## Persons who may witness an Enduring Power of Attorney and an Enduring Power of Attorney (Medical) in Victoria

- (a) a justice of the peace or a bail justice;
- (b) a public notary;
- (c) a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court;
- (d) a clerk to a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court;
- (e) the prothonotary or a deputy prothonotary of the Supreme Court, the registrar or a deputy registrar of the County Court, the principal registrar of the Magistrates' Court or a registrar or deputy registrar of the Magistrates' Court;
- (f) the registrar of probates or an assistant registrar of probates;
- (g) the associate to a judge of the Supreme Court or of the County Court;
- (h) the secretary of a master of the Supreme Court or of the County Court;
- (i) a person registered as a patent attorney under Part XV of the Patents Act 1952 of the Commonwealth;
- (j) a member of the police force;
- (k) the sheriff or a deputy sheriff;
- (l) a member or former member of either House of the Parliament of Victoria;
- (m) a member or former member of either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth;
- (n) a councillor of a municipality;
- (o) a senior officer of a Council as defined in the *Local Government Act* 1989;
- (p) a registered medical practitioner within the meaning of the *Medical Practice Act* 1994;
- (q) a registered dentist within the meaning of the *Dental Practice Act* 1999;
- (r) a veterinary practitioner;
- (s) a pharmacist;
- (t) a principal in the teaching service;
- (u) the manager of an authorised deposit-taking institution;
- (v) a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or the Australian Society of Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants;
- (w) the secretary of a building society;
- (x) a minister of religion authorised to celebrate marriages;

- (y) a person employed under Part 3 of the *Public Sector Management* and *Employment Act* 1998 with a classification that is prescribed as a classification to which this section applies or who holds office in a statutory authority with such a classification;
- (z) a fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives (Victoria).
- (2) Despite anything to the contrary in any Act, a person referred to in paragraph (c) or (d) of sub-section (1) is not prevented from witnessing the signing of a statutory declaration only because he or she is—
  - (a) acting for any of the parties to the proceeding or matter in respect of which the declaration is made; or
  - (b) a clerk to a person so acting.
- (3) If the signing of a statutory declaration purports to have been witnessed by a person referred to in sub-section (1), all persons to whom that declaration comes must take official notice of that declaration and of the qualifications of the person referred to in that sub-section to witness that signing.