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# Western Surety Company

## NOTARY PUBLIC BOND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

At Large COUNTY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

Bond No. 71781154N

That we, Merry J. Christmas,  
as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Alabama, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama, in the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ \$25,000.00), for the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, firmly by these presents, and we hereby waive our right to claim personal property exempt under the laws of Alabama.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 6th day of May, 2016.

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound Principal was duly appointed to the office of Notary Public on the 6th day of May, 2016; for the term of 04 years from the date of Notary Commission in State of Alabama at Large in and for said County.

Now, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during his continuance therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Merry J. Christmas (L.S.)  
Principal

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Paul T. Buehler (L.S.)  
Vice President

Taken and approved this 6th day of May, 2016.

[Signature]  
Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Shelby COUNTY }

### OATH OF OFFICE

I, Merry J. Christmas do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I continue a citizen thereof; and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of May, 2016.

Heather Lynne Horton  
Notary Public

Merry J. Christmas  
Principal

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } SS

for said County, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat personally known to me, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that the said instrument was signed, sealed and executed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and further acknowledge that the said instrument and the execution thereof to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

M. Bent  
Notary Public

**M. BENT**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
 My Commission Expires March 2, 2020



# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Paul T. Bruflat of Sioux Falls,  
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President,  
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One NOTARY PUBLIC CC# 104950

bond with bond number 71781154N

for MERRY J. CHRISTMAS

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$25,000.00



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Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President Paul T. Bruflat with the corporate seal affixed this 29 day of April, 2016.

ATTEST

L. Nelson

L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By

Paul T. Bruflat

Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President

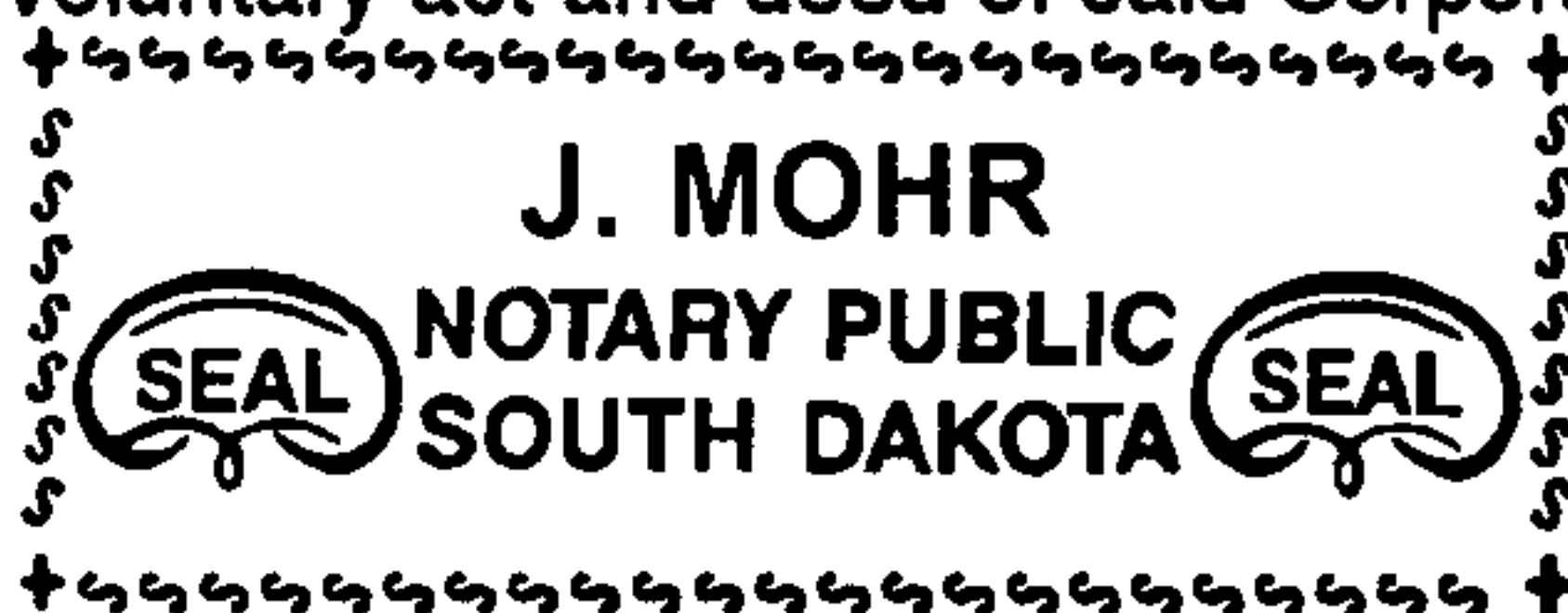
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA

} ss

On this 29 day of April, 2016, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared  
Paul T. Bruflat and L. Nelson

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



My Commission Expires June 23, 2021

J. Mohr

Notary Public

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