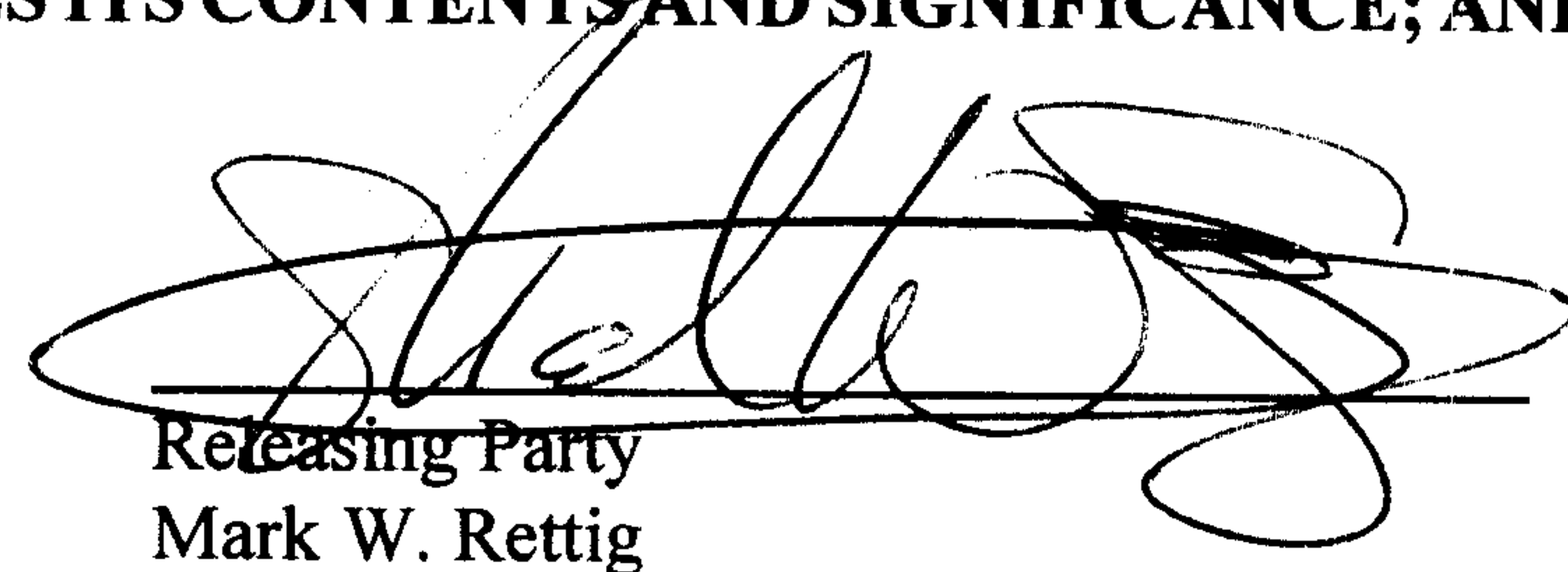


SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

For and in consideration of the payment by Sallie L. Stearns (the "Released Party") to Mark W. Rettig ("Releasing Party") the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and no/100 cents (\$25,000.00) which the Released Party hereby agrees to pay, the Releasing Party hereby releases, and forever discharges the Released Party in full from any and all claims, damages and liabilities whatsoever, that are the subject of the claims of the Releasing Party against the Released Party in the lawsuit styled *Mark W. Rettig v. Sallie L. Stearns*, in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County Alabama bearing number CV-2005-1301 (the "Civil Action").

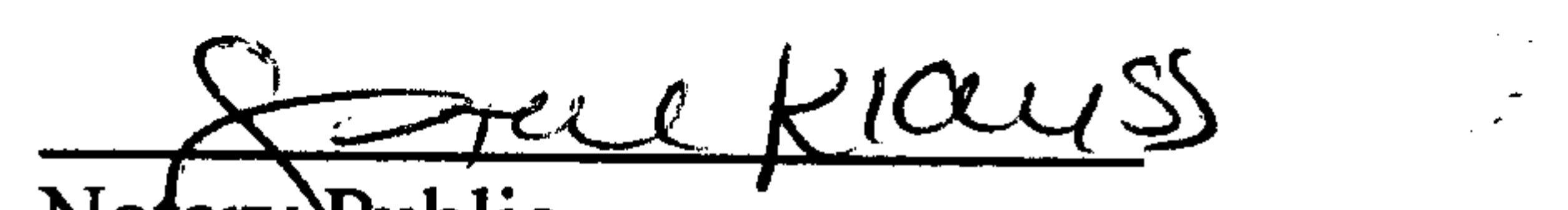
The Releasing Party also agrees to authorize the dismissal with prejudice of the Civil Action. Additionally the Releasing Party agrees to authorize the filing of pleadings where the Judgment against the Released Party by the Releasing Party related to the Civil Action has been recorded and the pleadings are to reflect that the Judgment obtained by the Releasing Party against the Released Party has been satisfied. Judgments have been recorded in Jefferson County, Alabama and Shelby County, Alabama as reflected in certificates of judgment that are attached as Exhibits "A" and "B".

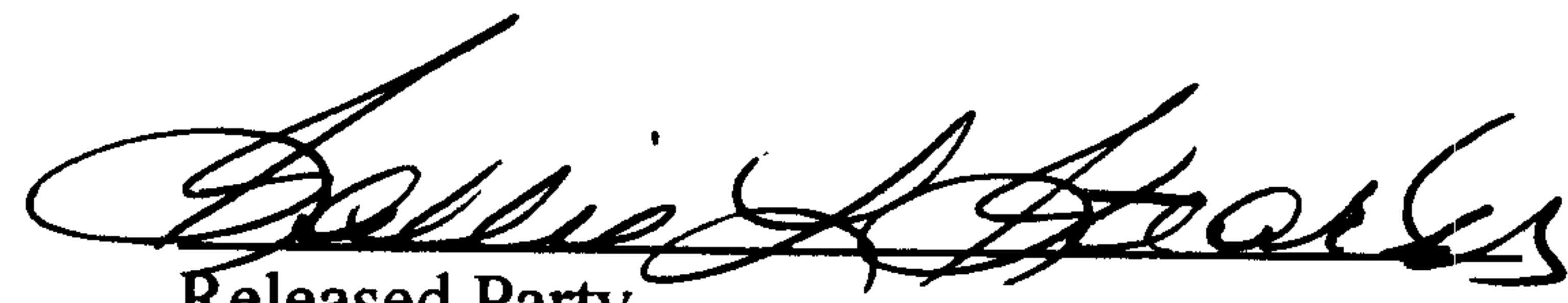
THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE/SHE HAS READ ALL OF THIS RELEASE; THAT HE/SHE UNDERSTANDS AND APPRECIATES ITS CONTENTS AND SIGNIFICANCE; AND THAT HE/SHE IS SIGNING THE SAME VOLUNTARILY.


Releasing Party
Mark W. Rettig

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF Jefferson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of October, 2006.


Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 12-31-06


Released Party
Sallie L. Stearns

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF Jefferson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of October, 2006.


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My Commission Expires: 12-27-07

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFF-BESMR COUNTY

MARK W. RETTIG VS SALLIE L. STEARNS

DEFENDANT

PARTY'S ATTORNEY:

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APT. 805
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OF DEFENDANT IN SAID COURT A JUDGEMENT WITHOUT WAIVER OF EXEMPTIONS FOR THE
SUM OF \$71,725.82 DOLLARS PLUS \$.00 DOLLARS COURT COSTS, AND
THAT THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY(S) OF RECORD WAS:
LOGSDON LARRY STEPHEN

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS DATE 05/19/2006

Earl N. Carter, Jr.
CLERK: EARL N. CARTER JR.
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PREPARED: 05/19/2006

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