

Bond Number 93 EHY6306



OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH  
STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY  
BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS



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Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL  
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KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Astride R. Samuel of 229 Calloway Ln  
Pelham, AL 35124

as Principal, and STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY of Bloomington, Illinois, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto State of Alabama in the penal sum of Fifty-thousand and zero cents, \$50,000 for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we do hereby severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our Seals, and dated this 23 day of Sept, 2025.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH, that, Whereas, the said Principal has been elected or appointed to the office of Notary Public in and for the State at Large for a term of four years from date of notary commission beginning on 9/23/2025 and ending on 9/23/2029

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well, truly and faithfully perform all official duties required by law of such official during the term aforesaid, the principal and the Surety hereby agreeing that if said bond is required by any statute, all the provisions of such statute are hereby made a part of this bond, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signature of Licensed Resident Agent

Signature of Principal



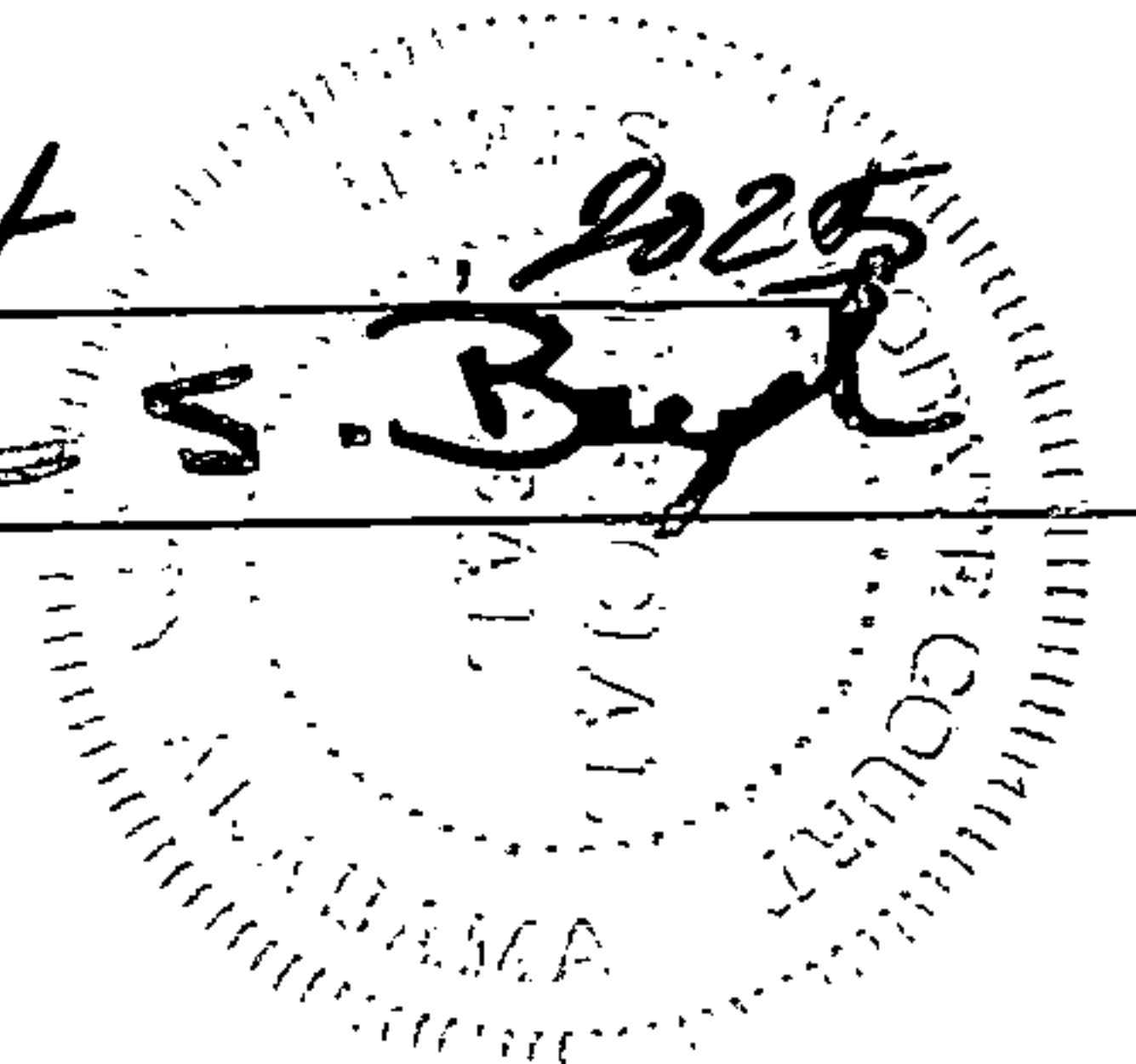
STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

By:

Signature of Attorney-in-Fact

EXP. 9/23/2029

The within bond and the Surety thereon are hereby approved this 23 day of Sept, 2025  
Shelby County Judge of Probate



OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF Alabama }  
COUNTY OF Shelby } SS



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Astride R Samuel being  
Principal (print name)

and that he/she will faithfully, honestly and impartially perform and discharge the duties of the office/position to which he/she has been appointed while he/she shall hold said office.

duly sworn, says that he/she will support the constitution of the United States and of the State of \_\_\_\_\_

Astride R. Samuel  
Signature of Principal

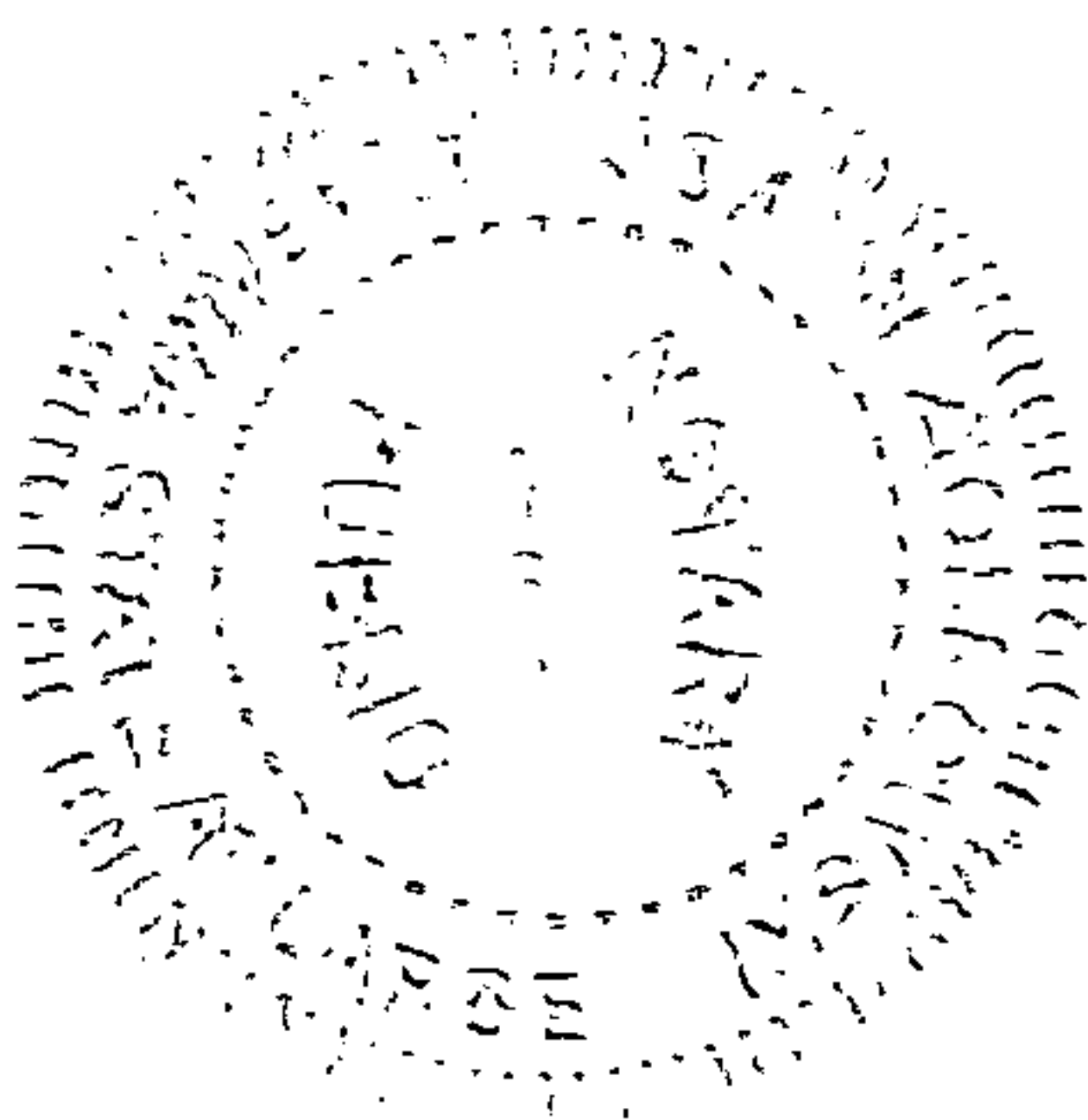
Sworn to by said Astride R Samuel  
Principal (print name)

before me, and subscribed in my presence this

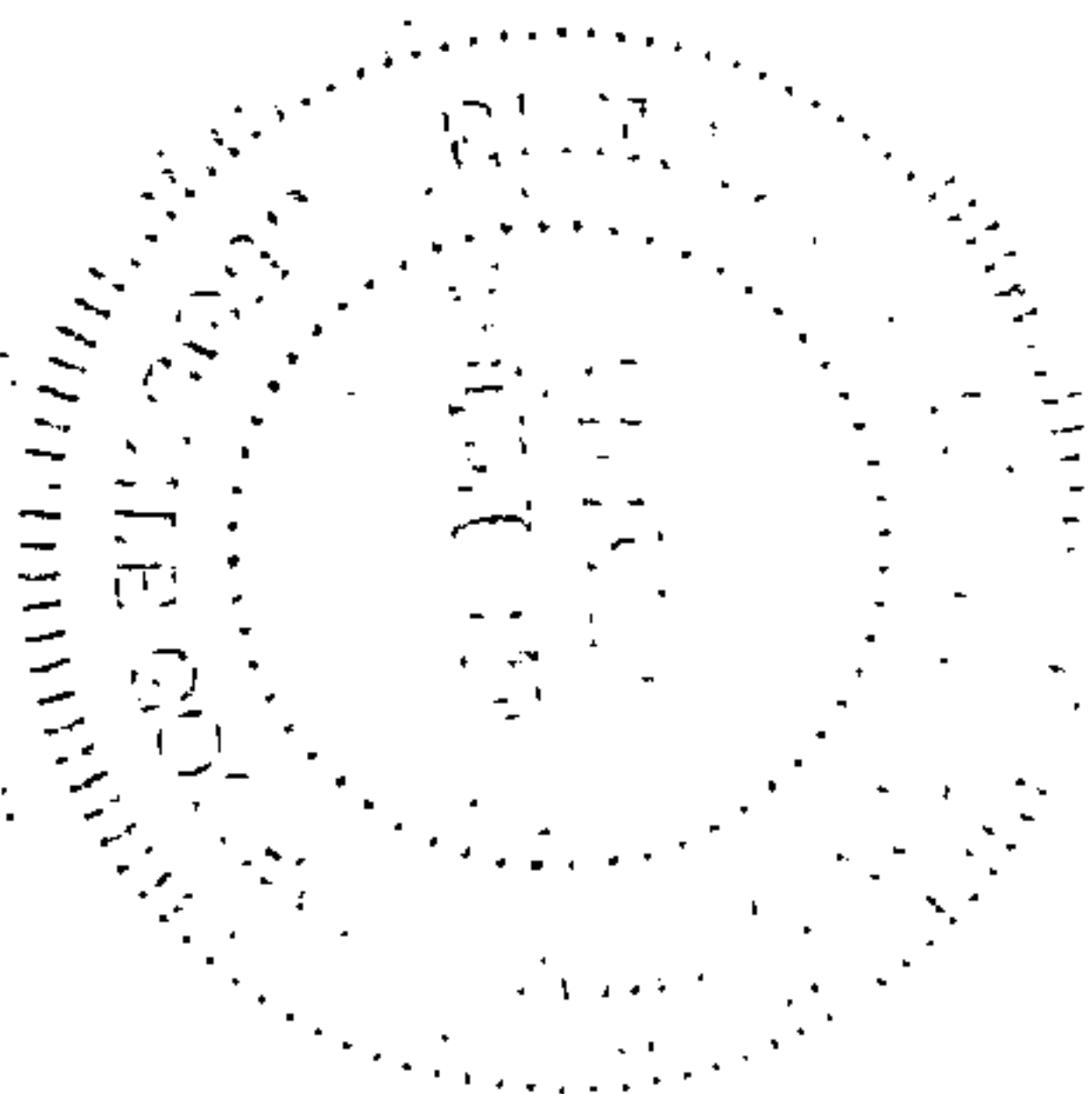
23rd day of September A.D. 2025

[Signature]  
Signature of Notary Public

12-7-2025  
Commission Date



Notary Seal





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# Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, with its principal office in Bloomington, Illinois, does hereby constitute and appoint: Ben True State Farm  
of 3075 John Hawkins Pkwy Hoover, AL 36044 its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for, and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond as follows:

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| \$ 5,000 – License, Permit or Indemnity — Financial Guarantee  | \$ 50,000 – Notary Public   |
| \$ 50,000 – License & Permit — Code Compliance                 | \$100,000 – Administrator, Executive, Personal Representative, or Trustee |
| \$ 50,000 – Defective Title — Certificate of Title Surety Bond | \$ 50,000 – Guardian, Conservator, or Curator                             |
| \$ 25,000 – Public Official                                    |   |

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS NOT VALID FOR THE EXECUTION OF ANY CONTRACT (CONSTRUCTION OR SUPPLY) BOND - BID, PERFORMANCE OR PAYMENT.

This appointment is made under and by the authority of a resolution which was passed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of State Farm Fire and Casualty Company on the 1st day of January, 2024, as is duly authorized by the Board of Directors in Article II, Section 6 of the By-Laws of the Company, which resolution is:

WHEREAS, the Board desires to delegate the authority to appoint persons as Attorneys-in-Fact for certain bonds, undertakings, or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond.

RESOLVED, that any Officer of the Company who works regularly with surety bonds is hereby authorized to appoint and empower any representative of the Company as Attorney-in-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertakings, or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, which the Company might execute through its officers. Any said execution of such documents by an Attorney-in Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by he regularly elected or appointed officers of the Company. Any Attorney-in-Fact, so appointed, may be removed for good cause and the authority so granted may be revoked as specified in the Power of Attorney.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY has caused this instrument to be signed by its Officer, and its Corporate Seal to be affixed this 1st day of January, 2024.

This APPOINTMENT SHALL CEASE AND TERMINATE AUTOMATICALLY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2028, UNLESS SOONER REVOKED AS PROVIDED.

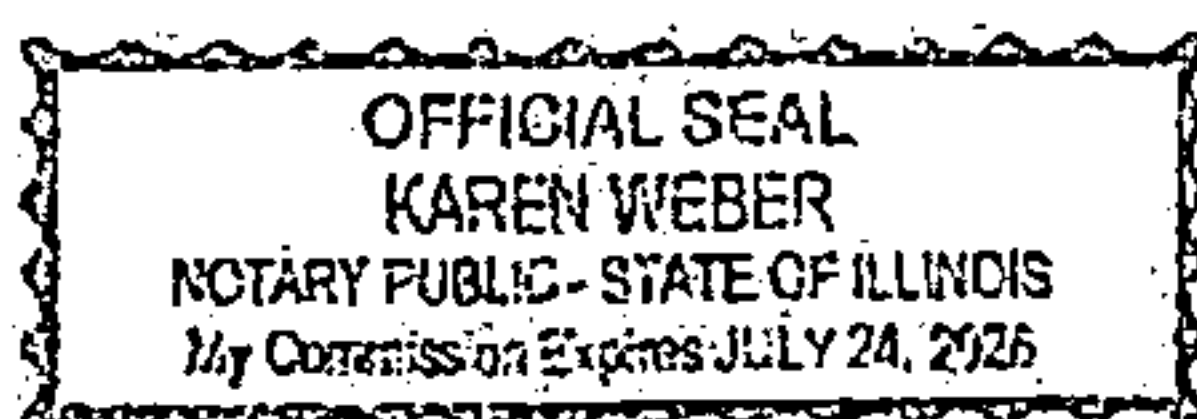


STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

By: John R. Horton  
John R. Horton - Assistant Secretary Treasurer

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF McLEAN

On this 1st day of January, 2024, before me personally came John R. Horton to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that he is Assistant Secretary Treasurer of STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such Corporate Seal; and that he executed said instrument on behalf of the corporation by authority of his office under the By-Laws of said corporation.



Karen Weber

Notary Public  
My commission expires July 24, 2026

## CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary Treasurer of STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, do hereby certify that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked and the resolutions as set forth are now in force.

Signed and sealed at Bloomington, Illinois. Dated this 23 day of Sept, 2025.



Brian A. Crook

Brian A. Crook - Assistant Secretary Treasurer

If you have a questions concerning the validity of this Power of Attorney, call 309-766-2090.



Allison S. Boyd  
Judge of Probate

Kimberly A. Melton  
Chief Clerk



Judicial Division - (205) 670-5210  
Recording Division - (205) 670-5220



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## Probate Court of Shelby County, Alabama

Post Office Box 825 • Columbiana, Alabama 35051  
website: [www.shelbyal.com/285/Probate-Court](http://www.shelbyal.com/285/Probate-Court)

Below you will find your Commission as a Notary Public. Please detach the commission card and keep it in a secure place. If your commission is being renewed this card will replace any previously issued commission card. Note that your commission card indicates the term of your current commission and it is important that you begin the renewal process in advance of the expiration of your commission to ensure there is no break in service.

The office of Notary Public is a serious and responsible public office and should not be taken lightly. Abuse of the office or irresponsibility in the performance of notarial duties can result in grave consequences. If a Notary Public has doubts about the propriety of any action, he or she should seek competent professional advice before he or she acts.

A Notary Public is a public officer whose function it is:

1. To administer oaths; and
2. To attend and certify, by his signature and official seal, certain classes of documents, in order to give them credit and authenticity; and
3. To take acknowledgments of deeds and other conveyances and certify the same; and
4. To perform certain official acts, chiefly in commercial matters, such as the protesting of notes and bills, the notice of foreign drafts, and marine protests in cases of damage.

You will need to obtain your notarial seal prior to performing any official acts. It is required that your notarial seal reflect your name as stated in the below commission card.

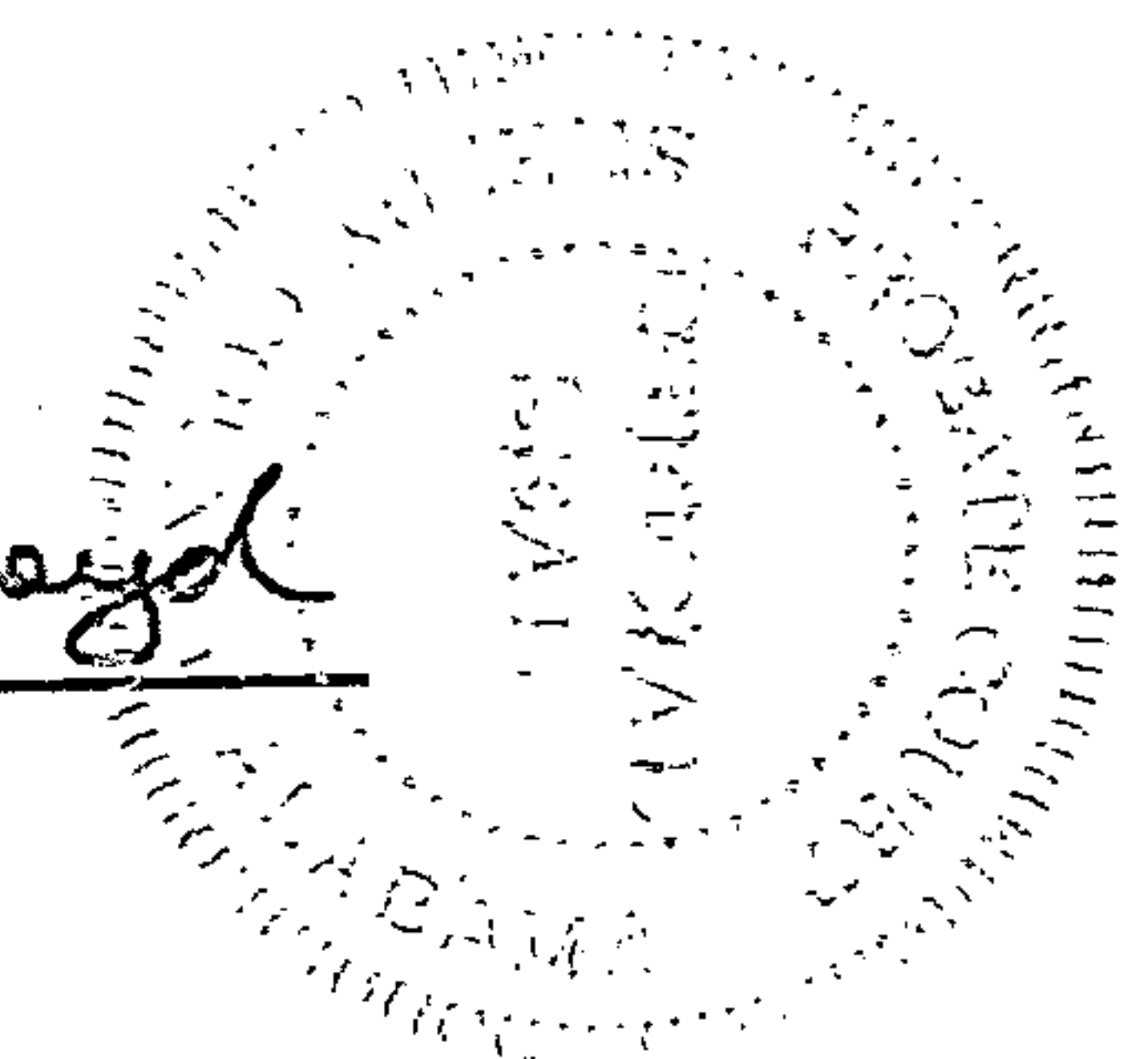
### NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION

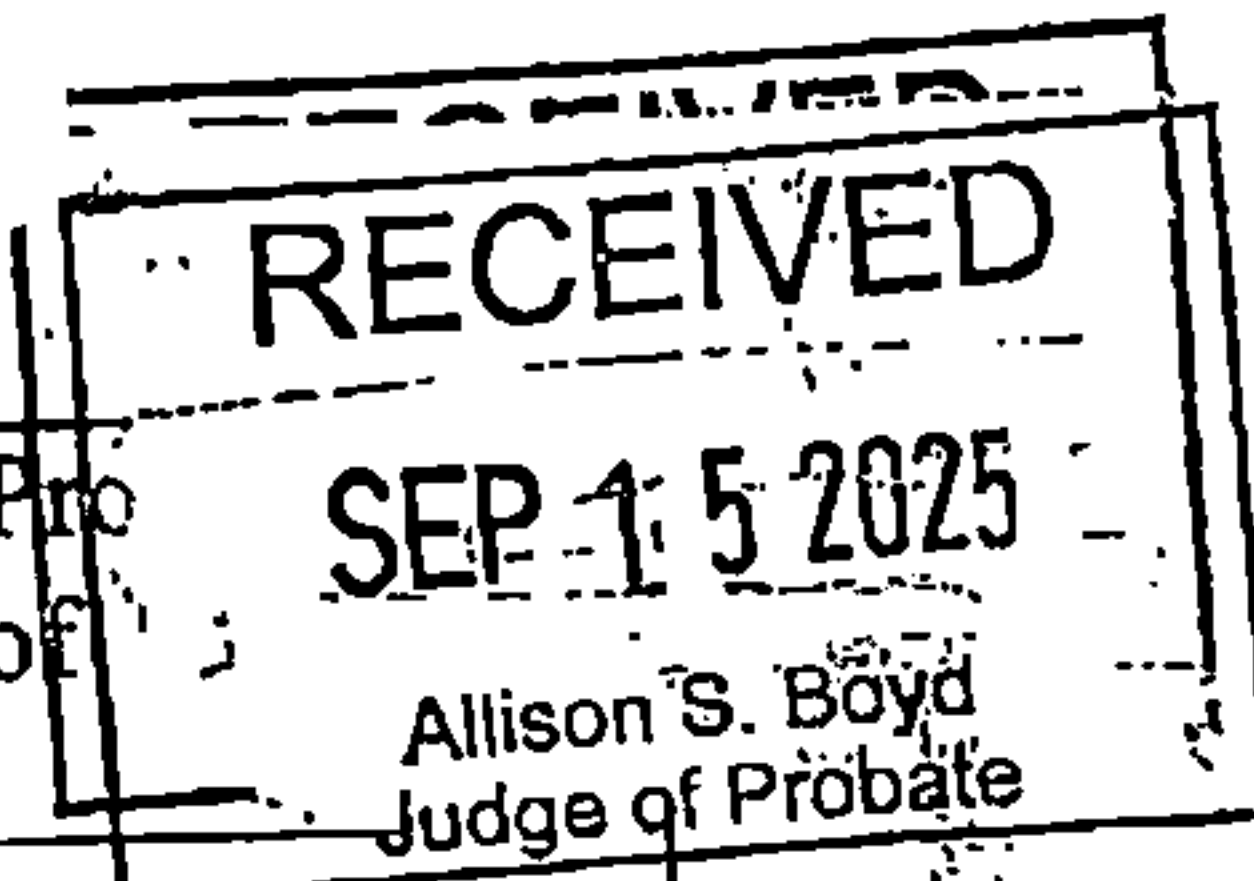
In the name of the State of Alabama and pursuant to the authority granted me as Judge of Probate for Shelby County, I hereby Commission Astride R Samuel as Notary Public for the State at Large for the term beginning on 09/23/2025 and ending on 09/23/2029.



*Allison S. Boyd*

ALLISON S. BOYD  
JUDGE OF PROBATE





State of Alabama

**APPLICATION FOR NOTARY  
PUBLIC COMMISSION**  
(MUST BE A RESIDENT OF COUNTY WHERE  
APPLICATION IS MADE)

In the Pro  
Court of  
Shelby  
County

**\$10.00\* APPLICATION FEE IS DUE AT THE TIME APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED**

Date: 08/28/2025

1. Name: Astride Raeshan Samuel  
(Print your name as it appears on driver's license, non-driver ID, or other current valid photo ID)
2. Home Address: 229 Calloway Lane Apt/Suite #: \_\_\_\_\_
3. City/State/Zip: Pelham, AL 35124 County of Residence Shelby
4. Mailing Address (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date Of Birth: 01/29/1979 Email Address astridehood@gmail.com
6. Phone Numbers: Work (659) 903-6517 Home (205) 246-3994
7. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude? ☐ YES ☒ NO (If YES, Please Provide Details On Page 2)
8. Are you currently a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding? ☐ YES ☒ NO
9. Are you currently under an order adjudicating you incapacitated? ☐ YES ☒ NO
10. Are you currently or have you ever been a commissioned notary public in Alabama?  
☐ YES (County \_\_\_\_\_) Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ NO
11. Astride R. Samuel  
(Print Your Name Exactly As It Is To Appear On Notary Commission)

BY SIGNING BELOW I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN (PAGES ONE AND TWO) IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I AM ABLE AND WILLING TO COMPLETE THE MANDATORY, TRAINING FOR NOTARY PUBLICS (UNLESS EXEMPT BY LAW) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS APPLICATION. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE \$10.00\* APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. (I.E. TIME DEADLINES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.)

ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION ARE MADE UNDER THE FEAR OF THE PENALTY OF PERJURY. THE CRIME OF PERJURY IS PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

Signature: Astride R. Samuel  
This should be your usual signature and match the name printed on Line 11.  
**THIS SHOULD BE THE SIGNATURE YOU USE WHEN NOTARIZING A DOCUMENT**

\* \$10.00 Application Fee PLUS any applicable county fees