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**SURGICAL FASTENER APPLYING APPARATUS**

which is described in

- (a)  PCT patent application No. PCT/US01/32213, filed October 15, 2001, designating the U.S.
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- (c)  U.S. provisional application, Serial No. 60/240,461, filed on October 13, 2000
- (d)  U.S. patent no. \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal.


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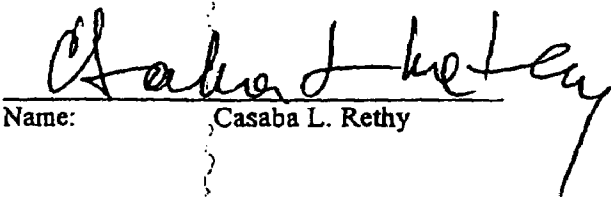
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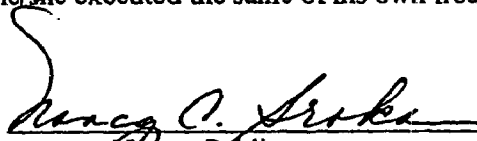
  
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Dated: 2/25/02

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Before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of FEBRUARY 2002,  
personally appeared KARL EHRENFELS to me personally known to be the person described in and who  
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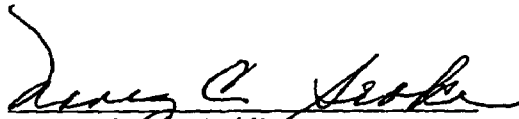
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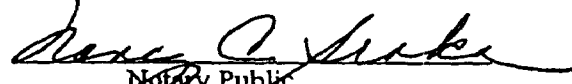
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