

# Auto-Owners

## INSURANCE

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## NOTARY BOND



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 Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL  
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Shelby County

\*County Employee  
 -No fee

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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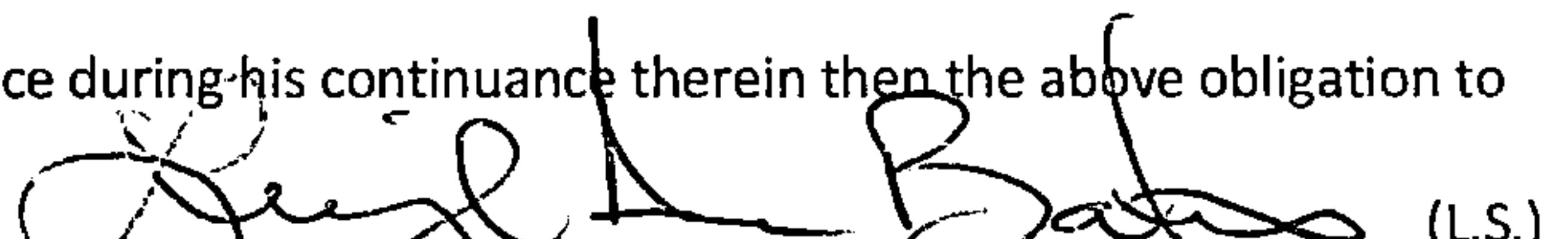
That we, LEIGH ANN BATES, as Principal and Auto-Owners Insurance Company, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the state of Alabama, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the state of Alabama, in the sum of

Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$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, and we hereby waive our right to claim personal property exempt under the laws of Alabama.

Sealed with our seals, and dated the 5th day of January, 2026.

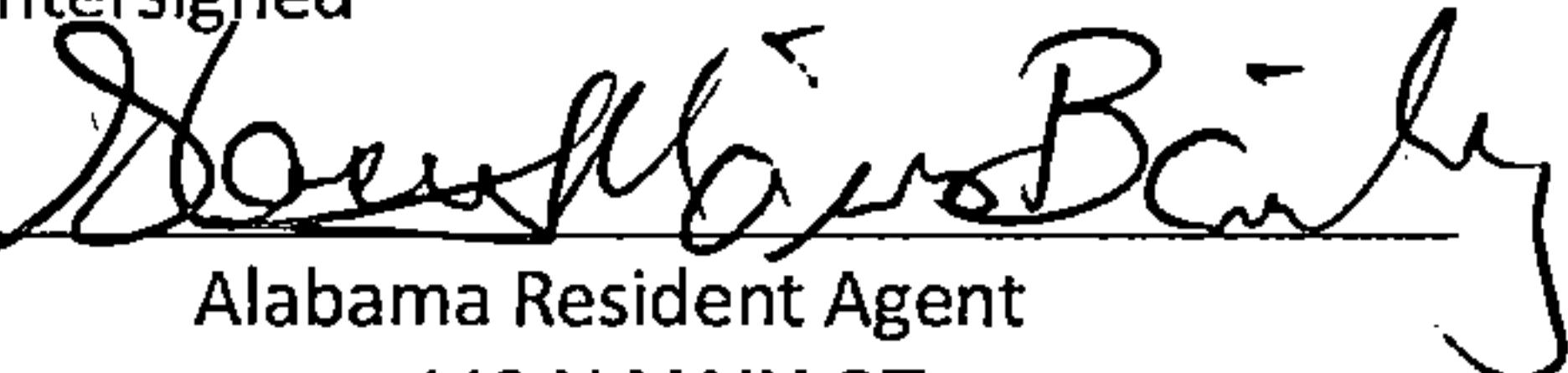
The condition of the above obligation, that whereas, the above bound LEIGH ANN BATES was duly appointed to the office of Notary Public for the state of Alabama at large on the 5 day of January, 2026 for the term of four years from the date of notary commission, in and for said County.

Now, if said Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during his continuance therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

  
 LEIGH ANN BATES (L.S.)  
 Principal

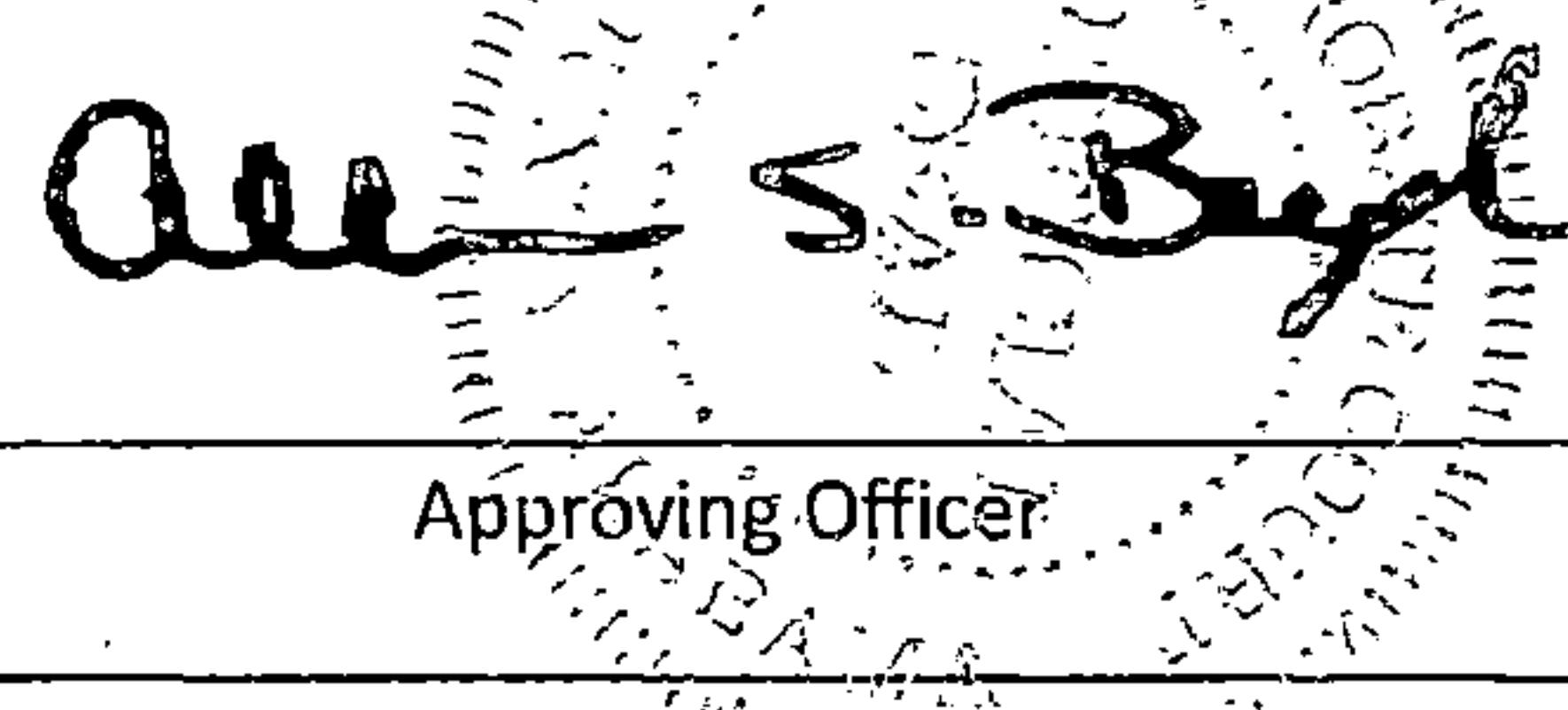
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 Principal

Countersigned

By   
 Alabama Resident Agent  
 113 N MAIN ST  
 COLUMBIANA, AL 35051-5359  
 Address



By   
 Niki Conway  
 Attorney-In-Fact

  
 APPROVING OFFICER

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Shelby County

## OATH OF OFFICE

I, LEIGH ANN BATES, 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 faithfully and honestly 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 before me this 5 day of January, 2026

DATE AND ATTACH TO ORIGINAL BOND  
**AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY**

LANSING, MICHIGAN  
POWER OF ATTORNEY

NO. 66466102

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY AT LANSING, MICHIGAN, a Michigan Corporation, having its principal office at Lansing, County of Eaton, State of Michigan, adopted the following Resolution by the directors of the Company on January 27, 1971, to wit:

"RESOLVED, That the President or any Vice President or Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Company shall have the power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof. Signatures of officers and seal of Company imprinted on such powers of attorney by facsimile shall have same force and effect as if manually affixed. Said officers may at any time remove and revoke the authority of any such appointee."

Does hereby constitute and appoint Niki Conway

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, to execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and the execution of such instrument(s) shall be as binding upon the AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY AT LANSING, MICHIGAN as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been duly executed and acknowledged by its regularly elected officers at its principal office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY AT LANSING, MICHIGAN, has caused this to be signed by its authorized officer this 22nd day of December, 2023.

  
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Brandi Holly

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Senior Vice President



STATE OF MICHIGAN } ss.  
COUNTY OF EATON }

On this 22nd day of December, 2023, before me personally came Brandi Holly, to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that they are Brandi Holly, Senior Vice President of AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument, that they know the seal of said corporation, that the seal affixed to said instrument is such Corporate Seal, and that they received said instrument on behalf of the corporation by authority of their office pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of Directors of said corporation.

My commission expires January 26th, 2029

Jeffrey P. Many  
Jeffrey P. Many

Notary Public

STATE OF MICHIGAN } ss.  
COUNTY OF EATON }

I, the undersigned First Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the authority to issue a power of attorney as outlined in the above board of directors resolution remains in full force and effect as written and has not been revoked and the resolution as set forth is now in force.

Signed and sealed at Lansing, Michigan. Dated this 5th day of January, 2026



William F. Woodbury

William F. Woodbury, First Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

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.

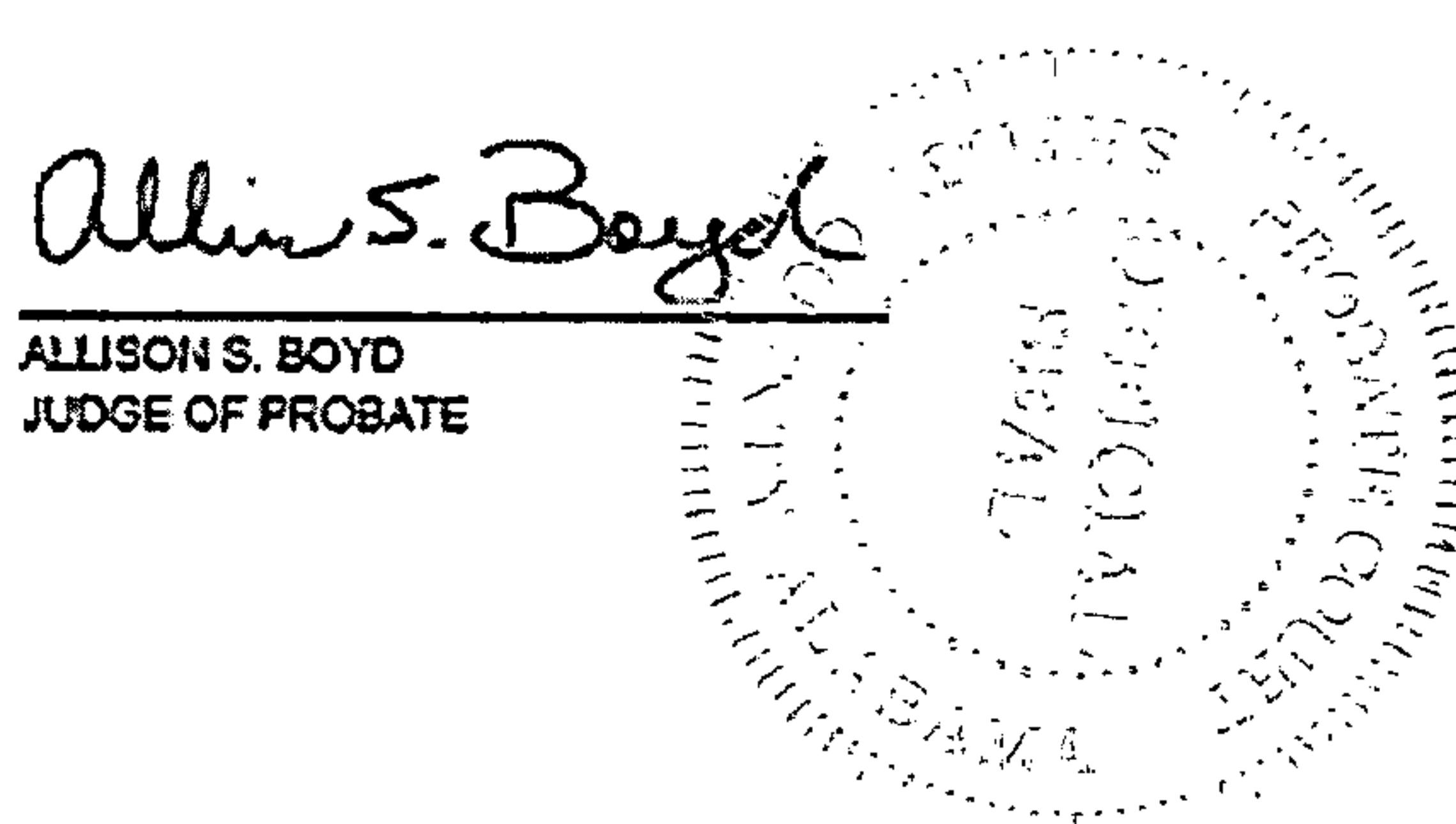
### NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION

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 LEIGH ANN BATES as Notary Public for the State at Large for the term beginning on 01/05/2026 and ending on 01/05/2030.



*Allison S. Boyd*

ALLISON S. BOYD  
JUDGE OF PROBATE



Notary 25-1021

\* County Employee  
No fee  
In the Probate  
Court of \_\_\_\_\_  
County

State of Alabama	APPLICATION FOR NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION (MUST BE A RESIDENT OF COUNTY WHERE APPLICATION IS MADE)	
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\$10.00\* APPLICATION FEE IS DUE AT THE TIME APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED

Date: 12/5/25

1. Name: Leigh Ann KIKER BATES

(Print your name as it appears on driver's license, non-driver ID, or other current valid photo ID)

2. Home Address: 109 Cameron Dr Apt/Suite #: \_\_\_\_\_

3. City/State/Zip: Chelsea AL 35043 County of Residence Shelby

4. Mailing Address (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date Of Birth: 06/13/66 Email Address lbates@shelbyso.com

6. Phone Numbers: Work 205-670-6021 Home 205-613-5924

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: 3/22/26)  NO

11. Leigh Ann BATES

(Print Your Name Exactly As It Is To Appear On Notary Commission)

RECEIVED

DEC 08 2025

Allison S. Boyd  
Judge of Probate

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: Leigh Ann BATES

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

Ver. 11.13.23