

# Notary Public

BOND NO. S294331

20021022000520320 Pg 1/2 23.00  
Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL  
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## KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That MARY E. STEVENS of SHELBY COU  
State of ALABAMA  
called the Principal, and EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY  
hereinafter called the Surety, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of IOWA  
with its home office in the City of DES MOINES State of IOWA are held and firmly bound  
unto THE STATE OF ALABAMA hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of Ten Thousand and  
No/100—(\$10,000.00)— Dollars; for the payment whereof to the Obligee 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 19TH day of SEPTEMBER 2002

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 October 1st and ending on October 1, 2006

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 this obligation shall be void;  
otherwise it shall remain in force.

Mary E. Stevens

Principal

EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY

BY: Patsy Parrish  
PATSY HARRISH

Attorney

Taken, approved and ordered to be recorded, this 22nd day of October 2002  
Patricia Yeager Schmeider Judge of Probate Court Shelby County.

## OATH OF OFFICE

### THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Shelby County. } Probate Court  
I, Mary E. Stevens 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 19th day of September 2002

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ALABAMA AT LARGE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES ON APRIL 1, 2002  
I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING WRITERS

Mary E. Stevens

Shelby County.



**EMC Insurance Companies**

P.O. Box 712 • Des Moines, Iowa 50303

No. 506109

**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT****KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that:**

1. Employers Mutual Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation
2. EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Iowa Corporation
3. Union Insurance Company of Providence, an Iowa Corporation
4. Illinois EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Illinois Corporation

5. Dakota Fire Insurance Company, a North Dakota Corporation
6. EMC Property & Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation
7. The Hamilton Mutual Insurance Company, an Ohio Corporation

hereinafter referred to severally as "Company" and collectively as "Companies", each does, by these presents, make, constitute and appoint:

THOMAS A. ROBERTS, H. CARLTON RUSHIN, PATSY PARRISH, IVEY JACKSON, BEN I. JACKSON JR., INDIVIDUALLY, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.....

its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority conferred to sign, seal, and execute its lawful bonds, undertakings, and other obligatory instruments of a similar nature as follows:

IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION DOLLARS ..... (\$1,000,000.00)

and to bind each Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of each such Company, and all of the acts of said attorney pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

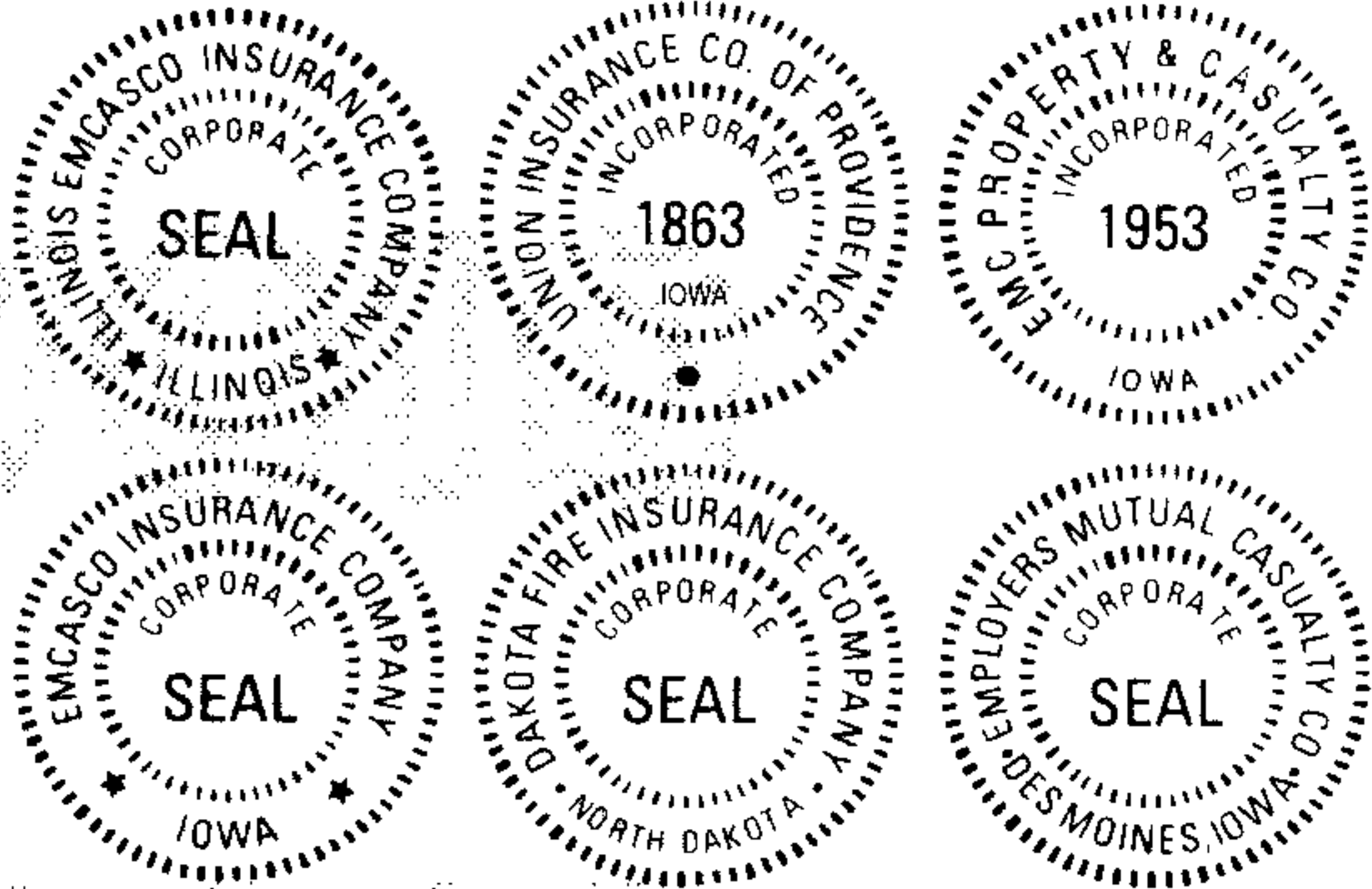
The authority hereby granted shall expire August 1, 2005 unless sooner revoked.20021022000520320 Pg 2/2 23.00  
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10/22/2002 15:09:00 FILED/CERTIFIED**AUTHORITY FOR POWER OF ATTORNEY**

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by the authority of the following resolution of the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies at a regularly scheduled meeting of each company duly called and held in 1999:

**RESOLVED:** The President and Chief Executive Officer, any Vice President, the Treasurer and the Secretary of Employers Mutual Casualty Company shall have power and authority to (1) appoint attorneys-in-fact and authorize them to execute on behalf of each Company and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and (2) to remove any such attorney-in-fact at any time and revoke the power and authority given to him or her. Attorneys-in-fact shall have power and authority, subject to the terms and limitations of the power-of-attorney issued to them, to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company, and to attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by any such attorney-in-fact shall be fully and in all respects binding upon the Company. Certification as to the validity of any power-of-attorney authorized herein made by an officer of Employers Mutual Casualty Company shall be fully and in all respects binding upon this Company. The facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of such officer, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power-of-attorney of the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and affect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed for each by their officers as shown, and the Corporate seals to be hereto affixed this 26th day of March, 2002.

Seals



*Bruce G. Kelley*  
Bruce G. Kelley, Chairman  
of Companies 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; President  
of Company 1; Vice Chairman and  
CEO of Company 7

*Jeffrey S. Birdsley*  
Jeffrey S. Birdsley  
Assistant Secretary

On this 26th day of March AD 2002 before me a Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa, personally appeared Bruce G. Kelley and Jeffrey S. Birdsley, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that they are, and are known to me to be the Chairman, President, Vice Chairman and CEO, and/or Assistant Secretary, respectively, of each of The Companies above; that the seals affixed to this instrument are the seals of said corporations; that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of each of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors; and that the said Bruce G. Kelley and Jeffrey S. Birdsley, as such officers, acknowledge the execution of said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of each of the Companies.

My Commission Expires September 30, 2003.

*Ruta Krumins*

Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa

**CERTIFICATE**I, David L. Hixenbaugh, Vice President of the Companies, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution of the Boards of Directors by each of the Companies, and this Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto on March 26, 2002on behalf of Thomas A. Roberts, H. Carlton Rushin, Patsy Parrish, Ivey Jackson, Ben I. Jackson Jr.

are true and correct and are still in full force and effect.

In Testimony Whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed the facsimile seal of each Company this 19TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2002

*David L. Hixenbaugh*  
Vice-President