



AT 2:30 FILED P. M
 O'CLOCK
DEC 12 2022
 ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., COUNTY CLERK
 HIDALGO COUNTY TEXAS
 BY [Signature] DEPUTY

Liberty Mutual Surety
 Attention: LMS Claims
 P.O. Box 34526
 Seattle, WA 98124
 Phone: 206-473-6210
 Fax: 866-548-6837
 Email: HOSCL@libertymutual.com
 www.LibertyMutualSuretyClaims.com

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

No. 601146084

That we Joanne Garcia
 of 1209 Gardenia, McAllen, TX 78501

(Insert Full Name [top line] and Address [bottom line] of Principal)

, as Principal and The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, (hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Hidalgo County

Treasurer
2808 S. Business Hwy 281 Edinburg, TX 78539

(Insert Full Name [top line] and Address [bottom line] of Obligee)

in the aggregate and non-cumulative penal sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents
(\$500,000.00) DOLLARS, for the payment of which, well and truly

to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the said Principal has been elected or appointed to (or holds by operation of law) the office of Judge - Probate Court for a term beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2026.

Now, therefore, the condition of this Obligation is such that if the said Principal shall well, truly and faithfully perform all official duties required by law of such official during the term aforesaid, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect, subject to the following conditions:

First: That the Surety may, if it shall so elect, cancel this bond by giving thirty (30) days notice in writing to Hidalgo County
 Treasurer

2808 S. Business Hwy 281 Edinburg, TX 78539 and this bond shall be deemed canceled at the expiration of said thirty (30) days, the Surety remaining liable, however, subject to all the terms, conditions and provisions of this bond, for any act or acts covered by this bond which may have been committed by the Principal up to the date of such cancelation; and the Surety shall, upon surrender of this bond and its release from all liability hereunder, refund the premium paid, less a pro rate part thereof for the time this bond shall have been in force.

Second: That the Surety shall not be liable hereunder for the loss of any public moneys or funds occurring through or resulting from the failure of, or default in payment by, any banks or depositories in which any public moneys or funds have been deposited, or may be deposited, or placed to the credit, or under the control of the Principal, whether or not such banks or depositories were or may be selected or designed by the Principal or by other persons; or by reason of the allowance to, or acceptance by the Principal of any interest on said public moneys or funds, any law, decision, ordinance or statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Third: That the Surety shall not be liable for any loss or losses, resulting from the failure of the Principal to collect any taxes, licenses, levies, assessments, etc., with the collection of which he may be chargeable by reason of his election or appointment as aforesaid.

SIGNED, SEALED and DATED December 12, 2022.

Joanne Garcia

[Signature]

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

By: [Signature]

Aksel Firat

Attorney-in-Fact



OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF TEXAS }
County of HIDALGO } SS

I, JoAnne Garcia,
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 Texas and that I will discharge the duties of my office of Judge-Probate Court
with fidelity; that I have not

paid or contributed, or promised to pay or contribute, either directly, or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing to procure my
nomination or election (or appointment), except for necessary and proper expenses expressly authorized by law; that I have not
knowingly violated any election law of this State, or procured it to be done by others in my behalf; that I will not knowingly receive,
directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing for the performance or non-performance of any act or duty pertaining to my
office than the compensation allowed by law. So help me God.

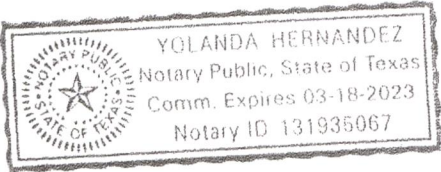
JoAnne Garcia

JoAnne Garcia

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of December, 2022

Yolanda Hernandez

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This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

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Liberty Mutual

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., COUNTY CLERK
MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

Certificate No: 8207532-976361

BY SURETY

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and West American Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana (herein collectively called the "Companies"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint, Aaron West, Aksef Firat, Tara Lafave

all of the city of Scottsdale state of AZ 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 Companies in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed hereto this 18th day of March, 2022.



Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

By: David M. Carey
David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

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

State of PENNSYLVANIA
County of MONTGOMERY ss

On this 18th day of March, 2022 before me personally appeared David M. Carey, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Company, and West American 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 a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at King of Prussia, 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, 2026
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-laws and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company which resolutions are 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 execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Corporation. When so 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.

ARTICLE XIII - Execution of Contracts: Section 5. Surety Bonds and Undertakings.

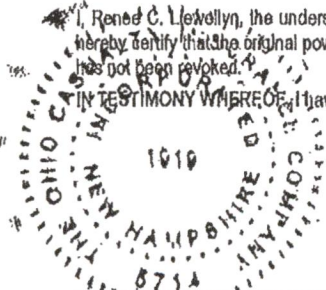
Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by the chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as the chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge 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 Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Company. When so executed such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the president and attested by the secretary.

Certificate of Designation - The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes David M. Carey, 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 of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney 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.

Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company do hereby certify that the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, 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 Companies this 12 day of December, 2022.



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

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



Purchase Order COUNTY OF HIDALGO

PO# 856835

DATE: 12/02/22

PAGE NO: 1 of 1

PO TYPE: NULL

VENDOR: 72745

REQ: 00464325

PHONE: (956) 968-5521

EMAIL:

SHIP TO: COUNTY COURT AT LAW #3

100 N. CLOSNER, 3RD FL
EDINBURG TX 78539

MONTALVO INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

P. O. BOX 2

WESLACO TX 78599-0002

CONTACT: GINA MORENO

(956) 318-2385

SITE: PROBATE COURT

CONTRACT NO: EXEMPT

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

VENDOR NOTES

1. Do not add to, or alter this Purchase Order. This Order is not renewable.
2. TAX EXEMPTION: This Purchase Order may be accepted in lieu of Exemption Certificate.
3. This Order is also placed F.O.B. Destination. Vendor must repay all shipping costs.
4. Invoice each Purchase Order singly. Original invoices are required; customer copy may be accepted. Our number must appear on all invoices, bills of lading, and packages.
5. Payment will be made only for bona fide and full completed orders, unless otherwise attached.

QTY	UOM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
		DO NOT DUPLICATE ORDER		
1.00	EACH	EX BOND NUMBER 601146084-2022 PUBLIC OFFICAL RENEWAL BOND FOR JUDGE JOANNE GARCIA --01/01/23-01/01/26	5,276.2000	5,276.20
			TOTAL:	5,276.20
REPORT ROAD HAZARDS 1-866-HCR-SAFE OR 1-866-427-7233				
***** For Hidalgo County use only 2-1243-412-00-023-002-0-520 5,276.20				

Authorized by: _____

Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated
Constitution of the State of Texas 1876 (Refs & Annos)
Article XVI. General Provisions

Vernon's Ann.Texas Const. Art. 16, § 1

§ 1. Official Oath

Effective: November 26, 2001

Currentness

Sec. 1. (a) All elected and appointed officers, before they enter upon the duties of their offices, shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:

“I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.”

(b) All elected or appointed officers, before taking the Oath or Affirmation of office prescribed by this section and entering upon the duties of office, shall subscribe to the following statement:

“I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.”

(c) Members of the Legislature, the Secretary of State, and all other elected and appointed state officers shall file the signed statement required by Subsection (b) of this section with the Secretary of State before taking the Oath or Affirmation of office prescribed by Subsection (a) of this section. All other officers shall retain the signed statement required by Subsection (b) of this section with the official records of the office.

Credits

Amended Nov. 8, 1938; Nov. 6, 1956; Nov. 7, 1989; Nov. 6, 2001, eff. Nov. 26, 2001.

Editors' Notes

INTERPRETIVE COMMENTARY

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This section provides that members of the legislature and all state officials before taking office must subscribe to an oath of office exacting their support of the state and federal constitutions. It also provides that these officials must further swear that in their election they abstained from bribery of voters either directly or indirectly by offering or promising money or any valuable consideration for votes.

The oath of office first appeared in the [Constitution of 1845 \(Art. 7, § 1\)](#), and contained a statement that the official had never participated in a duel. Dueling had been considered in need of some legislative curbing which it was thought that the oath supplied. While dueling was generally accepted, it was felt that holders of public office should be above dueling for the practice of challenging to a duel tended to interfere with candor of speech in legislative gatherings. In all succeeding constitutions, including the present constitution, this declaration on dueling appeared. The impossibility for a duelist to hold office in the state did much to render the “code of honor” an extinct custom, and this portion of the oath of office became outworn and useless and was thus abandoned in 1938 when the present oath of office was adopted.

The clause requiring a denial of bribery first appeared in the present constitution and was the direct outcome of the official corruption which had reached alarming proportions during the reconstruction period. It has been seriously questioned whether such a provision in an oath of office is of much effect, for it has been pointed out that men who bribe will have little hesitancy about falsification.

There was a time when oaths embarrassed falsehood. They may still be of some use in courts, when the judge can caution witnesses, and the perils of perjury can be emphasized. But taken upon entering office, oaths now accomplish little else than to lend dignity to the entrance upon public service and to honorable men bring home the seriousness of their responsibilities.

[Notes of Decisions \(66\)](#)

Vernon's Ann. Texas Const. Art. 16, § 1, TX CONST Art. 16, § 1
Current through the end of the 2021 Regular and Called Sessions of the 87th Legislature.

Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated
Government Code (Refs & Annos)
Title 2. Judicial Branch (Refs & Annos)
Subtitle A. Courts
Chapter 25. Statutory County Courts (Refs & Annos)
Subchapter B. General Provisions Relating to Statutory Probate Courts

V.T.C.A., Government Code § 25.00231

§ 25.00231. Bond; Insurance

Effective: September 1, 2021

Currentness

(a) This section controls over a specific provision for a particular court or county that attempts to create a requirement for a bond or insurance that conflicts with this section.

(b) Before beginning the duties of office, a judge of a statutory probate court must execute a bond that is:

- (1) payable to the county treasurer or other person performing the duties of county treasurer;
- (2) in the amount of \$500,000;
- (3) conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of the office; and
- (4) approved by the commissioners court.

(c) In lieu of the bond required by Subsection (b), a county may elect to obtain insurance or to self-insure in the amount required by Subsection (b) against losses caused by the statutory probate court judge's gross negligence in performing the duties of office.

(d) The commissioners court of a county shall pay the premium for the bond or insurance required by this section out of the general funds of the county.

(e) This section does not apply to an assigned or visiting judge sitting by assignment in a statutory probate court.

(f) Notwithstanding Subsection (e), a bond executed under Subsection (b) by the judge elected or appointed to a statutory probate court or an insurance policy obtained under Subsection (c) shall provide the same coverage to a visiting judge assigned to the court or to an associate judge appointed by the court as the bond or insurance policy provides to the judge elected or appointed to the court.

Credits

Added by Acts 2007, 80th Leg., ch. 331, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 2007. Amended by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., 1st C.S., ch. 3 (H.B. 79), § 4.09, eff. Jan. 1, 2012; Acts 2021, 87th Leg., ch. 521 (S.B. 626), § 67, eff. Sept. 1, 2021; Acts 2021, 87th Leg., ch. 576 (S.B. 615), § 27, eff. Sept. 1, 2021.

V. T. C. A., Government Code § 25.00231, TX GOVT § 25.00231

Current through the end of the 2021 Regular and Called Sessions of the 87th Legislature.