

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

American States Insurance Company

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that American States Insurance Company, a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana, and having its principal office in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, hath made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint _____

----- RICKEY ARTHUR GIBB -----

of Birmingham and State of Alabama
its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings,

provided, however, that the penal sum of any one such instrument executed hereunder
shall not exceed TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$250,000.00) DOLLARS -----

and to bind the Corporation thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds were signed by the President, sealed with the common seal of the Corporation and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in the premises. This Power of Attorney is executed and may be revoked pursuant to and by authority granted by Section 7.07 of the By-Laws of the American States Insurance Company, which reads as follows:

"The Chairman of the Board, the President or any Vice-President shall have power, by and with the concurrence with the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Corporation, to appoint Resident Vice-Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-Fact as the business of the Corporation may require or to authorize any one of such persons to execute, on behalf of the Corporation, any bonds, recognizances, stipulations and undertakings, whether by way of surety or otherwise"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, American States Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice-President,

attested by its Assistant Secretary and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 21st day of March

A. D. 19 79.

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY
I CERTIFY THAT AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY
INSTRUMENT WAS FILED

(SEAL)

ATTEST: Thomas M. Ober
Assistant Secretary

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By William M. Evans
Second Vice-President

STATE OF INDIANA }
COUNTY OF MARION } SS:

Thomas A. Shoultz, Jr.
JUDGE OF PROBATE

On this 21st day of March, A. D., 19 79, before me personally came

William M. Evans, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged the execution of the above instrument and did depose and say; that he is Vice-President of American States Insurance Company; that he knows the seal of said Corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said Corporation; and that he signed his name

thereto by like order. And said William M. Evans further said that he is acquainted with Thomas M. Ober and knows him to be the Assistant Secretary of said Corporation; and that he executed the above instrument.

January 19, 1983
My Commission Expires

Deborah M. Roth
Notary Public

STATE OF INDIANA }
COUNTY OF MARION } SS:

I, Thomas M. Ober, the Assistant Secretary of AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney, executed by said AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY, which is still in full force and effect.

This Certificate may be signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of American States Insurance Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 15th day of December 1972.

"RESOLVED: That the use of a printed facsimile of the corporate seal of the company and of the signature of an Assistant Secretary on any certification of the correctness of a copy of an instrument executed by the President or a Vice-President pursuant to Section 7.07 of the By-Laws appointing and authorizing an Attorney-in-Fact to sign in the name and on behalf of the company surety bonds, underwriting undertakings or other instruments described in said Section 7.07, with like effect as if such seal and such signature had been manually affixed and made, hereby is authorized and approved."

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Corporation, this _____

day of _____, A. D., 19_____
(SEAL)

Thomas M. Ober