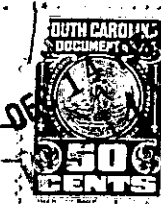


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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That, I Edward S. Stepien, a legal resident of the (Town, city or county) of Greenville, State of South Carolina, United States of America, now in the Military service as a Airman First Class, (Air Force Serial No. AF13410265) in the Air Force of the United States, and anticipating that I may be required to go overseas in said military service, have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint Nora J. Stepien, whose address is 15 Smith Street, Brandon Mill, Greenville, South Carolina my true and lawful attorney to act in, manage, and conduct all my estate and all my affairs, and for that purpose for me and in my name, place, and stead, and for my use and benefit, and as my act and deed, to do and execute, or to concur with persons jointly interested with my self therein in the doing or executing of, all or any of the following acts, deeds, and things, that is to say:

(1) To buy, receive, lease, accept, or otherwise acquire; to sell, convey, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, quit claim, or otherwise encumber or dispose of; or to contract or agree for the acquisition, disposal, or encumbrance of; any property whatsoever or any custody, possession, interest, or right therein, upon such terms as my said attorney shall think proper; (2) to take, hold, possess, invest, lease, or let, or otherwise manage any or all of my property or any interest therein; to eject, remove, or relieve tenants or other persons from, and recover possession of, such property by all lawful means and to maintain, protect, preserve, insure, remove, store, transport, repair, rebuild, modify, or improve the same or any part thereof; (3) to make, do, and transact all and every kind of business of what nature or kind soever, including the receipt, recovery, collection, payment, compromise, settlement, and adjustment of all accounts, legacies, bequests, interest, dividends, annuities, demands, debts, taxes and obligations, which may now or hereafter be due, owing, or payable to me; (4) To make, indorse, accept, receive, sign, seal, execute, acknowledge, and deliver deeds, assignments, agreements, certificates, hypothecations, checks, notes, bonds, vouchers, receipts, and such other instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature as may be necessary, convenient, or proper in the premises; (5) To deposit and withdraw for the purposes hereof, in either my said attorney's name or my name or jointly in both our names, in or from any banking institution, any funds, negotiable paper, or moneys which may come into my said attorney's hands as such attorney or which I now or hereafter may have on deposit or be entitled to; (6) To institute, prosecute, defend, compromise, arbitrate, and dispose of legal, equitable, or administrative hearings, actions, suits, attachments, arrests, distresses or other proceedings, or otherwise engage in litigation in connection with the premises; (7) To act as my attorney or proxy in respect to any stocks, shares, bonds, or other investments, rights, or interests, I may now or hereafter hold; (8) To engage and dismiss agents, counsel, and employees, and to appoint and remove at pleasure any substitute for, or agent of my said attorney, in respect to all or any of the matters or things herein mentioned and upon such terms as my attorney shall think fit; (9) To execute vouchers in my behalf for any and all allowances and reimbursements properly payable to me by the United States, including but not restricted to allowances and reimbursements for transportation of dependents or for shipment of household effects as authorized by law and Army Regulations, and to receive, indorse, and collect the proceeds of checks payable to the order of the undersigned drawn on the Treasury of the United States; (10) To prepare, execute, and file income and other tax returns, and other governmental reports, applications, requests and documents; (11) To take possession, and order the removal and shipment, of any of my property from any post, warehouse, depot, dock, or other place of storage or safe keeping, governmental or private; and to execute and deliver any release, voucher, receipt, shipping ticket, certificate, or other instrument necessary or convenient for such purposes.

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