partnership is available to all same-sex couples and certain opposite-sex couples. At its core, this is a relationship between eligible individuals who are living together and committed to each other, but not married to each other.

There are many special nuances and considerations to both creating and terminating a Domestic Partnership. Issues such as the rights of children born to domestic partners, eligibility for health coverage, taxes, insurance and even social security can be uniquely defined under the partnership that can be different from legal marriage.

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