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## NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE - AT - LARGE

999426021

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Shelby County

Know All Men By These Presents

THAT WE Edward A. Merrell

224 Forest Parkway, Alabaster, AL 35007

AS PRINCIPAL and The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, AS SURETY are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents

( \$50,000.00 ), 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.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bound PRINCIPAL was, on the 11th day of August, A.D., 2025 appointed Notary Public, State-at-large.

NOW, IF THE SAID PRINCIPAL shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during the time he/she continues therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect for term four (4) years from notary commission.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 11th day of August, A.D., 2025

Edward A. Merrell

Principal

**RIA**

RIA BONDS, INC.  
262 YEAGER PARKWAY, STE. E  
PELHAM, AL 35124  
PHONE 205-664-1806  
FAX 205-664-8302



The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

BY

Melissa McCay  
Melissa McCay - Attorney in Fact

Taken and approved of Record this 11th day of August, 2025

Judge of Court: [Signature] County: Shelby

OATH OF OFFICE

exp: 8/11/29

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Shelby County

I, Edward A. Merrell

, do solemnly swear that I will support

the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I remain 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of August 1st, 2025

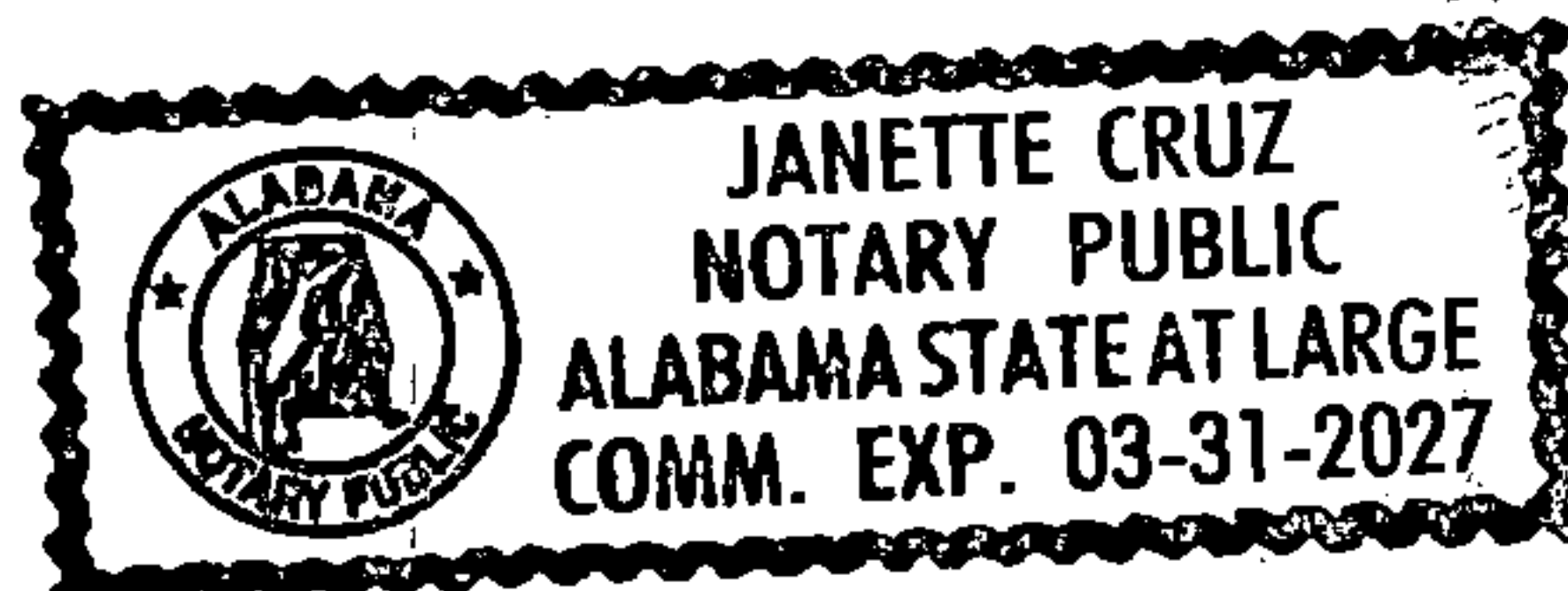
[Signature]  
Notary Public

Edward A. Merrell

Principal

My commission expires MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 31, 2027

SB819  
(1-95)  
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company



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Principal: Edward A Merrell

Agency Name: RIA Bonds Inc.

Bond Number: 999426021

Obligee: Alabama Office of Secretary of State

Bond Amount: (\$50,000.00 ) Fifty Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: that The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire (herein collectively called the "Company"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint **Melissa McCay** in the city and state of **Pelham, AL**, each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Company in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Company and the corporate seal of the Company has been affixed thereto this 6th day of August, 2025.



The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

By: Nathan J. Zangerle  
Nathan J. Zangerle, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA ss  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

On this 6th day of August, 2025, before me personally appeared Nathan J. Zangerle, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal  
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public  
Montgomery County  
My commission expires March 28, 2029  
Commission number 1126044  
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By: Teresa Pastella  
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-law and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, which is now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

Certificate of Designation – The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes Nathan J. Zangerle, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization – By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature or electronic signatures of any assistant secretary of the Company or facsimile or mechanically reproduced or electronic seal of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney or bond issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company do hereby certify that this power of attorney executed by said Company is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Company this 6th day of August, 2025.



By: Renee C. Llewellyn  
Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

Not valid for mortgage, note, loan, letter of credit, currency rate, interest rate or residual value guarantees.

For bond and/or Power of Attorney (POA) verification inquiries, please call 610-832-8240 or email HOSUR@libertymutual.com.

**Allison S. Boyd**  
*Judge of Probate*

**Kimberly A. Melton**  
*Chief Clerk*



Judicial Division - (205) 670-5210

Recording Division - (205) 670-5220



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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 Edward A Merrell as Notary Public for the State at Large for the term beginning on 08/11/2025 and ending on 08/11/2029



*Allison S. Boyd*

ALLISON S. BOYD  
JUDGE OF PROBATE



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*Notary 2025-608*

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 <b>SHELBY</b> County
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**\$10.00\* APPLICATION FEE IS DUE AT THE TIME APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED.**

Date: 06/23/25

1. Name: Edward A. Merrell  
(Print your name as it appears on driver's license, non-driver ID, or other current valid photo ID)
2. Home Address: 224 Forest Pkwy Apt/Suite #: \_\_\_\_\_
3. City/State/Zip: Alabaster, AL 35007 County of Residence SHELBY
4. Mailing Address (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date Of Birth: 09/07/1976 Email Address EdwardMerrell@MerrellLawFirm.com
6. Phone Numbers: Work 205-874-9697 Home \_\_\_\_\_
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: 8/12/25) ☐ NO
11. Edward A. Merrell  
(Print Your Name Exactly As It Is To Appear On Notary Commission)

BY SIGNING BELOW I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN 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 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