

# Merchants



**BONDING CO.**  
— *Mutual* —

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# NOTARY BOND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
County of SHELBY }  
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. AL-3310

That we RENEE C. BREWER, as Principal,  
and MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of  
IOWA as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of ALABAMA  
in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), 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 rights to  
claim personal property exempt under the laws of ALABAMA

claim personal property exempt under the laws of \_\_\_\_\_  
Sealed with our seals, and dated this \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ SEPTEMBER \_\_\_\_\_, 19 96  
WHEREAS, the above-named Principal has been duly appointed Notary Public STATE AT LARGE  
(State at Large of County) beginning the ~~XXXXXXX~~ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ SEPTEMBER 1996  
19\_\_\_\_; for the 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 during his/her continuance therein, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

Countersigned

By: [Signature]

RICHARD E. THOMPSON  
P. O. BOX 598510 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35259

Address

Approved and filed this 24 day of

RENEE C. BREWER Principal (L.S.)

By: Wm. J. [Signature] (L.S.),

RICHARD E. THOMPSON Attorney-in-Fact 96

Sept 17, 1976

Patricia Geyer Schmiedler


**Judge of Probate**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, RENEE C. BREWER, 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 to be 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 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of September, 1996

  
Notary Public

Karen C. Brewer  
Principal

**MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)**  
**504-523-9450**

# Merchants Bonding Company (MUTUAL)

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Men By These Presents, that the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, and having its principal office in the City of Des Moines, County of Polk, State of Iowa, hath made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

Richard E. Thompson or Alvin B. Bresler

of Birmingham and State of Alabama its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in its behalf as surety any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, subject to the limitation that any such instrument shall not exceed the amount of:

TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100THS (\$2,500,000.00) Dollars

and to bind the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), and all such acts of said Attorney-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Amended Substituted and Restated By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) on October 3, 1992.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 8. - The Chairman of the Board or President or any Vice President or Secretary shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the Seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 9. - The signature of any authorized officer and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed.

In Witness Whereof, MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice-President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, this 13th day of October, 19 95

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)



By Larry Taylor  
Vice President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

On this 13th day of October, 19 95, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is Vice-President of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), the corporation described in the foregoing instrument, and that the Seal affixed to the said instrument is the Corporate Seal of the said Corporation and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said Corporation by authority of its Board of Directors.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at the City of Des Moines, Iowa, the day and year first above written.



Ruth K. McClain  
Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa

My Commission  
Expires 2-19-98

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY, executed by said MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), which is still in force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Company on this 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 19 96.

This Power-of-Attorney expires 12-31-97

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William Warner Jr.  
Secretary

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