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AFFIDAVIT OF ADVERSE POSSESSION

Janice M. Grudzinski and Judy Challman of Lake County, Indiana, being first duly sworn upon their oaths, depose and say the following:

- 1. That affiants, who are the children of Frank Balka and Bernice Balka, make this affidavit from their own personal knowledge.
- 2. That on or about March 29, 1960, Frank Balka and Bernice Balka, husband and wife, acquired title to the following described real estate in Lake County, Indiana, to-wit:

Lot 39, Block 2, in Walsh's Addition to the City of East Chicago, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2 page 30, in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana. # 30-5 76-39

- 3. That Frank Balka and Bernice Balka acquired title from the Estate of Kunegunda Filar, pursuant to the decedent's Last Will And Testament, Article VI, which was filed and probated in the Lake Superior Court, Room Two, under Estate Cause Number E-3828.
- 4. That the Estate of Kunegunda Filar was fully administered; claims and inheritances taxes were paid and the estate was formally closed by Court Order on or about March 29, 1960.
- 5. That on or about March 29, 1960, upon the Court's Order closing the estate, Frank Balka and Bernice Balka, husband and wife, took possession of said real estate and have occupied and/or owned same continuously thereafter.
- 6. That since said date of possession, on or about March 29, 1960, Frank Balka and Bernice Balka, husband and wife, have held actual, visible, open, notorious, hostile, continuous and exclusive possession of the above-described real estate.
- 7. That since said date of possession, on or about March 29, 1960, Frank Balka and Bernice Balka, husband and wife, have paid all of the real estate taxes due and owing on the above-described real estate.
- 8. That since said date of possession, on or about March 29, 1960, Frank Balka and Bernice Balka, husband and wife, have exercised every act of dominion and ownership over the above

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described real estate and that their claim to title has never been questioned throughout said period of time.

- 9. That Frank Balka died on or about February 11, 1992 leaving his spouse, Bernice Balka, as the surviving joint owner of the above-described real estate.
- 10. That Frank Balka died intestate, a resident of Lake County, Indiana leaving Bernice Balka, surviving him; that all of the decedent's funeral expenses have been paid in full, and that his estate is not subject to payment of either Indiana Inheritance Tax or Federal estate tax.
- 11. That Bernice Balka, a/k/a Bernice M. Balka, executed a Power Of Attorney appointing Janice M. Grudzinski and/or Judy Challman to act on her behalf. Said Power Of Attorney was duly executed on or about June 24, 1995 and then recorded, on or about June 29, 1995, as Document Number 95036556, in the Office of the Lake County Recorder.

12. Further affiants saith not is the property of

the Lake County Recorder!

JANICE M. GRUDZINSKI

JUDY CHALLMAN

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 20 day of December, 1995.

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public

Lake County Resident

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