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TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Williamson

Bond No. TX 804481

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Dee Hobbs, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) DOLLARS.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 1st day of January, 2013, duly Elected to the office of County Attorney in and for Williamson County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2013 and expires on the 1st day of January, 2017.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him/her by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall faithfully pay over in the manner prescribed by law all money that he/she collects or receives for any county or the state, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2012.

Dee Hobbs

Principal

By: Dee Hobbs

MERCHANTS Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: Lisa Roppolo

Lisa Roppolo Attorney-in-Fact



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Williamson

Before me, Dee Hobbs, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Dee Hobbs known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Williamson this 14th day of December, 2012.

MERCHANTS
BONDING COMPANY™
POWER OF ATTORNEY

Bond #: TX 804481

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Lisa Roppolo

of **Georgetown** and State of **TX** their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in their name, place and stead, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in their behalf as surety any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, subject to the limitation that any such instrument shall not exceed the amount of:

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$200,000.00) DOLLARS

and to bind the Companies thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies, and all the acts of said Attorney-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 24, 2011.

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have 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.

The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 1st day of January, 2012.



MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

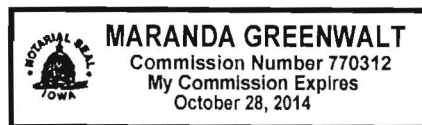
By

Larry Taylor
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

On this 1st day of January, 2012, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument is the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at the City of Des Moines, Iowa, the day and year first above written.



Maranda Greenwalt

Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 14th day of December, 2012.



William Warner Jr.
Secretary

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