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**SPECIAL AND LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY**

OF

**STEVEN E. BAKOTA**  
(GRANTOR)

**FILED**

TO

**TODD C. LARSON**  
(ATTORNEY-IN-FACT)

MAR 07 2000

**PETER BENJAMIN**  
LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

The undersigned, **STEVEN E. BAKOTA**, hereby nominates, constitutes and appoints, **TODD C. LARSON**, as my true and lawful special and limited Attorney-In-Fact (not intending hereby to grant or confer general authority pursuant to I.C. 30-5-5) to do and perform for me and in my name only the following:

1. All acts, as specified in Paragraphs 2 and 3 below, relating to the closing of the purchase of certain real estate from Ability Construction Company, Inc., which real estate is described as follows:

The South Half (S½) of Lot 66, in PRAIRIE VIEW, Unit 2, a Subdivision in the City of Crown Point, Indiana, as per Record Plat thereof, appearing in Plat Book 85, Page 42, in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.

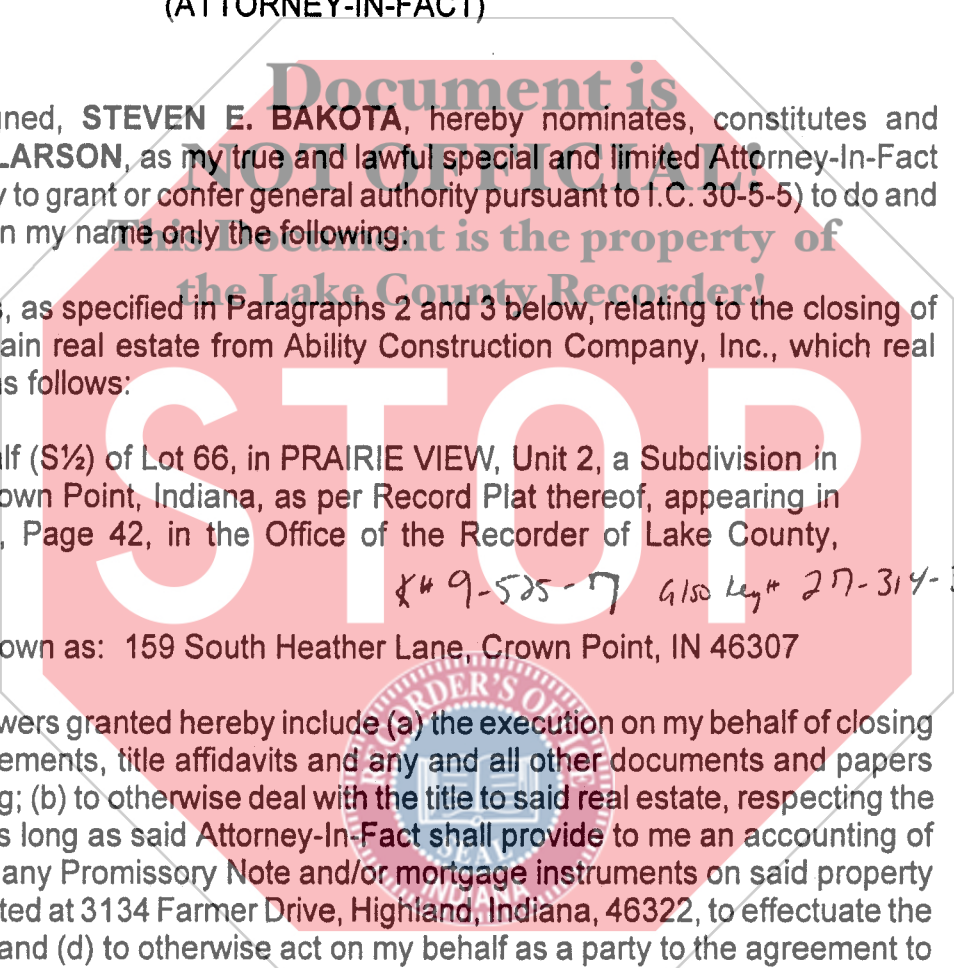
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Commonly known as: 159 South Heather Lane, Crown Point, IN 46307

2. The powers granted hereby include (a) the execution on my behalf of closing statements, tax agreements, title affidavits and any and all other documents and papers relating to said closing; (b) to otherwise deal with the title to said real estate, respecting the purchase of same, as long as said Attorney-In-Fact shall provide to me an accounting of same; (c) to execute any Promissory Note and/or mortgage instruments on said property and the property located at 3134 Farmer Drive, Highland, Indiana, 46322, to effectuate the terms of the closing; and (d) to otherwise act on my behalf as a party to the agreement to purchase said real estate.

3. In furtherance of the foregoing enumerated powers, I give my Attorney-In-Fact power and authority to do for me and in my name those things which such attorney deems expedient to and necessary to effectuate the special and limited powers granted and conferred by this instrument, as fully as I could do personally for myself, reserving unto myself, however, the power to act on my own behalf and also to revoke the powers given in this instrument.

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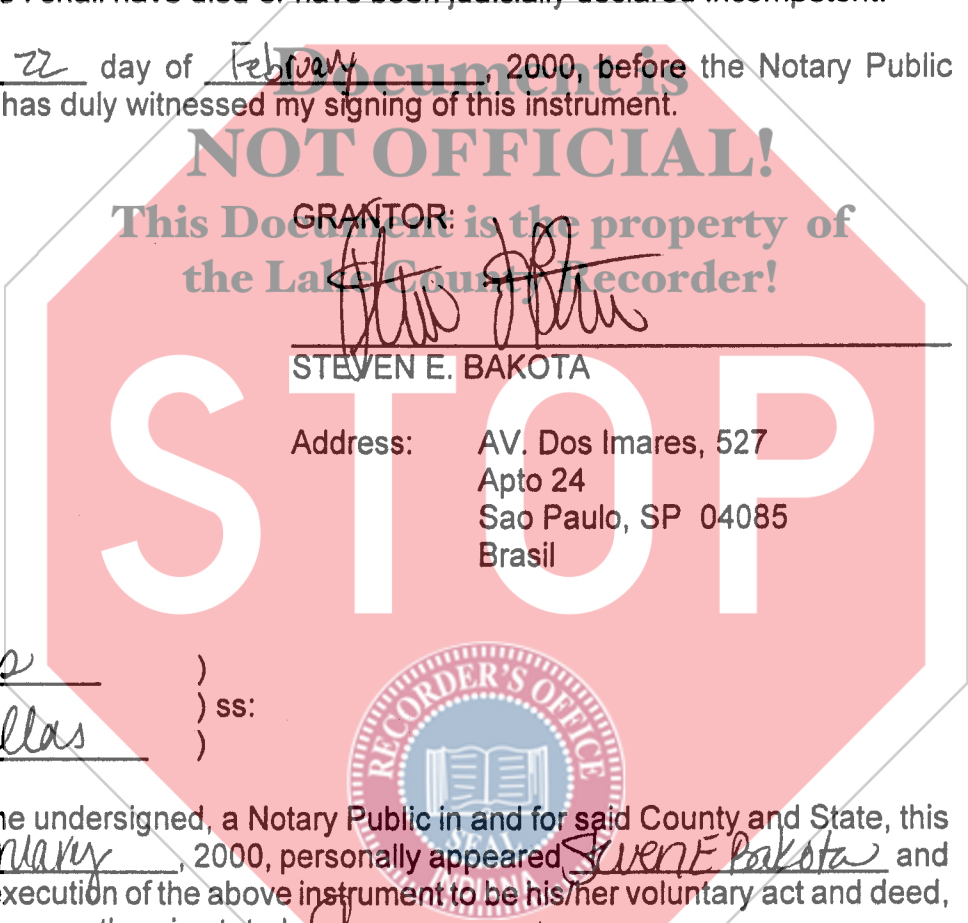
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4. My Attorney-In-Fact shall serve and exercise the powers granted and conferred hereby, without reimbursement for expenses advanced and without fees for services rendered, as may be otherwise required by I.C. 30-5-4-5.

Any act or thing lawfully done by my Attorney-In-Fact under this instrument shall be binding on me and on my heirs, assigns and legal representatives.

Persons to whom this instrument may be delivered may rely on its being in effect and unrevoked unless I shall have executed a proper instrument of revocation and recorded it, or caused it to be recorded, in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, State of Indiana, or unless I shall have died or have been judicially declared incompetent.

Signed this 22 day of February, 2000, before the Notary Public named below, who has duly witnessed my signing of this instrument.



GRANTOR: [Signature]  
STEVEN E. BAKOTA

Address: AV. Dos Imares, 527  
Apto 24  
Sao Paulo, SP 04085  
Brasil

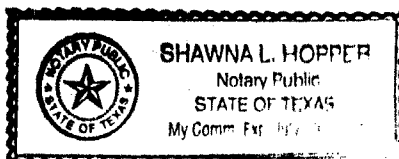
STATE of Texas )  
COUNTY OF Dallas ) ss:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 22 day of February, 2000, personally appeared Steven E Bakota and acknowledged the execution of the above instrument to be his/her voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein stated.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

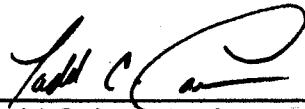
Printed Name: Shawna L. Hopper

My Commission Expires:  
County of Residence:



The Attorney-In-Fact represents and warrants that within his/her knowledge this power is unrevoked and is still in full force and effect upon each and every exercise of the powers herein granted.

Dated this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of MARCH, 2000.



Todd C. Larson, Attorney-In-Fact

This Instrument Prepared by:

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