

ALABAMA

# UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA

## BOND OF NOTARY PUBLIC STATE-AT-LARGE

Shelby County

Know All Men By These Presents **THAT WE**, Sandy Pickering AS **PRINCIPAL** and **UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA AS SURETY** are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama in the sum of TEN THOUSAND AND NO/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.

**THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH**, that whereas, the above bound **PRINCIPAL** was, on the 3rd day of June A.D., 2000 appointed Notary Public, State-At-Large to hold office during the term of four years from the date of the notary commission.

**NOW IF THE SAID PRINCIPAL** shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during the time he/she continues therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Approved and ordered of

Record this 8th day

of June, 2000

Patricia Berger Schmitt  
Judge of Probate

Court Probate

County Shelby

Sealed with our seals and dated this

11 day of May A.D., 2000

**PRINCIPAL**

BY X Sandy Pickering  
(Legal signature of applicant)

**UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA**

BY David A. Niersthorst  
Attorney-in-fact and Alabama Resident Agent

**THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

**Oath of Office**

Mon Shelby County Probate Court

I, Sandy Pickering, 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 remain a citizen thereof; and that I will honestly and faithfully 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 10

day of May, 2000

Patricia Berger Schmitt  
NOTARY PUBLIC

X Sandy Pickering  
(Legal signature of applicant)

My Commission Expires 6-28-2000

Form AL-05

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

Filed in the office of the Judge of Probate Court, this 8th day of June, 2000

06/09/2000-19257  
08:31 AM CERTIFIED  
SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE  
002 HNS 17.00

Patricia Berger Schmitt  
Judge of Probate

Court Probate Shelby County

Recorded in Official Bond Record \_\_\_\_\_

# UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA

1812 Durham / Houston, Texas 77007

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

For verification of the authority of this power you may telephone (713) 863-7788.

## GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY — CERTIFIED COPY

Know All Men by These Presents, That UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, and having its principal office in Houston, Texas, does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

David Diestelhorst

of Pike Road and State of Alabama its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver Surety bonds not to exceed \$25,000; however, no authority is given for the issuance of Payment, Performance or Bid bonds.

and to bind the Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds were signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seal of the Company and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do within the above stated limitations, and such authority is to continue in force indefinitely. Said appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Universal Surety of America at a meeting held on the 11th day of July, 1984.

"Be It Resolved, that the President, any Vice President, Secretary or any Assistant Secretary shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint any one or more suitable persons as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company."

"RESOLVED that the signature of any officer of the corporation, and the seal of the corporation may be affixed or printed by facsimile to any power of attorney of the corporation, and that such printed facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding upon the corporation."

In Witness Whereof, Universal Surety of America has caused these presents to be signed by its President, John Knox, Jr. and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 1st day of March, A.D., 19 90

State of Texas ss:  
County of Harris



UNIVERSAL SURETY OF AMERICA

By: \_\_\_\_\_

John Knox, Jr.

President

On this 1st day of March, in the year 90, before me Wendy W. Stuckey a notary public, personally appeared John Knox, Jr., personally known to me to be the person who executed the within instrument as President, on behalf of the corporation therein named and acknowledged to me that the corporation executed it.



Wendy W. Stuckey

Notary Public

I, the undersigned Secretary of Universal Surety of America, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original Power of Attorney issued by said Company, and do hereby further certify that the said Power of Attorney is still in force and effect.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Company, at Houston, Texas, this 11 day of May, 19 2000



[Signature]

Secretary

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Any instrument issued in excess of the penalty stated above is totally void and without any validity.

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