

## NOTARY PUBLIC

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:  
 That Cynthia D. Griffith of SHELBY COUNTY  
 State of Alabama hereinafter called the Principal and  
 AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PA hereinafter called the  
 Surety, a Corporation organized under the laws of the State of  
 PENNSYLVANIA with its Home Office in the City of READING,  
 State of PENNSYLVANIA are held and firmly bound unto the  
 THE STATE OF ALABAMA hereinafter called the Oblige, in the sum of  
 TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 - - - (\$10,000)- -- Dollars for the payment  
 whereof to the Oblige, the Principal binds himself, his heirs,  
 executors, administrators, and assigns, and the Surety binds itself,  
 its successors and assigns, jointly and severally firmly by these  
 presents.

Signed, sealed and dated, this 27TH day of FEBRUARY 1998.

Whereas, the above-named principal has been duly appointed to  
 the office of NOTARY PUBLIC of the State of Alabama for the term of  
 office beginning on March 9, 1998 and ending on March 9, 2002.

Now, therefore, the condition of the foregoing obligation is  
 such, that if the Principal shall faithfully perform such duties as  
 may be imposed on him by law and shall honestly account for all money  
 that may come into his own hands in his official capacity during the  
 said term, then the obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall  
 remain in force.

Cynthia D. Griffith  
 Principal

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PA

BY: Patsy Parrish  
 PATSY PARRISH, Attorney-in-Fact

Witness, approved and ordered to be recorded this 9 day of March  
Cathie Joyce Schmied Judge of Probate Court Shelby County.

## OATH OF OFFICE

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
SHELBY County }

PROBATE COURT

I, Cynthia Griffith 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 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEB 1998

David R. Smith

NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DECEMBER 7, 1998

Cynthia D. Griffith  
 PRINCIPAL

03/09/1998-08180  
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 SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE  
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Inst # 1998-08180

# POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, a Connecticut corporation, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein collectively called "the CNA Surety Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signature and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint Thomas A. Roberts, H. Carlton Rushin, Patsy Parrish, Individually

of Birmingham, Alabama

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In Unlimited Amounts -

and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Laws and Resolutions, printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the Boards of Directors of the corporations.

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Sureties Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 13th day of September, 1996



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY  
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD  
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 13th day of September, 1996, before me personally came M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Darien, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

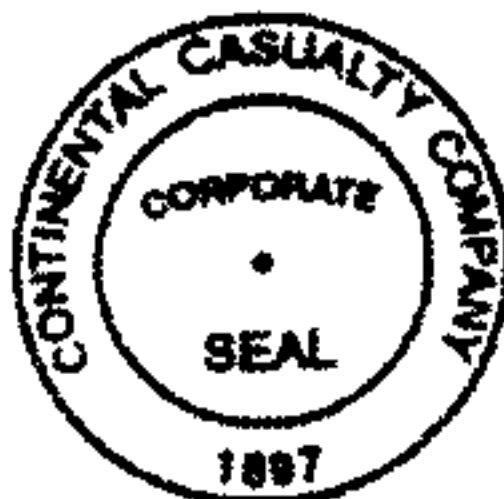
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Notary Public

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## CERTIFICATE

I, John M. Littler, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 27th day of FEBRUARY, 1998.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY  
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD  
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

John M. Littler

Assistant Secretary