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## ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, I, THOMAS E. MCCLASKIE of 1803 Meadow Ridge Court, Bethlehem, PA 18015, hereby assign to: COLUMBIA INSURANCE COMPANY, a Nebraska corporation having a place of business at: 4016 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131, United States of America; and its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of an application for United States Patent signed by me, entitled SHOE SOLE, filed Herewith, and assigned U.S. Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_, and I authorize and request the attorneys appointed in said application to hereafter complete this assignment by inserting above the filing date and serial number of said application when known; this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes; and I authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in my name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements; and I agree for me and my respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at GREENWICH, CT,  
this 15<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2001  
Thomas E. McClaskie L.S.  
THOMAS E. MCCLASKIE

State of CONNECTICUT:

: ss.

County of FAIRFIELD:

Before me this 15<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2001, personally  
appeared THOMAS E. MCCLASKIE known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed  
to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and  
deed for the purposes therein contained.

Robert Prach  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 12-31-2002

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