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# NOTARY PUBLIC BOND

Bond No. LSM5072171

STATE OF Alabama

COUNTY OF Shelby



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Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL  
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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Martha A. Hess,  
as Principal, and RLI 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 and 00/100 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 this 17th day of November, 2025.

WHEREAS, the above-named Principal has been duly appointed Notary Public Alabama, (State at Large) on the 11th day of  
February 2024, for the term of four years from date of notary commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this bond is that if the named Principal shall faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Notary  
Public during his/her continuance therein, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

Martha A. Hess (L.S.)  
Principal

By Christine Shalene Cornelius Alabama Licensed Agent  
P.O. Box 3967  
Peoria, IL 61612-3967  
Address



By Eric Raudins (L.S.)  
Sr. Vice President

Approved and filed this 11th day of February 2024

Allen S. Beigel  
Judge of Probate

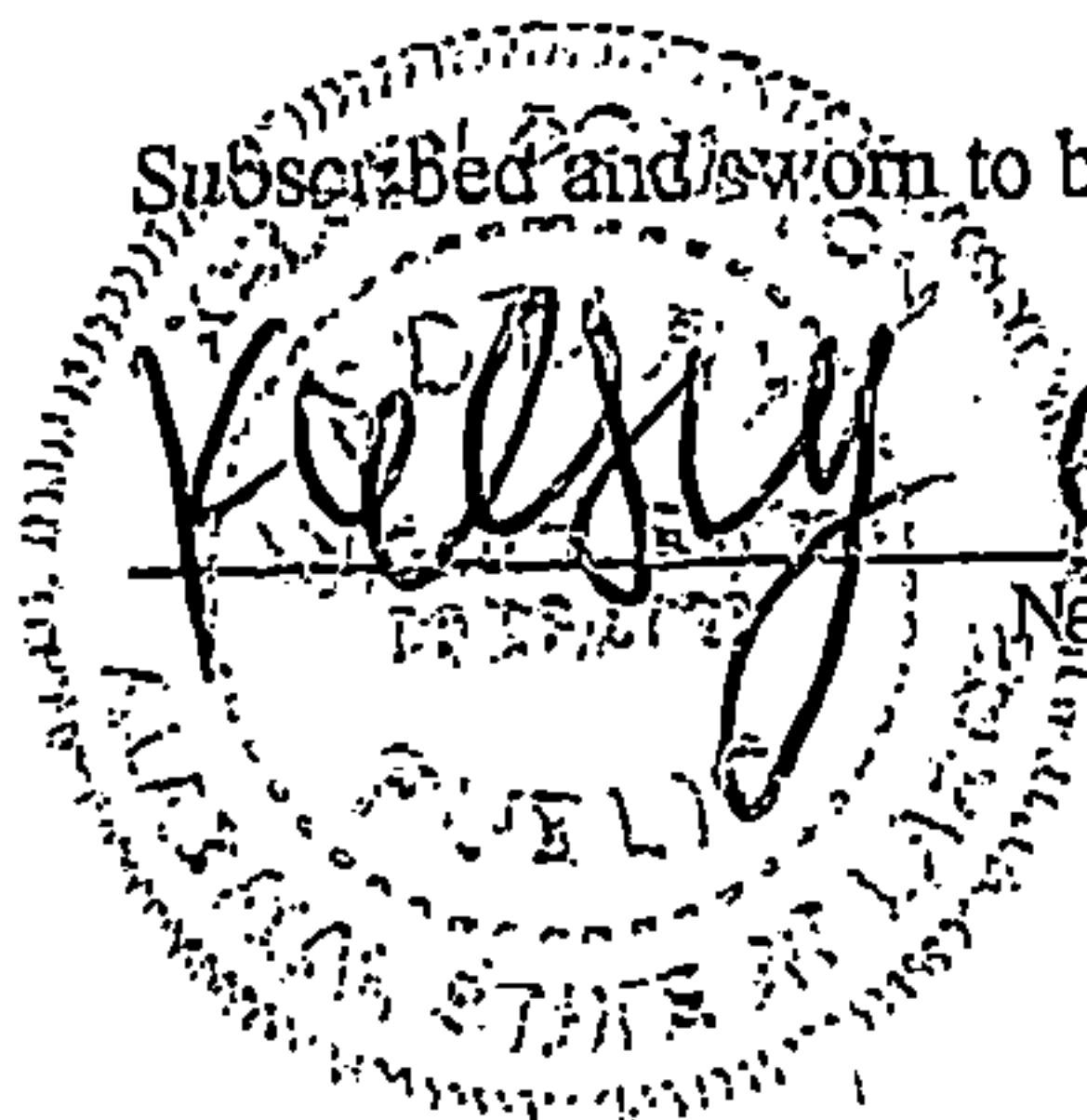
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THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF Shelby

### OATH OF OFFICE

I, Martha A. Hess, 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 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 to before me this 11th day of February 2024



Kelsy Compton  
Notary Public  
Comm expires: 8/26/29

Martha A. Hess  
Principal

# POWER OF ATTORNEY

## RLI Insurance Company

9025 N. Lindbergh Dr. Peoria, IL 61615  
Phone: 800-645-2402

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### Know All Men by These Presents:

That this Power of Attorney is not valid or in effect unless attached to the bond which it authorizes executed, but may be detached by the approving officer if desired.

That the RLI Insurance Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and authorized and licensed to do business in all states and the District of Columbia does hereby make, constitute and appoint: Eric Raudins in the City of Broadview Heights, State of Ohio, as it's true and lawful Agent and Sr. Vice President, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him/her to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety, for the following described bond.

Principal: Martha A. Hess  
Obligee: Alabama Secretary of State  
Type Bond: Notary  
Bond Amount: \$ 50,000.00  
Effective Date: November 17, 2025

The acknowledgement and execution of such bond by the said Attorney in Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if such bond had been executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company.

The RLI Insurance Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of RLI Insurance Company, and now in force to-wit:

"All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys in Fact or Agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the RLI Insurance Company has caused these presents to be executed by its Sr. Vice President with its corporate seal affixed this 17th day of November, 2025.



RLI Insurance Company

By: Eric Raudins  
Eric Raudins Sr. Vice President

### CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned officer of RLI Insurance Company do hereby certify that the attached Power of Attorney is in full force and effect and is irrevocable; and furthermore, that the Resolution of the Company as set forth in the Power of Attorney, is now in force. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the RLI Insurance Company this 17th day of November, 2025.

RLI Insurance Company  
By: Christina Dean  
Christina Dean Corporate Secretary

State of Ohio }  
County of Cuyahoga } SS

On this 17th day of November, 2025, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Eric Raudins, who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that he signed the above Power of Attorney as the aforesaid officer of the RLI Insurance Company and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

By: Jill A. Scott  
Jill A. Scott Notary Public



JILL A. SCOTT  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires:  
September 22, 2030

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**Allison S. Boyd**  
Judge of Probate

**Kimberly A. Melton**  
Chief Clerk



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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 Martha A Hess as Notary Public for the State at Large for the term beginning on 02/11/2026 and ending on 11/17/2029



*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)	Court of <u>Shelby</u> County
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**\$10.00\* APPLICATION FEE IS DUE AT THE TIME APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED**

Date: 02/04/2026

- Name: Martha Ashley Hess  
(Print your name as it appears on driver's license, non-driver ID, or other current valid photo ID)
- Home Address: 1048 Glendale Dr Apt/Suite #: \_\_\_\_\_
- City/State/Zip: Birmingham, AL 35242 County of Residence Shelby
- Mailing Address (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_
- Date Of Birth: 07/11/1983 Email Address martha.hess29@gmail.com
- Phone Numbers: Work 2052345822 Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude? \_\_\_ YES  NO (If YES, Please Provide Details On Page 2)
- Are you currently a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding? \_\_\_ YES  NO
- Are you currently under an order adjudicating you incapacitated? \_\_\_ YES  NO
- Are you currently or have you ever been a commissioned notary public in Alabama?  
\_\_\_ YES (County \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_)  NO
- Martha A Hess  
(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:

<b>RECEIVED</b>
FEB 05 2026
Allison S. Boyd Judge of Probate

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