



Western Surety Company

NOTARY PUBLIC BOND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

at Large _____ County

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
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Bond No. N12815904

That we, A. Ronald Simpson
as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Alabama, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama, in the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ \$10,000.00), for the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, firmly by these presents, and we hereby waive our right to claim personal property exempt under the laws of Alabama.

Sealed with our seal, and dated this 20th day of February, 1998.

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound Principal was duly appointed to the office of Notary Public on the 6th day of March, 1998; for the term of 04 years from the 6th day of March in Precinct No. _____ in and for said County.

Now, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during his continuance therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.



Countersigned by Alabama Resident Agent

Alabama Insurance Exchange

Name of Agent or Agency

2032 Valleydale Rd., Bham. AL 35244
Street City State

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Stephen T. Tate (L.S.)
President

Taken and approved this 9 day of March, 1998



Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby County }

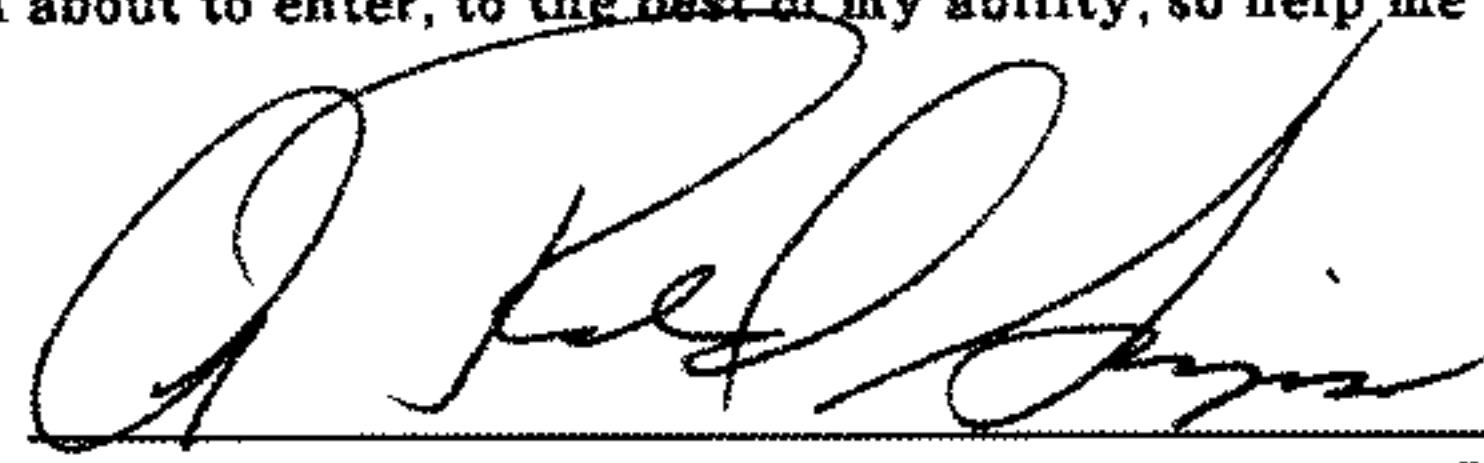
OATH OF OFFICE

I, A. Ronald Simpson 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 23rd day of February, 1998



Form 1312-A-9-95 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 11-14-01 Notary Public



Principal

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }

County of Minnehaha }

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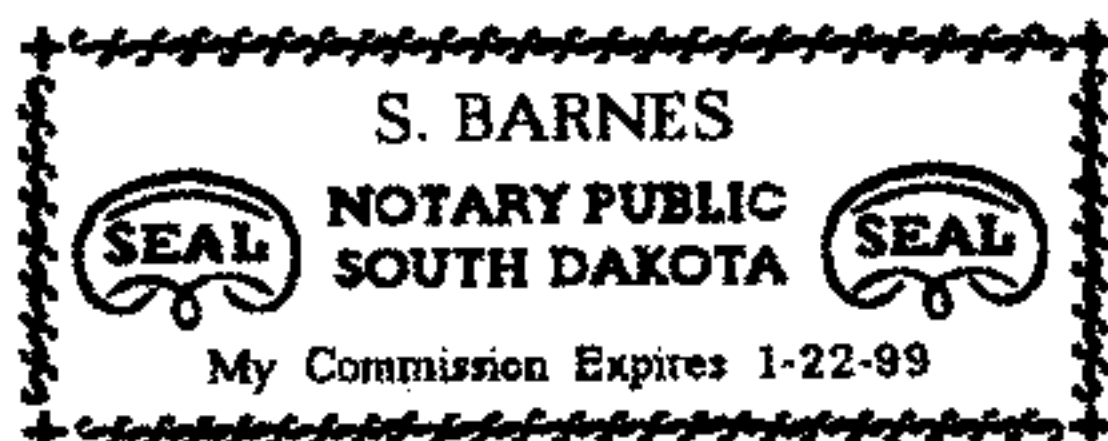
On this _____ day of _____, _____, before me, a Notary Public in and

for said County, personally appeared Stephen T. Pate personally known to me, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that the said instrument was signed, sealed and executed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and further acknowledge that the said instrument and the execution thereof to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, the day and year last above written.

S. Barnes

Notary Public



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