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Bond Number 100972277

Premium: \$140.00

**BOND FOR NOTARY PUBLIC**  
STATE OF ALABAMA

*exp 6/12/2029*

**KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That we, JAMES M. SIMS of BIRMINGHAM, SHELBY  
*Principal* *City* *County*

County, State of Alabama, as Principal, and U.S. SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, a Surety corporation licensed to do business in the State of Alabama, as Surety, are held firmly bound unto the State of Alabama, in the penal sum of Fifty thousand and 00/100 ( \$50,000.00 ), lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

**WHEREAS**, the Principal, has made application to the Alabama Secretary of State for appointment as a Notary Public in and for the State of Alabama, for the term beginning the 8 day of August, 2025 for the term of four years from the date of Notary Commission in State of Alabama at Large in and for said County.

**NOW THEREFORE**, if the said principal shall well and truly perform the duties of a NOTARY PUBLIC, as aforesaid, during incumbency of said office, under and by virtue of the commission aforesaid, according to law and faithfully discharge the duties which may be required of a NOTARY PUBLIC by any law that may be enacted subsequent to the execution of this bond, then this obligation shall become void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Cancellation: This policy may be cancelled at any time by the Surety upon sending notice in writing, by certified mail, to the Principal and at the expiration of thirty (30) days from the receipt of said notice, this policy shall terminate and the Surety shall thereupon be release from any liabilities for any acts or omissions of the Principal subsequent to said date.

Signed and dated this 26th day of June, 2025

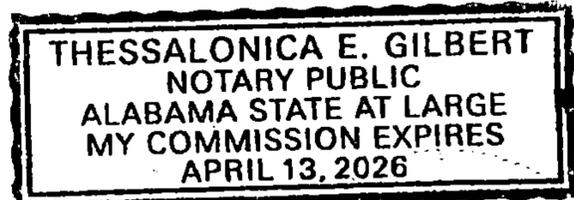


[Signature]  
Principal

U.S. SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY  
By: [Signature]  
Attorney-in-Fact

**OATH OF OFFICE OF NOTARY PUBLIC**  
STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF Calhoun

I, James M. Sims, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, and that I will discharge the duties of my office of Notary Public for the State of Alabama, with fidelity (so help me God).



[Signature]  
Applicant Signature  
[Signature]  
Notary Signature

Notary Public-Type, Stamp or clearly print name

My commission expires:

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 6 day of August, A.D. 2025

*signed & approved on 8/8/25*  
*By: [Signature]*



TOKIO MARINE  
HCC

# POWER OF ATTORNEY

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, U.S. SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY (the "Company"), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, and having its principal office in Houston, Harris County, Texas, does by these presents make, constitute and appoint,

**JOSHUA KAYSER**

its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver bond number 100972277, issued in the course of its business and to bind the Company thereby, in an amount not to exceed Fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$50,000.00). Said appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolutions of the Board of Directors of U. S. Specialty Insurance Company:

"Be it Resolved, that the President, any Vice-President, any Assistant Vice-President, any Secretary or any Assistant Secretary shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint any one or more suitable persons as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company subject to the following provisions:

Attorney-in-Fact may be given full power and authority for and in the name of and on behalf of the Company, to execute, acknowledge and deliver, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts, agreements or indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings, including any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts, and any and all notices and documents canceling or terminating the Company's liability thereunder, and any such instruments so executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be binding upon the Company as if signed by the President and sealed and effected by the Corporate Secretary.

Be it Resolved, that the signature of any authorized officer and seal of the Company heretofore or hereafter affixed to any power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any power of attorney or certificate bearing facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached." Adopted by unanimous written consent in lieu of meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

The Attorney-in-Fact named above may be an agent or a broker of the Company. The granting of this Power of Attorney is specific to this bond and does not indicate whether the Attorney-in-Fact is or is not an appointed agent of the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, U.S. Specialty Insurance Company has caused its seal to be affixed hereto and executed by its Senior Vice President on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.



U.S. SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

By: Adam S. Pessin  
Adam S. Pessin, Senior Vice President

A Notary Public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

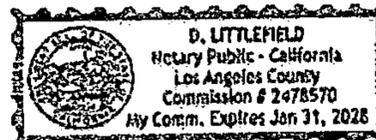
State of California  
County of Los Angeles

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, before me, D. Littlefield, a notary public, personally appeared Adam S. Pessin, Senior Vice President of U.S. Specialty Insurance Company, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of CALIFORNIA that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature D. Littlefield (seal)



I, Kio Lo, Assistant Secretary of U.S. Specialty Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney and the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said Company as set forth above, are true and correct transcripts thereof and that neither the said Power of Attorney nor the resolution have been revoked and they are now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies at Los Angeles, California this 26th day of June, 2025

Bond No. 100972277  
Agency No. 13266



Kio Lo  
Kio Lo, Assistant Secretary

Allison S. Boyd  
Judge of Probate

Kimberly A. Melton  
Chief Clerk



Judicial Division - (205) 670-5210  
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## Probate Court of Shelby County, Alabama

Post Office Box 825 • Columbiana, Alabama 35051  
website: [www.shelbyal.com/285/Probate-Court](http://www.shelbyal.com/285/Probate-Court)

Below you will find your Commission as a Notary Public. Please detach the commission card and keep it in a secure place. If your commission is being renewed this card will replace any previously issued commission card. Note that your commission card indicates the term of your current commission and it is important that you begin the renewal process in advance of the expiration of your commission to ensure there is no break in service.

The office of Notary Public is a serious and responsible public office and should not be taken lightly. Abuse of the office or irresponsibility in the performance of notarial duties can result in grave consequences. If a Notary Public has doubts about the propriety of any action, he or she should seek competent professional advice before he or she acts.

A Notary Public is a public officer whose function it is:

1. To administer oaths; and
2. To attend and certify, by his signature and official seal, certain classes of documents, in order to give them credit and authenticity; and
3. To take acknowledgments of deeds and other conveyances and certify the same; and
4. To perform certain official acts, chiefly in commercial matters, such as the protesting of notes and bills, the notice of foreign drafts, and marine protests in cases of damage.

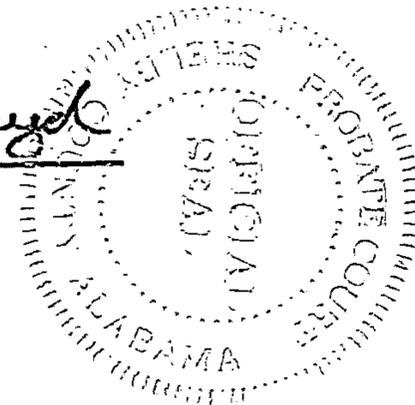
You will need to obtain your notarial seal prior to performing any official acts. It is required that your notarial seal reflect your name as stated in the below commission card.

### NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION

In the name of the State of Alabama and pursuant to the authority granted me as Judge of Probate for Shelby County, I hereby Commission James M Sims as Notary Public for the State at Large for the term beginning on 08/08/2025 and ending on 06/26/2029.



*Allison S. Boyd*  
ALLISON S. BOYD  
JUDGE OF PROBATE





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State of Alabama	<b>APPLICATION FOR NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION</b> (MUST BE A RESIDENT OF COUNTY WHERE APPLICATION IS MADE)	In the Probate Court of <u>SHELBY</u> County
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**\$10.00\* APPLICATION FEE IS DUE AT THE TIME APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name: James M. Sims  
(Print your name as it appears on driver's license, non-driver ID, or other current valid photo ID)
2. Home Address: 15101 Retreat Lane Apt/Suite #: \_\_\_\_\_
3. City/State/Zip: Birmingham Alabama 35242 County of Residence SHELBY
4. Mailing Address (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date Of Birth: 02/23/1956 Email Address Jmarsims@Bellsouth.net
6. Phone Numbers: Work 2562409595 Home 2562822881
7. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude? \_\_\_ YES  NO (If YES, Please Provide Details On Page 2)
8. Are you currently a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding? \_\_\_ YES  NO
9. Are you currently under an order adjudicating you incapacitated? \_\_\_ YES  NO
10. Are you currently or have you ever been a commissioned notary public in Alabama?  
 YES (County Shelby Expiration Date: 7/09/2025) \_\_\_ NO
11. James M. Sims  
(Print Your Name Exactly As It Is To Appear On Notary Commission)

BY SIGNING BELOW I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN (PAGES ONE AND TWO) IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I AM ABLE AND WILLING TO COMPLETE THE MANDATORY TRAINING FOR NOTARY PUBLICS (UNLESS EXEMPT BY LAW) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS APPLICATION. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE \$10.00\* APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE (I.E. TIME DEADLINES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.)

ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION ARE MADE UNDER THE FEAR OF THE PENALTY OF PERJURY. THE CRIME OF PERJURY IS PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

Signature: 

This should be your usual signature and match the name printed on Line 11.  
**THIS SHOULD BE THE SIGNATURE YOU USE WHEN NOTARIZING A DOCUMENT**

\* \$10.00 Application Fee PLUS any applicable county fees