

## General Power Of Attorney: Family Member Can Consent To Arbitration.

Before becoming incapacitated and needing to go to a nursing home the elderly gentleman had signed a general power of attorney giving his son authority to act on his behalf in personal business affairs.

After the elderly gentleman passed away the son wanted to sue the nursing home. The Court of Appeals of Georgia ruled the son's signature was valid on the nursing home's arbitration agreement as his father's attorney-in-fact. The son is required to arbitrate the case and cannot proceed further in civil court. Triad Health Management v. Johnson, \_\_ S.E. 2d \_\_, 2009 WL 1532509 (Ga. App., June 3, 2009).