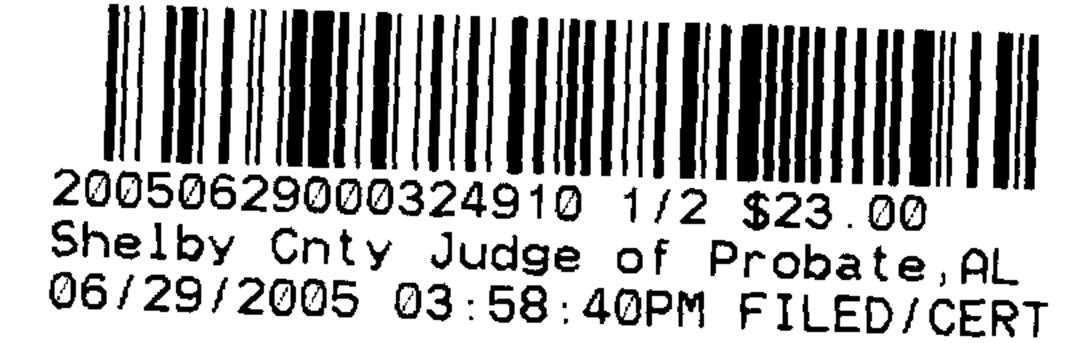


OHIO CASUALTY GROUP



The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

ALABAMA NOTARY BOND

3872723 **BOND NUMBER** STATE OF ALABAMA, Shelby COUNTY OF Amy G. Stephens KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we , Hamilton, Ohio, as Surety are held and firmly bound unto the as principal, and The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars State of Alabama in the sum of , for the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, 10,000.00 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 27th day of (State at Large or County) beginning the June 2005 in and for said County. for a term of four years in Precinct No. 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. 2005 SIGNED AND SEALED this 27th day of June Amy G. Stephens Person appointed Notary Public The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company Attorney-in-Fact Jana McCourry Approved and filed STATE OF ALABAMA, Shelbu OATH OF OFFICE County Judge of Probate , do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the I, Amy G. Stephens 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. Person appointed Notary Public June 27th Subscribe and sworn to before me this day of To certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

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MY COMMISSION EXPINES AUGUST 7, 2006

Notary Public State of Alabama

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

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No. 38-344

Know All Men by These Presents: That THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, an Ohio Corporation, and WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, an Indiana Corporation, pursuant to the authority granted by Article III, Section 9 of the Code of Regulations and By-Laws of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and West American Insurance Company, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint: James R. Garmon, Jana Mc Courry or Greg Turner of Anniston, 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 Fairfield, 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 May, 2005.





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Sam Lawrence, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF BUTLER

On this 5th day of May, 2005 before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Ohio, in and for the County of Butler, duly commissioned and qualified, came

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 deposes and says 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. Me gory

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 III, Section 9 of the Code of Regulations and By-Laws of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and West American Insurance Company, extracts from which read:

Article III, Section 9. Appointment of Attorneys-in-Fact. The Chairman of the Board, the President, any Vice-President, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the corporation 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 to, and to execute, attach the seal of the corporation to, 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, partnership, limited liability company or other entity, 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 any agency thereof, or to any other political subdivision thereof

This instrument is signed and sealed as authorized by the following resolution adopted by the Boards of Directors of the Companies on October 21, 2004:

RESOLVED. That the signature of any officer of the Company authorized under Article III, Section 9 of its Code of Regulations and By-laws and the Company seal may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or copy thereof issued on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety any and all bonds, undertakings or other written obligations in the nature thereof; to prescribe their respective duties and the respective limits of their authority; and to revoke any such appointment. Such signatures and seal are hereby adopted by the Company as original signatures and seal and shall, with respect to any bond, undertaking or other written obligations in the nature thereof to which it is attached, 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

27th

June

2005

SEAL



Assistant Secretary