

**AFFIDAVIT THAT POWER OF ATTORNEY
IS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT**

STATE OF ALABAMA, COUNTY OF SHELBY, SS.:

I, Charles E. Mercer, Jr., being duly sworn, depose and say:

THAT Stephanie U. Mercer, having an address at 3204 Garden Lane, Birmingham, AL 35242, as principal, did, in a writing dated August 26, 1997, appoint me his/her true and lawful attorney, and that attached hereto is a true copy of said power of attorney.

THAT I have no actual knowledge or actual notice of the revocation or termination of the aforesaid power of attorney by death or otherwise, or knowledge of any facts indicating the same. I further represent, to the best of my knowledge after diligent search and inquiry, that: said principal is now alive; has not, at any time, revoked, terminated, suspended or repudiated the power of attorney; and the power of attorney still is in full force and effect.

THAT I make this affidavit for the purpose of inducing Profession Title Services, Inc.

to accept delivery of the following instrument(s), as executed by me in my capacity of attorney-in-fact of said principal, with full knowledge that this affidavit will be relied upon in accepting the execution and delivery of said instrument(s) and in paying good and valuable consideration therefor:

Dated: August 29, 1997

Charles E. Mercer, Jr.
Charles E. Mercer, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, in said County and State, as witness my hand and official seal, on this 29th day of August, 1997.

[Signature]
Notary Public
My commission expires: 4/23/00

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10:26 AM CERTIFIED
SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
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