

**The State of Alabama, }**  
**Shelby County. }**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,** That We Don G. DeCoudres and Hartford Fire Insurance Company are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama, in the sum of Ten Thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, firmly by these presents and we hereby waive our right to claim personal property exempt under the laws of Alabama.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999

The condition of the above obligation, that whereas the above bound Don G. DeCoudres was duly Reappointed to the office of Notary Public State at Large on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1999 for the term of Four years from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1999 in Precinct No. \_\_\_\_\_ in and for said County.

Now, if the said Don G. DeCoudres shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during his continuance therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Don G. DeCoudres  
 By: [Signature]  
 Principal  
 Hartford Fire Insurance Company  
 By: [Signature]  
 Dec Renshaw, Attorney in fact

Taken and approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 19 99  
[Signature]  
 Judge of Probate.

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA, )**  
**SHELBY COUNTY. }**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

I Don G. DeCoudres 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 1999.

[Signature]  
 Notary Public  
Sept 1, 2000

By: [Signature]  
 Don G. DeCoudres

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# HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Hartford, Connecticut

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these Presents, That HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and having its principal office in the City of Hartford, County of Hartford, State of Connecticut, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

**ROBERT BLACK, PRESTON E. EDWARDS, DEE RENSHAW and JOELLE LaPIERRE**  
of BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority to each of said Attorney(s)-in-Fact, in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign, execute and acknowledge any and all bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Company in its business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons holding places of public or private trust; guaranteeing the performance of contracts other than insurance policies; guaranteeing the performance of insurance contracts where surety bonds are accepted by states and municipalities, and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in all actions or proceedings or by law allowed, and to bind HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof were signed by an Executive Officer of HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and sealed and attested by one other of such Officers, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that its said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in pursuance hereof.

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by authority of the By-Laws of HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, ("the Company") as amended by the Board of Directors at a meeting duly called and held on July 9, 1997, as follows:

### ARTICLE IV

**SECTION 7.** The President or any Vice President or Assistant Vice-President, acting with any Secretary or Assistant Secretary shall have power and authority to sign and execute and attach the seal of the Company to bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and such instruments so signed and executed, with or without the common seal, shall be valid and binding upon the Company.

**SECTION 8.** The President or any Vice-President or any Assistant Vice President acting with any Secretary or Assistant Secretary, shall have power and authority to appoint, for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, one or more resident Vice Presidents, resident Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-Fact and at any time to remove any such resident Vice-President, resident Assistant Secretary, or Attorney-in-Fact, and revoke the power and authority given to him.

Resolved, that the signatures of such Officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by facsimile signatures and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

In Witness Whereof, HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice President, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Secretary, this 15th day of September, 1997.

Attest:

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

*Richard A. Hermanson*



*John F. Burke*

Richard A. Hermanson, Secretary

John F. Burke, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }  
COUNTY OF HARTFORD } SS.

On this 15th day of September, A.D. 1997, before me personally came John F. Burke, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of Hartford, State of Connecticut; that he is the Assistant Vice-President of HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the 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.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }  
COUNTY OF HARTFORD } SS.



*Jean H. Wozniak*

Jean H. Wozniak  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 30, 1999

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Connecticut Corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached POWER OF ATTORNEY remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that Article IV, Sections 7 and 8 of the By-Laws of HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of Hartford.

Dated the 15th day of June 19 99



*R. L. Post*

Robert L. Post, Secretary

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