



The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

136 North Third Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45025

ALABAMA NOTARY BOND

STATE OF ALABAMA

BOND No. 3-658-173

COUNTY OF SHELBY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we M. FRANCES HODGES 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, 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 30TH day of OCTOBER 2000 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 30TH day of OCTOBER 2000

M. Frances Hodges
Person appointed Notary Public

THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

By Clayton B. Taylor, Jr.
CLAYTON B. TAYLOR, JR. Attorney-in-Fact

Approved and filed the 30 day of Oct 2000

Christina Lynne Schmiedel

Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY County OATH OF OFFICE

I, M. FRANCES HODGES, 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.

M. Frances Hodges
Person appointed Notary Public

Subscribe and sworn to before me this 30 day of Oct, A.D., 2000
To certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Notary Public State of Alabama
July 31, 2001

CERTIFIED COPY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY
WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

No. 34-706

Know All Men by These Presents: That THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, an Ohio Corporation, and WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, an Indiana Corporation, in pursuance of authority granted by Article VI, Section 7 of the By-Laws of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and Article VI, Section 1 of West American Insurance Company, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint: **A. Ronald Simpson or Robert G. Cleveland or Clayton B. Taylor, Jr. or Linda B. McDaniel or Russell K. McMillan of Birmingham, Alabama** its true and lawful agent (s) and attorney (s)-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 **FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000.00) 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 Companies, 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 Companies at their administrative offices 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 and West American Insurance Company has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed the Corporate Seal of each Company this **1st day of February, 2000**.



STATE OF OHIO,
COUNTY OF BUTLER

Sam Lawrence

Sam Lawrence, Assistant Secretary

On this **1st day of February, 2000** before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Ohio, in and for the County of Butler, duly commissioned and qualified, came Sam Lawrence, Assistant Secretary of THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY and WEST AMERICAN 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 depose and saith, that he is the officer of the Companies aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and the said Corporate Seals and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

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.



Cheryl S. Gregory

Notary Public in and for County of Butler, State of Ohio
My Commission expires August 6, 2002.

This power of attorney is granted under and by authority of Article VI, Section 7 of the By-Laws of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and Article VI, Section I of West American Insurance Company, extracts from which read:

Article VI, Section 7. APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEYS-IN-FACT, ETC. "The chairman of the board, the president, any vice-president, the secretary or any assistant secretary of each of these Companies 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 Companies 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."

Article VI, Section 1. APPOINTMENT OF RESIDENT OFFICERS. "The Chairman of the Board, the President, any Vice President, a 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 corporation as surety or guarantor, and to execute, attach the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings or other instruments of surety-ship or guarantee, and policies of insurance to be given in favor of an individual, firm, corporation, or the official representative thereof, or to any county or state, or any official board or boards of any 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 respective directors of the Companies (adopted May 27, 1970-The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company; adopted April 24, 1980-West American Insurance Company):

"RESOLVED that the signature of any officer of the Company authorized by 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 and West American Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing power of attorney, the referenced By-Laws of the Companies and the above Resolution of their Boards 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 seals of the Companies this 30th day of OCTOBER 2000



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Mark S. Schmidt

Inst # 2000-37622
Assistant Secretary

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11:34 AM CERTIFIED

SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
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