



# The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

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## ALABAMA NOTARY BOND

BOND NUMBER 3-812-673

STATE OF ALABAMA,

COUNTY OF Shelby

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we Howard Lee Higginbotham  
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  
(\$ 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 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 28th day of May  
2004 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 28th day of May, 2004

Howard Lee Higginbotham

Person appointed Notary Public

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

By Heidi D. Tisdale  
Attorney-in-Fact

Approved and filed \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby County

OATH OF OFFICE

Patricia Yeager Drimmer  
Judge of Probate

I, Howard Lee Higginbotham, 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 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.

Howard Lee Higginbotham  
Person appointed Notary Public

Subscribe and sworn to before me this 8th day of June, 2004  
To certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Mary Swann Willis  
Notary Public State of Alabama



RECORDER'S MEMORANDUM  
At the time of recordation, this instrument was found to be inadequate for the best photographic reproduction.

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

No. 36-431

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 John R. Frowitt, III, Andrew Q. Frowitt, Linda D. Tilley or Cindy E. Higgins 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, including, 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 5th day of September, 2002.



*Sam Lawrence*

Sam Lawrence, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF OHIO,  
COUNTY OF BUTLER

On this 5th day of September, 2002 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, 2007.

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 1 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 suretyship or guarantee, or 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 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, 1930-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 and 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 day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seals of the Companies this 28th day of May 2004



*Mat S. Schmitt*

Assistant Secretary