

POWER OF ATTORNEY
INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY
ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY

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Bond # _____

Principal _____

Obligee _____

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That **INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and **ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY** a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, having their principal office in the City of Newark, New Jersey, do hereby constitute and appoint

their 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, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, which are or may be allowed, required or permitted by law, statute, rule, regulation, contract or otherwise, and the execution of such instrument(s) in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon the said **INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY**, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been duly executed and acknowledged by their regularly elected officers at their principal offices.

This Power of Attorney is executed, and may be revoked, pursuant to and by authority of the By-Laws of **INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY** and is granted under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of **INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY** at a meeting duly held on the _____ day of _____ and by the Board of Directors of **ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY** at a meeting duly held on the _____ day of _____ :

"RESOLVED, that (1) the Chief Executive Officer, President, Executive Vice President, Vice President, or Secretary of the Corporation shall have the power to appoint, and to revoke the appointments of, Attorneys-in-Fact or agents with power and authority as defined or limited in their respective powers of attorney, and to execute on behalf of the Corporation and affix the Corporation's seal thereto, bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other written obligations in the nature thereof or related thereto; and (2) any such Officers of the Corporation may appoint and revoke the appointments of joint-control custodians, agents for acceptance of process, and Attorneys-in-fact with authority to execute waivers and consents on behalf of the Corporation; and (3) the signature of any such Officer of the Corporation and the Corporation's seal may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or certification given for the execution of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, contract of indemnity or other written obligation in the nature thereof or related thereto, such signature and seals when so used whether heretofore or hereafter, being hereby adopted by the Corporation as the original signature of such officer and the original seal of the Corporation, to be valid and binding upon the Corporation with the same force and effect as though manually affixed."

All authority hereby conferred shall expire and terminate without notice unless used before midnight of

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, **INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY** and
ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY have each executed and attested these presents
on this _____ day of _____

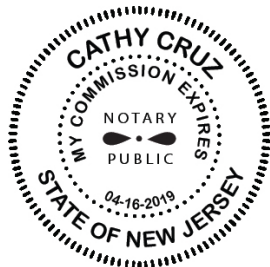


STATE OF NEW JERSEY
County of Essex

[Signature]



On this _____ day of _____, before me came the individual who executed the preceding instrument, to me personally known, and, being by me duly sworn, said he is the therein described and authorized officer of **INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY** and **of ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY**; that the seals affixed to said instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies; that the said Corporate Seals and his signature were duly affixed by order of the Boards of Directors of said Companies.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand affixed my Official Seal, at the City of Newark, New Jersey the day and year first above written.

Cathy Cruz

a Notary Public of New Jersey
My Commission Expires _____

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned officer of **INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY** do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the Power of Attorney and affidavit, and the copy of the Sections of the By-Laws of said Companies as set forth in said Power of Attorney, with the originals on file in the home of said companies, and that the same are correct transcripts thereof, and of the whole of the said originals, and that the said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____

Maria A. Brando