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Your online privacy is important to Author, Vanessa Fortenberry (www.vanessafortenberry.com). The purpose of this privacy statement is to provide you with information about our practices with respect to the personal data that we collect from users on our website (hereafter referred to as "Site") and the services that are made available through the Site. Should you have questions concerning our privacy statement, our data collection policies, how we handle user information, or if you want to immediately report a security breach, please email us at wfortenberry11@gmail.com.

Information Rights Under GDPR which designates the purpose of this policy:

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies to companies maintaining data from citizens of the United States and the European Union (EU). However, Author, Vanessa Fortenberry's place of business is in the United States. By subscribing to our Site, you expressly consent to your information being processed in the United States. We value your privacy, and want to be accountable to you, transparent with you, in the process that we collect and use your personal information. We also want you to know your rights in relation to your personal information.

This Privacy Policy explains what to expect when we collect and use your personal information. Our goal is to make it simple and easy for you to read and find the information that is most relevant to you.

Author, Vanessa Fortenberry, ("us," "we," or "our") is committed to protecting your privacy. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, disclose, and protect your personal information in accordance with the California online privacy policy Act.

1.The information we collect

Author, Vanessa Fortenberry, actively collects information from its visitors directly from you when you: sign up for consulting services, fill out an online form, or engage with us.

Some information you submit may be personally identifiable information that can be uniquely identified with you, such as your full name, address or location, email address, phone number, etc. Some areas of this Site may require you to submit information in order for you to benefit from a wide range of exclusive features (such as email alerts or information requests). You will be informed at each information collection point on what information is required and optional.

We collect the following information from you and about you:

- **Contact Information** We may ask about your personal information such as name, address or location, telephone or mobile number, or email address.
- Information You Share and Submit We may collect information that you
 post either publicly or on a channel/platform we provide (e.g., forum,
 comment section, survey form, and social media) for sharing among users.
- Location Information If you have enabled location services on your mobile device, we may collect your location information to improve the Services we offer. This enables us to provide location-based services. If you wish to change our access or permissions, you may do so in your device's settings.
- Cookies "Cookies" are small pieces of information (text files) that a website sends to your computer's hard drive while you are viewing the website. These text files can be used by websites to make the users experience more efficient. The law states that we can store these cookies on your device if they are strictly necessary for the operation of this Site. For all other types of cookies, we need your permission. To that end, this Site uses different types of cookies. The law states that we can store these cookies on your device if they are strictly necessary for the operation of this site.

2. Use of Your Personal Information

In general, personal information you submit to us is used either to respond to requests that you make, helps us in serving you better. We use your personal information in the following ways:

- Operate, maintain, and improve our Site(s) services;
- Respond to comments and questions and provide customer service;
- Identify you as a user in our system;
- Resolve disputes and troubleshoot problems;

Author, Vanessa Fortenberry (www.vanessafortenberry.com) secures the communication of personal information with Secure Socket Layer (SSL) protocol. Information, such as your name, email address, and/or postal addresses, are not shared with any other person, organization, or Internet site. We do not rent, sell, or share individual information except to comply with valid legal requirements such as law, regulation, warrant, subpoena, or court order.

Your personal information may be kept and processed on servers in the United States and Europe. We may also create anonymous data records from your personal information by excluding information (such as your name) that will not make the data personally identifiable to you. We use this anonymous data to analyze request and usage patterns so that we may enhance the content of our Services and improve Site functionality.

3. Children's Privacy

Our Site is not directed at children or anyone under the age of 18. We do not knowingly collect or maintain personal information from children or anyone under the age of 18. If you are a parent or guardian and you are aware or have reason to believe that your child has provided us with personal data, please contact us. We will then take corrective steps to remove that information from our database.

6. Data Retention Policy

We will keep your Personal Data for as long as you are a registered subscriber for our newsletter and/or blog.

7. Third Party Website

Our Site may contain links to third-party websites. When you click on a link to any other website or location, you automatically exit our Site or Services and go to another website, and another entity may collect personal information or anonymous data from you. We have no control over any third-party websites, we do not review, and we are not responsible for these websites or their content. Please be aware that the terms of this Privacy Policy, do not apply to any outside websites or their content, or to any collection of your personal information after you click on links to such outside websites.

8. Your Choice Regarding Information

We offer you choices regarding the collection, use, and sharing of your personal information. You may indicate a preference to stop receiving further communications from us and you will have the opportunity to "opt-out" by following the unsubscribe instructions provided in the email you receive or by contacting us directly.

9. Your Rights

As a user of our Site, you have the following rights, any of which you may exercise by contacting us at vfortenberry11@gmail.com:

- The right to ask what personal data that we maintain about you at any time.
- The right to ask us to update and correct any out-of-date or incorrect personal data that we hold about you free of charge.
- As set out above, the right to opt out of any marketing communications that we may send.

A. Right of access

You have a right of access to any personal information we hold about you. You can ask us for a copy of your personal information; confirmation whether your personal

information is being used by us; details about how and why it is being used; and details of what safeguards are in place if we transfer your information outside of the United States and European Economic Area ("EEA").

B. Right to update your information

You have a right to request an update to any of your personal information which is out of date or incorrect.

10. Signing up or subscribing on vanessafortenberry.com

When you sign up or subscribe on our website newsletter and/or blog, contact details you provide, as well as your IP address and ISP, are stored on our systems. This information will also be used on your account and utilized by us to monitor suspicious activities so we can contact you, if necessary.

A. Disclaimer

The content on this site (vanessafortenberry.com), including text, images, and other media, is the intellectual property of Author, Vanessa Fortenberry.

11. Legal

Author, Vanessa Fortenberry (vanessafortenberry.com) is in compliance with the California Online Privacy Policy Act (CalOPPA), the California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA), which works as an addendum to the CCPA. This law specifies that our Site post a clear privacy statement, whereby we may collect any personally identifiable information from California consumers, and that we adhere to it, disclose exactly what information is being collected, and with whom it will be shared. Our privacy policy extends beyond consumers of California, but also the entire United States and beyond. In addition to California, as of September 23, 2023, the following states have passed comprehensive data privacy laws in the United States: Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Montana, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Virginia. At present, only the following state laws are effective: California, Colorado, Connecticut, and Virginia.

12. Fair Information Practices Principles

The Fair Information Practices Principles are the cornerstone of American privacy legislation, and the ideas they encompass have had a big impact on the evolution of data protection laws all over the world. Compliance with the different privacy regulations that safeguard personal information requires an understanding of the Fair Information Practice Principles and how they should be put into practice.

In accordance with Fair Information Practices Principles, we will take the following responsive action, should a data breach occur:

- We will notify users via email within 7 business days
- We will notify users via in-Site notification within 3 business days

We also concur with the Individual Redress Principle, which mandates that people have the ability to legally hold negligent data collectors and processors accountable. This concept mandates that people have recourse to courts or government entities to investigate and/or prosecute non-compliance by data processors, in addition to having enforceable rights against data users.

13. Cookie Usage

This section describes how we use the cookies, and why these cookies are store to your device. We will also share how you can prevent these cookies from being stored. However, this may downgrade or 'break' certain elements of the site's functionality. A 'cookie' is a bit of information that a website sends to your web browser that helps the site remember information about you and your preferences. 'Session' cookies are temporary bits of information that are used to improve navigation, block visitors from providing information that is inappropriate (the site 'remembers' previous entries of age or country of origin that were outside the specified parameters and blocks subsequent changes), and collect aggregate statistical information on the site. They are erased once you exit your web browser or otherwise turn off your computer.

14. Policy Update

We, "vanessafortenberry.com" reserve the right to change, amend, or modify our Privacy Policy without notice. We will post the amended Policy on this page and indicate at the top of the page the date the Policy was revised. Please check our Site and this page periodically for updates.

Contact Us

Should you have questions or concerns about this privacy policy, please contact us by using the 'Contact Us' page on our website or through the information below.

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