

GENERAL DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, BETTY J. STROUD, residing at 401 Gibson Farm Road, Columbiana, County of Shelby, State of Alabama 35051, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my husband, Charles Boyd Stroud, residing at 401 Gibson Farm Road, Columbiana, County of Shelby, State of Alabama 35051, as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact, for me and in my name, place and stead, and for my use and benefit:

To ask, demand, sue for, recover, collect, and receive all sums of money, debts, dues, accounts, legacies, bequests, interest, dividends, annuities, and demands whatsoever as are now or shall hereafter become due, owing, payable, or belonging to me and have, use and take all lawful ways and means in my name or otherwise, and to compromise and agree to the same and give acquittances or other sufficient discharges for the same;

For me and in my name to make, seal and deliver, bargain, contract, agree for, purchase, receive, and take lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and accept the possession of all lands, and all deeds and other assurances, in the law therefor, and to lease, let, demise, bargain, sell, remise, release, convey, mortgage, and hypothecate lands, tenements, and hereditaments upon such terms and conditions and under such covenants as he shall think fit;

Also to bargain and agree to buy, sell, mortgage, hypothecate, and in any and every way and manner deal in and with goods, wares, and merchandise, choses in action, and other property in possession or in action, and to make, do and transact all and every kind of business of whatsoever nature and kind;

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And also for me and in my name, and as my act and deed, to sign, seal, execute, deliver, and acknowledge such deeds, leases, mortgages, hypothecations, bills of lading, bills, bonds, notes, receipts, evidence of debt, releases and satisfaction of mortgage, judgments and other debts, and such other instruments in writing of whatsoever kind and nature as may be necessary or proper in the premises;

GIVING AND GRANTING unto my said attorney-in-fact, full pbwer and authority to do and perform every act necessary, requisite, or proper to be done in and about the premises as fully as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

This power of attorney shall not be affected by my disability, incompetency, or incapacity. If, following execution of this power of attorney, a court of my domicile appoints a guardian, curator, or other fiduciary charged with the management of all of my property, or all such property except specified exclusions, the court shall appoint CHARLES BOYD STROUD, except for good cause or disqualification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto sign my name on this the 12th day of August, 1994.

Betty J. Stroud
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State of Alabama
Shelby County

I, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Betty J. Stroud, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

August given under my hand and official seal this 13th day of August, 1994.

[Signature]
Notary Public

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