

TERMS OF USE

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2. ELIGIBILITY

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3. SITE OWNERSHIP AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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4. FEEDBACK

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By providing Feedback, you hereby grant us a nonexclusive, royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, transferable, and fully sublicensable right to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, create derivative works from, distribute, publicly perform and display such Feedback on the Site and in all other media or formats, whether currently known or hereafter developed, for any purpose and without any compensation to you. You represent and warrant that (a) such Feedback are not confidential; (b) you own and control all of the rights, title and interest in and to the Feedback or you otherwise have all necessary rights to post and use such Feedback and to grant the rights to us that you grant in this Agreement; (c) the Feedback are accurate and not misleading or harmful in any manner; and (d) the Feedback, and your use and posting thereof, do not and will not violate this Agreement or any applicable law, rule or regulation.

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- Defame, abuse, harass, stalk, threaten, or otherwise violate the legal rights of others;
- Post any infringing, obscene, indecent, or unlawful material or information;
- Gain unauthorized access to, interfere with, damage, disrupt, or circumvent any of the security features of the Site (or the servers, networks, and databases associated with the Site);
- Access the Site through any robot, spider, or other automated means;
- “Screen scrape”, “monitor”, “mine”, “copy”, or “mirror” the Site;
- Conduct any systematic or automated data collection activities (including without limitation scraping, data mining, data extraction and data harvesting) on or in relation to the Site without our express written consent;
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You are solely responsible for (and we have no responsibility to you or to any third party for) any breach of your obligations under these Terms of Use and for the consequences (including any loss or damage which you may suffer) of any such breach.

6. INFORMATION ABOUT YOU AND YOUR VISITS TO THE SITE

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If you have questions about the information presented on the Site, please contact us using the information provided in "Contact Information" at the end of these Terms of Use.

8. SECURITY MEASURES

Parthenon will apply reasonable measures to protect the security of nonpublic personal information and other data essential for use of the Site, such as information you upload or enter when using the Site. You shall protect the confidentiality and security of your credentials, and you shall not allow any person to have access to or to use your credentials.

Parthenon is entitled (but not required) to apply security measures to protect the Site and the Content, and Parthenon may block users (or IP addresses) identified or suspected as being used to access the Site (i) without authorization, (ii) for unlawful purposes or for purposes of disrupting, or (iii) in any manner that presents a risk of damaging the Site.

You shall immediately notify Parthenon of any activity on the Site suspected as being for unlawful purposes including any activity liable to disrupt, gain unauthorized access to, or cause any damage to the Site.

You shall immediately notify Parthenon of any security breach involving the Site of which you become aware, including any loss of nonpublic personal information and any incident where nonpublic personal information relating to you becomes available to unauthorized persons through the Site.

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(e) THE FOREGOING DOES NOT AFFECT ANY WARRANTY THAT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED OR LIMITED UNDER APPLICABLE LAW.

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(a) EXCLUSION OF INDIRECT DAMAGES. IN NO EVENT WILL WE BE LIABLE UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT UNDER ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE THEORY, INCLUDING BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), STRICT LIABILITY, AND OTHERWISE, FOR ANY: (A) CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL, ENHANCED, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES; (B) INCREASED COSTS, DIMINUTION IN VALUE OR LOST BUSINESS, PRODUCTION, REVENUES, OR PROFITS; (C) LOSS OF GOODWILL OR REPUTATION; (D) USE, INABILITY TO USE, LOSS, INTERRUPTION, DELAY OR RECOVERY OF ANY DATA, OR BREACH OF DATA OR SYSTEM SECURITY; (E) ERRORS, INACCURACIES, OMISSION, OTHER DEFECTS IN, UNTIMELINESS, OR UNAUTHENTICITY OF INFORMATION OR CONTENT PROVIDED BY, CONTAINED WITHIN, OR OBTAINED THROUGH THE SITE; OR (F) COST OF REPLACEMENT GOODS OR SERVICES, IN EACH CASE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER WE WERE ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH LOSSES OR DAMAGES OR SUCH LOSSES OR DAMAGES WERE OTHERWISE FORESEEABLE.

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14. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

All matters relating to the Site, the Content, or these Terms of Use, and any dispute or claim arising therefrom or related thereto (in each case, including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Tennessee without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule.

The courts having jurisdiction over the State of Tennessee shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes arising in connection with these Terms of Use, and the place of performance of these Terms of Use is agreed by you to be the State of Tennessee.

15. WAIVER AND SEVERABILITY

No waiver by us of any term or condition set out in these Terms of Use shall be deemed a further or continuing waiver of such term or condition or a waiver of any other term or condition, and any failure by us to assert a right or provision under these Terms of Use shall not constitute a waiver of such right or provision. Enforcement of this Agreement is in our sole discretion

If any provision of these Terms of Use is held by a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable for any reason, such provision shall be eliminated or limited to the minimum extent such that the remaining provisions of the Terms of Use will continue in full force and effect.

16. INDEMNIFICATION

You agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless us and our successors and assigns and all of their respective officers, directors, agents, employees, and affiliates from and against any claims, liabilities, damages, judgments, awards, losses, obligations, costs, expenses or fees (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or relating to (i) your breach of these Terms of Use; (ii) your violation of any third party's right, including, without limitation, any copyright, trademark, property right, or privacy right; or (iii) any claim that Content provided by you caused damage or loss to a third party. This defense and indemnification obligation will survive your use of the Site and any termination of this Agreement.

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18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

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19. TERMINATION

You may terminate this Agreement at any time by discontinuing your use of the Site and providing us with a notice of termination. We reserve the right, without notice and in our sole discretion, to terminate your right to use the Site, or any portion of the Site, and to block or prevent your future access to and use of the Site or any portion of the Site.

20. CONTACT INFORMATION

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