

NOTARY PUBLIC BOND

Bond No. 10JK14

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF SHELBY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, JILL T. KARLE, as Principal, and Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00), 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.

WHEREAS, the above named Principal has been appointed Notary Public, State at Large, beginning the 14th day of October, 2000 for the term of four years from the date of the notary commission in Precinct No. \_\_\_\_\_ in and for said County.

NOW THEREFORE, the condition of this bond is that if the named Principal shall faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Notary Public, then this obligation shall become null and void, otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

SIGNED and sealed this 14TH day of OCT, 2000.

LAWRENCE DONALD SOUTHERLAND  
SOUTHERLAND BONDING & INSURANCE  
P. O. BOX 36546  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35236  
(205) 987-8608

Jill T. Karle  
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Lawrence Donald Southerland  
Attorney-in-Fact  
LAWRENCE DONALD SOUTHERLAND

Approved and filed this 13th day of October, 2000.

Christina Geyer Schmidt  
Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF SHELBY

OATH OF OFFICE

I, JILL T. KARLE, do solemnly swear (affirm), 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 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.

Jill T. Karle  
JILL T. KARLE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of October, 2000.  
To certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Kimberly A. Watson  
Notary Public, State of Alabama

10/16/2000-35869  
08:30 AM CERTIFIED  
SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE  
002 MMB 23.00

Inst # 2000-35869

# 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

*Lawrence Donald Southerland*  
of  
*Birmingham, AL*

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, in penalties not exceeding the sum of One Millions Dollars (\$1,000,000) each, 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 May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1999, 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 Assistant Secretary, this 14th day of May, 1999.

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

*Paul A. Bergenholz*

Paul A. Bergenholz, Assistant Secretary



*Robert L. Post*

Robert L. Post, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNTY OF HARTFORD

SS. Hartford

On this 14th day of May, A.D. 1999, before me personally came Robert L. Post, 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.



CERTIFICATE

*Jean H. Wozniak*

Jean H. Wozniak  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 30, 2004

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President 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

14<sup>TH</sup>

day of

OCT 20 00



*J. Dennis Lane*

J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President