

# **EXHIBIT 4**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
*EX REL.* BRANCH CONSULTANTS, L.L.C., )

Plaintiff, )

v. )

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, et al., )

Defendants. )

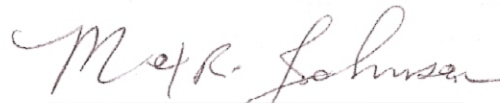
Case No. 2:06-cv-4091

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**DECLARATION OF MAX R. JOHNSON**

1. My name is Max Johnson. I am over 21 years old and am fully competent to make this declaration. I have personal knowledge of the facts recounted below.
2. I am the President and founder of Branch Consultants, LLP.
3. I understand that Defendants have identified my wife, Beth Johnson, as a person to be deposed in this case. A deposition would impose severe physical and emotional stress on Beth. She suffered from a debilitating stroke in January of 2009, and has not fully recovered. She is unable to use the left side of her body, and her speech remains impaired. She is under 24-hour nursing care. Forcing Beth to attend a deposition would impose a substantial burden on Beth's health and impose needless and severe emotional stress on her.
4. Beth has never been involved with the operations of Branch Consultants, LLP, and has never been involved in Branch's adjusting of properties, including the properties at issue in this case.
5. I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate.

DATED: FEB. 25, 2010

  
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Max R. Johnson