

**CERTIFICATION OF TRUST
FOR THE
MARGARET STEPHEN LIVING TRUST**

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, personally appeared Paul S. Stephen, and who, upon being duly sworn, did make the following statements and representations, pursuant to Section 36C-10-1013 of the North Carolina Uniform Trust Code:

1. Statement of Trust Existence and Date Trust Instrument was Executed. On October 16, 1998, Margaret Stephen, as Grantor, executed a Trust Agreement (the "1998 Trust Agreement") by which the Margaret Stephen Living Trust (the "Living Trust") was created. On March 5, 2010, the 1998 Trust Agreement was amended and restated in its entirety by Margaret Stephen, pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Revocable Trust Agreement dated March 5, 2010 (the "Amended Trust Agreement"). The Living Trust exists on the date of this Certification of Trust and is governed by the Amended Trust Agreement.

2. Settlor. Margaret Stephen was the Settlor of the Living Trust.

3. Currently Acting Trustee and Address of Trustee. On the date of this Certification of Trust, the name and address of the currently acting Trustee of the Living Trust are as follows:

<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Address of Trustee</u>
Paul S. Stephen	1537 24th Avenue NE Issaquah, WA 98029

In this regard, Margaret Stephen was the original Trustee of the Living Trust and served as such Trustee until her death on September 14, 2024. Pursuant to (i) the Amended Trust Agreement governing the Living Trust and (ii) that certain document titled "Renunciation of John F. Stephen of Right to Act as Successor Trustee" and executed by John F. Stephen on October 3, 2024, Paul S. Stephen became the Successor Trustee of the Living Trust as of such date. On the date of this Certification of Trust, Paul S. Stephen remains serving as the Trustee of the Living Trust.

4. Powers of Trustee of the Living Trust. Article VII of the Amended Trust Agreement incorporates the powers enumerated in North Carolina General Statutes Section 32-27 by reference. In turn, North Carolina General Statutes Section 32-27 grants to the Trustee of the Living Trust the following power:

(2) Sell and Exchange Property. -- To sell, exchange, give options upon, partition or otherwise dispose of any property or interest therein which the fiduciary may hold from time to time, with or without order of court, at public or private sale or otherwise, upon such terms and conditions, including credit, and for such consideration as the fiduciary shall deem advisable, and to transfer and convey the property or interest therein which is at the disposal of the fiduciary, in fee simple absolute or otherwise, free of all trust; and the party dealing with the fiduciary shall not be under a duty to follow the proceeds or other consideration received by the fiduciary from such sale or exchange.



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5. Irrevocability of the Living Trust. Upon the death of Margaret Stephen on September 14, 2024, the Living Trust became irrevocable. No person holds a power to revoke the Living Trust.

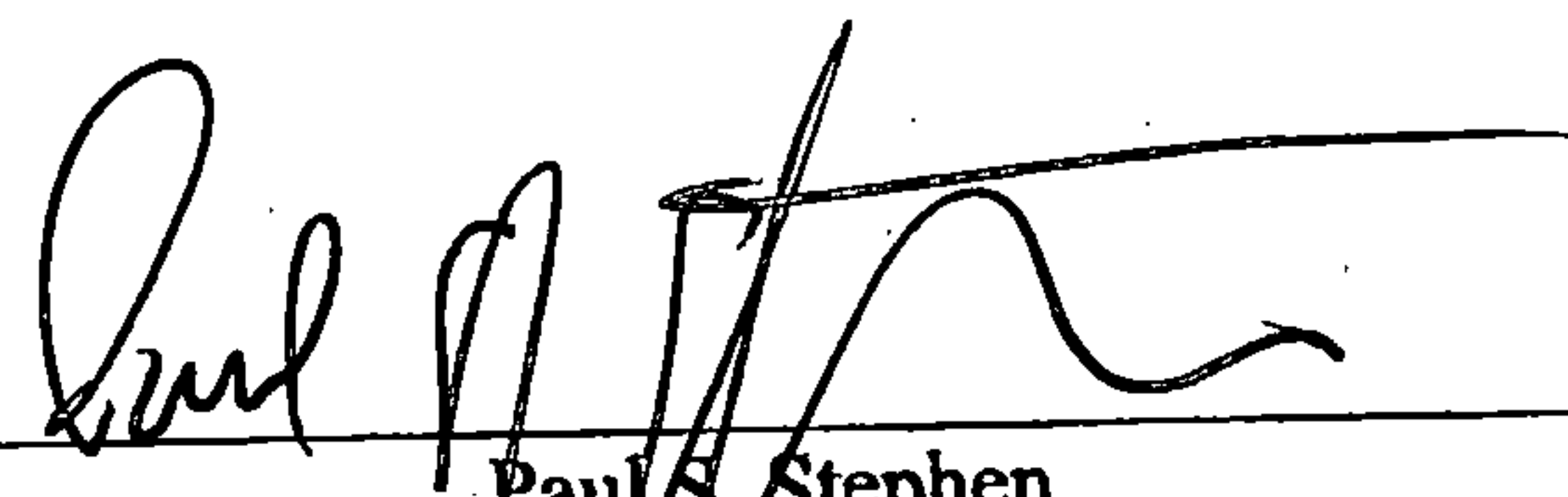
6. Authority of Co-Trustees to Execute Documents and Requirement of All or Less than All to Exercise Powers of the Trustee. As stated above, Paul S. Stephen is the sole currently acting Trustee of the Living Trust. Accordingly, Paul S. Stephen is authorized to sign documents and exercise powers solely on behalf of the Living Trust.

7. Trust's Taxpayer Identification Number. The Taxpayer Identification Number for the Living Trust is 33-6519167.

8. Title to Trust Property. Title to property transferred to the Living Trust is to be held in the following name: "Paul S. Stephen, as Trustee of the Margaret Stephen Living Trust."

This is to certify that the Living Trust has not been revoked, modified or amended in any manner that would cause the representations contained in this Certification of Trust to be incorrect.

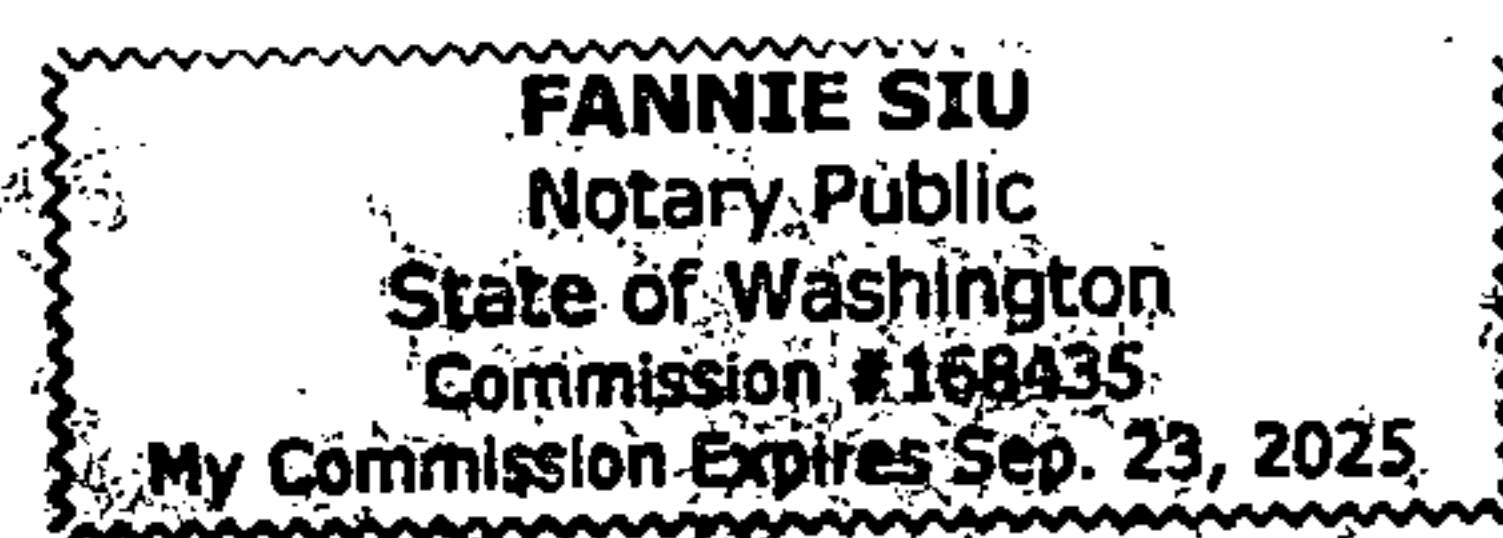
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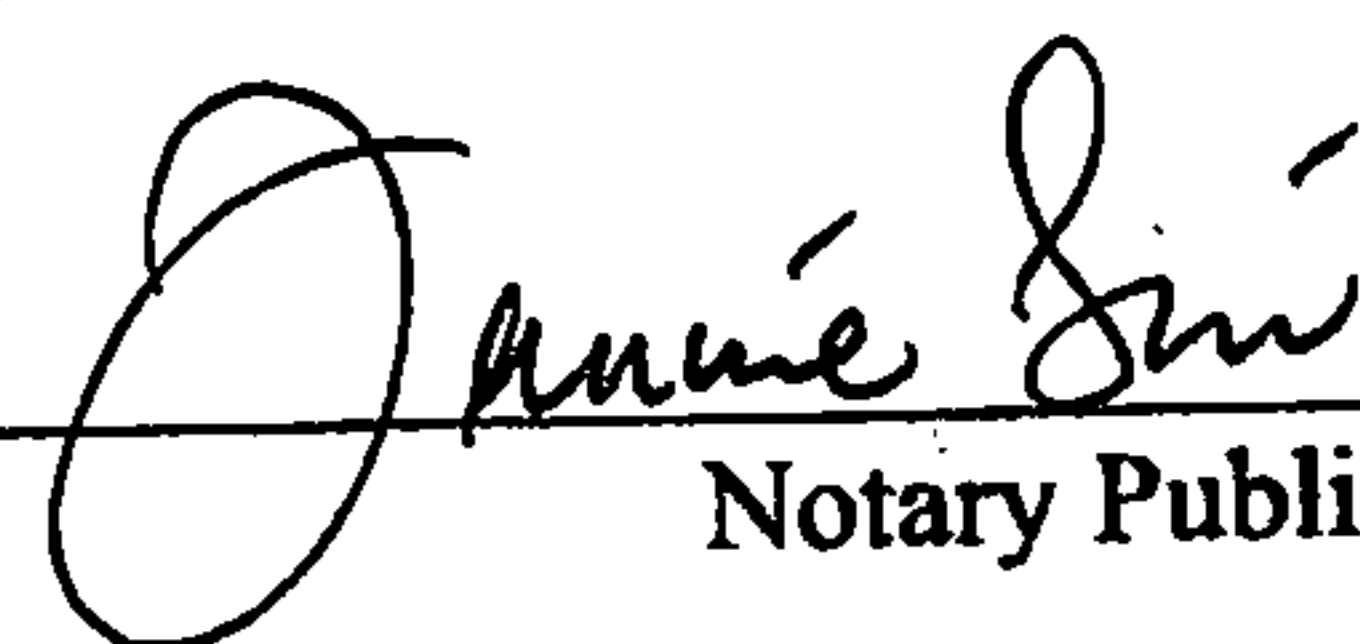

Paul S. Stephen,
as Trustee of the Margaret Stephen Living Trust

STATE OF Washington)
COUNTY OF King)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, hereby certify that Paul S. Stephen, whose name as the Trustee of the Margaret Stephen Living Trust, is signed to the foregoing Certification of Trust and who is known to me, acknowledged before me this date that, being informed of the contents of such Certification of Trust, he, in such capacity, executed the same voluntarily as of the date the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal on this 3rd day of January, 2025.




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Notary Public

My Commission expires: 9/23/2025

[NOTARIAL SEAL]

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