

REFER TO RATE CHART FOR UNDERWRITING AUTHORITY



Notary Bond

Bond No. 0488766AGENTS CODE NO. 92- 0454

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WE, Meredith J. Hopton-Jones
2303 A 20th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35205

STATE OF ALABAMA,
 COUNTY OF Jefferson

Inst # 1999-43689

as principal and OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama in the sum of Ten Thousand and no/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 27th day of September 1999 for a term of four years from the date of the notary commission 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 27th day of September, 1999.

(sign here) X

Meredith Hopton-Jones
 Person appointed Notary Public.

By Parrella G. Ouess
 OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY
 Attorney-in-Fact



Approved and filed the

22 day of October, 99

Catherine Lynne Schmeider
 Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Jefferson County

By _____

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Meredith J. Hopton-Jones, do solemnly swear (or affirm), 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.

(sign here) X

Meredith Hopton-Jones
 Person appointed Notary Public.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

22 day of October, 99

To certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Mallon G. Smith
 Notary Public State of Alabama

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10/22/1999-43689
 11:42 AM CERTIFIED
 SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
 002 SNA 17.00

OLD REPUBLIC

Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin stock insurance corporation, does make, constitute and appoint:

JOHN R. PREWITT, JR., PAMELA G. DYESS *, ELIZABETH C. MARTIN, OF BIRMINGHAM, AL

its true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, with full power and authority for and on behalf of the company as surety, to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company to all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, (other than bail bonds, bank depository bonds, mortgage bonds, mortgage guaranty bonds, business of installment paper and note guaranty bonds, self-insurance workers compensation bonds, asbestos abatement contract bonds, waste management bonds, hazardous waste remediation bonds or black lung bonds), as follows:

ALL WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED AN AGGREGATE OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) - - - - - FOR ANY SINGLE OBLIGATION, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF INSTRUMENTS ISSUED FOR THE OBLIGATION.

and to bind OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY thereby, and all of the acts of said Attorneys-in-Fact, pursuant to these presents, are ratified and confirmed. This document is not valid unless printed on colored background and is multi-colored. This appointment is made under and by authority of the board of directors at a special meeting held on February 18, 1982. This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY on February 18, 1982:

RESOLVED that the president, any vice president, or assistant vice president in conjunction with the secretary or any assistant secretary, may appoint attorneys-in-fact or agents with authority as defined or limited in the instrument evidencing the appointment in each case, for and on behalf of the company to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company to bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and suretyship obligations of all kinds, and said officers may remove any such attorney-in-fact or agent and revoke any Power of Attorney previously granted to such person.

RESOLVED FURTHER that any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or suretyship obligation shall be valid and binding upon the Company

- (i) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, and attested and sealed (if a seal be required) by any secretary or assistant secretary; or
- (ii) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, secretary or assistant secretary, and countersigned and sealed (if a seal be required) by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact or agent; or
- (iii) when duly executed and sealed (if a seal be required) by one or more attorneys-in-fact or agents pursuant to and within the limits of the authority evidenced by the Power of Attorney issued by the company to such person or persons.

RESOLVED FURTHER that 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 affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its proper officer, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 5TH day of AUGUST 1999

OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

[Signature]
Assistant Secretary



[Signature]
President

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF WAUKESHA - SS

On this 5TH day of AUGUST 1999 personally came before me, JAMES E. LEE and DAVID G. MENZEL to me known to be the individuals and officers of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY who executed the above instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, did severally depose and say: that they are the said officers of the corporation aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the above instrument is the seal of the corporation, and that said corporate seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority of the board of directors of said corporation.



[Signature]
Notary Public
My commission expires 02/18/2001

I, the undersigned, assistant secretary of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin corporation, CERTIFY that the foregoing recited Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Resolutions of the board of directors set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.



[Signature]
Assistant Secretary

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Signed and sealed at the City of Brookfield, WI this 27th day of September 1999