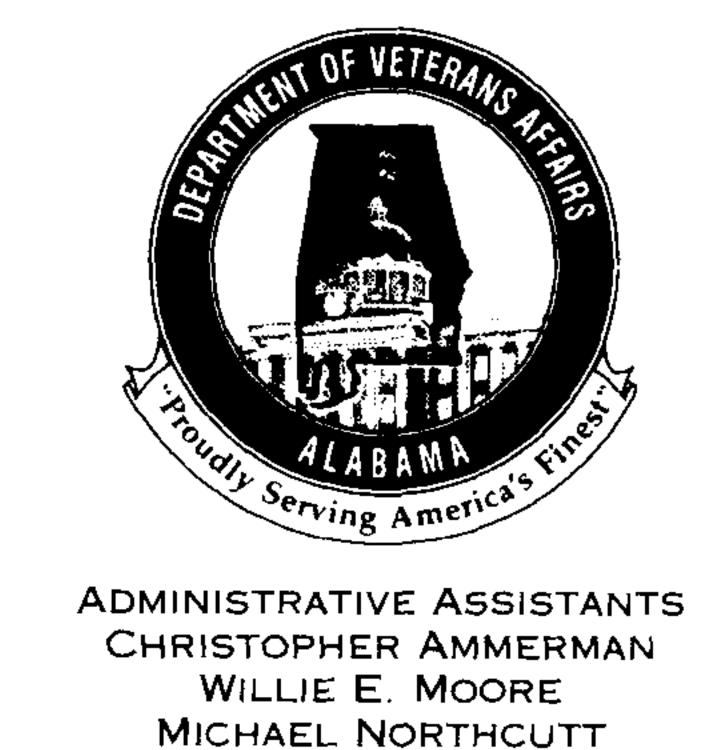
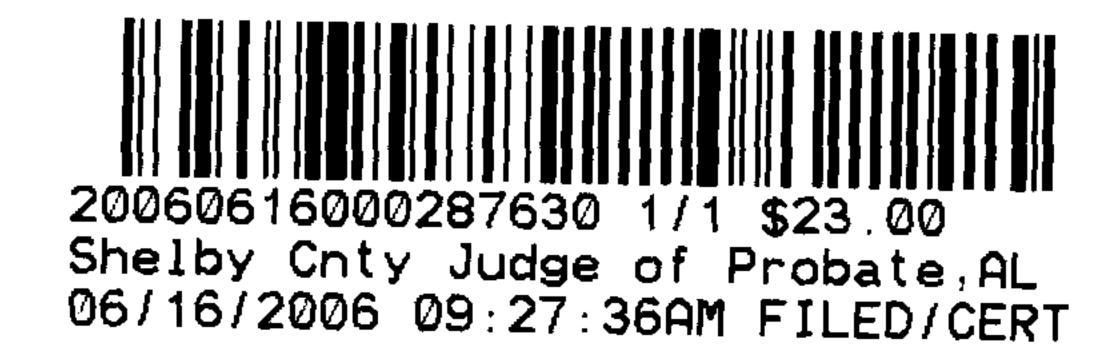


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June 15, 2006



Honorable Patricia S. Fuhrmeister Shelby County Probate Judge P O Box 825 Columbiana, AL 35051

Dear Judge Fuhrmeister,

Please appoint Brenda S. Skinner as Notary Public, State at Large. Ms. Skinner resides at 844 Dusty Hollow Road in Columbiana.

The State of Alabama has a blanket bond for notaries with Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland. The policy number is: CCP 004 2 351 and the agent is the McCaleb-Timmons of Montgomery. As an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Ms. Skinner will have coverage upon appointment.

If you have any questions, please call me at (334) 242-5077.

Sincerely,

Muhaer E. Amhaux

Michael E. Northcutt Administrative Assistant Patricia Yeagn Frhmeisten 6-16-2006

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Commission expires 6-15-2010