

## Notary Public

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That CARLA J. CARTER of SHELBY COUNTY  
 State of ALABAMA hereinafter  
 called the Principal, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA  
 hereinafter called the Surety, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of PENNSYLVANIA  
 with its home office in the City of READING State of PENNSYLVANIA are held and firmly bound  
 unto THE STATE OF ALABAMA hereinafter called the Obligor, in the sum of Ten Thousand and  
NO/00 (\$10,000.00) Dollars; for the payment whereof to the Obligor the Principal binds  
 himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and the Surety binds itself, its successors and  
 assigns, jointly and severally firmly by these presents.

Signed, sealed and dated, this 15TH day of MAY 1996

Whereas, the above-named principal has been duly appointed to the office of Notary Public  
 of the State of Alabama for the term of office beginning on May 21, 1996 and ending on May 21, 2000

Now therefore, the condition of the foregoing obligation is such, that if the Principal shall faithfully  
 perform such duties as may be imposed on him by law and shall honestly account for all money that may  
 come into his own hands in his official capacity during the said term, then this obligation shall be void;  
 otherwise it shall remain in force.

Carla J. Carter  
 Principal

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

BY: Patsy Parrish  
 PATSY PARRISH, Attorney-in-Fact

Taken, Approved and ordered to be recorded, this 21 day of May 1996  
Patricia J. Schumacher Judge of Probate Court Shelby County.

## OATH OF OFFICE

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY

County.}

Probate Court

I, CARLA J. CARTER do solemnly swear that I will support the  
 Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so  
 long as I continue a citizen thereof; and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the  
 duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help  
 me God.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME

THIS 15th DAY OF May 1996

Kimberly A. Glasgow  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

4/18/99

Carla J. Carter  
 Inst # 1996-16432

05/21/1996-16432  
 11:14 AM CERTIFIED  
 SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE  
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# POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, a Connecticut corporation, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein collectively called "the CNA Surety Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signature and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint Thomas A. Roberts, H. Carlton Rushin, Patsy Parrish, R. C. Britt, B. A. Thompson Jr., Individually

of Birmingham, Alabama

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In Unlimited Amounts -

and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Laws and Resolutions, printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the Boards of Directors of the corporations.

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Sureties Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 1st day of January, 1996



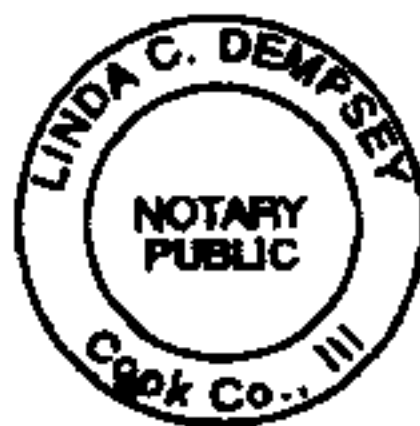
CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY  
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD  
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 1st day of January, 1996, before me personally came M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Darien, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires October 19, 1998

Linda C. Dempsey

Notary Public

## CERTIFICATE

I, John M. Littler, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 15TH day of MAY, 1996.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY  
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD  
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

John M. Littler

Assistant Secretary



## Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

### "Article IX—Execution of Documents

Section 3. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors, may, at any time, revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

### "Article VI—Execution of Obligations and Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact

Section 2. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 2 of Article VI of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive Vice President, or any Senior or Group Vice President of the Corporation may, from time to time, appoint, by written certificates, Attorneys-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such Attorney-in-Fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instrument and to attach the seal of the Corporation thereto. The President, an Executive Vice President, any Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any Attorney-in-Fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"RESOLVED: That the signature of the President, an Executive Vice President or any Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to the Resolution adopted by this Board of Directors on February 17, 1993 and the signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power, and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Corporation. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed, shall with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Corporation."

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