

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Shelby COUNTY

BOND NO. 3071-96-05

BOND OF NOTARY PUBLIC

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, KERI L. SHEPHERD  
of ALABASTER, Alabama, as Principal, and FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, a  
corporation under the laws of the State of Maryland, domiciled at Baltimore, Maryland,  
State, authorized and licensed to do a surety business in ALABAMA, as Surety, jointly and  
held and firmly bounden unto the State of Alabama, as Obligee, in the sum of 10,000  
Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the payment of which, we and each of us bind  
ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and  
severally, firmly by these presents.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED THIS 27th day of DECEMBER, 1995.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS AS FOLLOWS: Whereas, the above bounden  
was duly appointed to the office of Notary Public in and for The State of Alabama at  
Large, on the 27TH day of DECEMBER, 1995, for the term of four years from the 27TH  
day of DECEMBER, 1995.

NOW, THEREFORE, If the above bounden principal shall faithfully perform all the  
duties of said office during his continuance therein, or discharges any of the duties  
thereof, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and  
effect.

WITNESS:

Charlene Blair

Melissa West

Keri L. Shepherd  
KERI L. SHEPHERD Principal

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND

Mary Pannell  
MARY PANNELL, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Filed January 3, 1996  
Patricia Hager Schmeider

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

OATH OF OFFICE

I, KERI L. SHEPHERD, solemnly swear that I will support 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.

Keri L. Shepherd  
KERI L. SHEPHERD

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27TH day of DECEMBER, 1995

Ray A. Alexander  
Notary Public  
Expires 2-15-98

Inst. # 000276  
01/04/1996-00276  
09:21 AM  
SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE  
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**Power of Attorney**  
**FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**

HOME OFFICE, BALTIMORE, MD

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, a corporation of the State of Maryland, by **STEWART R. DUKE**, Vice-President, and **MARY JEANNE ANDERSON**, Assistant Secretary, in pursuance of authority granted by Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of said Company, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint **Roland S. Hines, Jr., Earl D. Ridolphi, Jr., Mary Pannell, Suzi Philpot, Vicki Etheridge and Terry L. Cook**, all of Birmingham, Alabama, EACH..... its true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed: any and all bonds and undertakings.....

And the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Company, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company at its office in Baltimore, Md., in their own proper persons. This power of attorney revokes that issued on behalf of **Roland S. Hines, Jr., etal** dated **March 11, 1991**.

The said Assistant Secretary does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of said Company, and is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President and Assistant Secretary have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed the Corporate Seal of the said FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, this 20th day of October, A.D. 19 94



**FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND**

ATTEST

*Mary Jeanne Anderson*  
Assistant Secretary

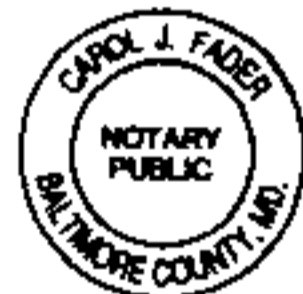
By *Stewart R. Duke*  
Vice-President

STATE OF MARYLAND  
COUNTY OF BALTIMORE

SS:

On this 20th day of October, A.D. 19 94, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, came **STEWART R. DUKE**, Vice-President and **MARY JEANNE ANDERSON**, Assistant Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, severally and each for himself depose and saith, that they are the said officers of the Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company, and that the said Corporate Seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.



*Carol J. Fader*  
CAROL J. FADER Notary Public

My Commission Expires August 1, 1996

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy, is in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that the Vice-President who executed the said Power of Attorney was one of the additional Vice-Presidents specially authorized by the Board of Directors to appoint any Attorney-in-Fact as provided in Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND.

This Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 16th day of July, 1969.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of the said Company, this 27th day of DECEMBER, 1996

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*Gregory Hamilton*  
Assistant Secretary

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09:21 AM CERTIFIED  
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