



The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

136 North Third Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45025

ALABAMA NOTARY BOND

STATE OF ALABAMA

BOND. N^o 3202940

COUNTY OF SHELBY

Shirley H. Sydes

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, Shirley H. Sydes, as Principal, and THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, Hamilton, Ohio, as Surety are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama in the sum of Ten thousand dollars and 00/100, 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.

WHEREAS, the above-named Principal has been duly appointed Notary Public STATE AT LARGE (State at Large or County) beginning the 24th day of July 19 95 for a term of four years in Precinct No. _____ in and for said County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this bond is that if the named principal shall faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Notary Public, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 20th day of July 19 95.

Shirley H. Sydes
Person appointed Notary Public
Shirley H. Sydes

THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

By [Signature]
Attorney-in-Fact

Approved and filed the 24th day of July 19 95

Patricia Genger Schmeider
Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Shelby County OATH OF OFFICE

I, Shirley H. Sydes, 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 honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Shirley H. Sydes
Person appointed Notary Public
Shirley H. Sydes

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of July, A.D., 19 95
To certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

[Signature]
Notary Public State of Alabama

07/24/1995-19442
10:47 AM CERTIFIED
SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
17:00
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NSI # 1995-19442

CERTIFIED COPY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE, HAMILTON, OHIO

No. 23-173

Know All Men by These Presents: That THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, in pursuance of authority granted by Article VI, Section 7 of the By-Laws of said Company, does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint:

James E. Cates or Linda S. Trigg - - - - - of Birmingham, Alabama - - - - -

its true and lawful agent and attorney -in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed any and all BONDS, UNDERTAKINGS, and RECOGNIZANCES, not exceeding in any single instance

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND - - - - - (\$ 250,000.00 - -) Dollars, excluding, however, any bond(s) or undertaking(s) guaranteeing the payment of notes and interest thereon

And the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Company, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company at its office in Hamilton, Ohio, in their own proper persons.

The authority granted hereunder supersedes any previous authority heretofore granted the above named attorney(s)-in-fact.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, officer of the said The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed the Corporate Seal of the said The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company this 4th day of March 19 87.



Richard T. Hoffman
Asst. Secretary

STATE OF OHIO, } SS.
COUNTY OF BUTLER }

On this 4th day of March A. D. 19 87 before

the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Ohio, in and for the County of Butler, duly commissioned and qualified, came Richard T. Hoffman, Asst. Secretary - - - of THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in, and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn deposeth and saith, that he is the officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company, and the said Corporate Seal and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at the City of Hamilton, State of Ohio, the day and year first above written.



Dorothy Bibbee
Notary Public in and for County of Butler, State of Ohio
My Commission expires December 25, 1991.

This power of attorney is granted under and by authority of Article VI, Section 7 of the By-Laws of the Company, adopted by its directors on April 2, 1954, extracts from which read:

"ARTICLE VI"

"Section 7. Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact, etc. The chairman of the board, the president, any vice-president, the secretary or any assistant secretary shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint attorneys-in-fact for the purpose of signing the name of the Company as surety to, and to execute, attach the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings or other instruments of suretyship and policies of insurance to be given in favor of any individual, firm, corporation, or the official representative thereof, or to any county or state, or any official board or boards of county or state, or the United States of America, or to any other political subdivision."

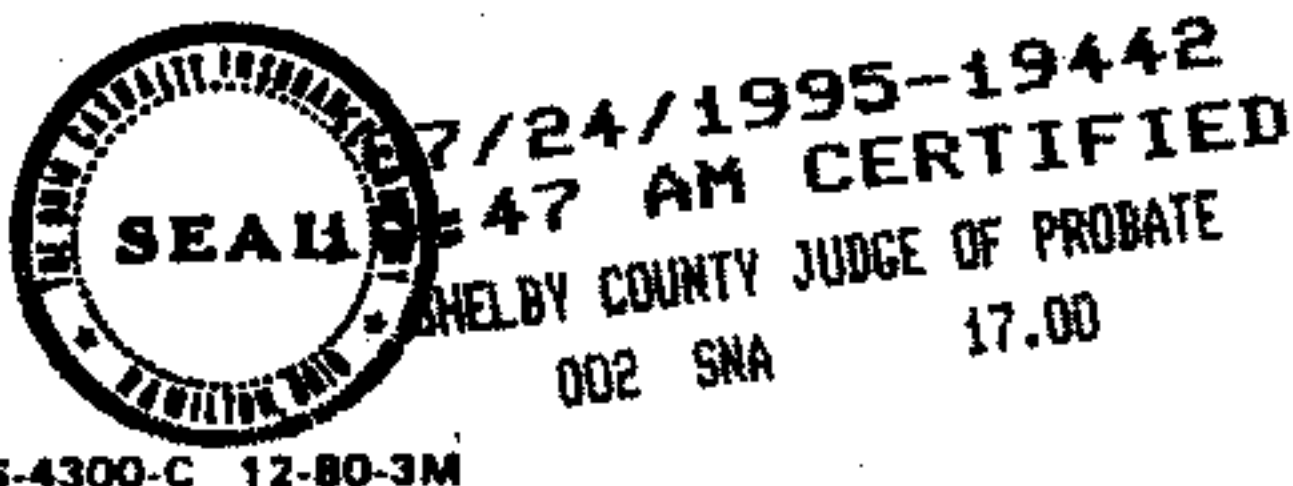
This instrument is signed and sealed by facsimile as authorized by the following Resolution adopted by the directors of the Company on May 27, 1970:

"RESOLVED that the signature of any officer of the Company authorized by Article VI Section 7 of the by-laws to appoint attorneys in fact, the signature of the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary certifying to the correctness of any copy of a power of attorney and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or copy thereof issued on behalf of the Company. Such signatures and seal are hereby adopted by the Company as original signatures and seal, to be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed."

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing power of attorney, Article VI Section 7 of the by-laws of the Company and the above Resolution of its Board of Directors are true and correct copies and are in full force and effect on this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Company this 24th day of July, A.D., 1995



James E. Cates
Assistant Secretary

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