Arkansas

COUNTERSIGNATURE GENERALLY NOT REQUIRED.

However, other Arkansas licensing or permit bond laws outside the Insurance Code require that <u>certain bond forms be executed by a resident agent.</u> You will need to discuss these laws with the respective state agencies. Refer to Arkansas Code Ann. §22-9-402 on public contractors; performance and payment bonds to be executed by the local resident agent of the insurer. For example, Arkansas Code §8-7-805 requires testers and installers of underground storage tanks to post a bond with the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology, executed by a resident agent of Arkansas agent.

THE COUNTERSIGNATURE AGENT must be a licensed resident agent who is appointed to the issuing insurance company.

The Dallas Regional Office has appointed a resident agent to countersign all policies with bonds issued by:

AlU Insurance Company American Home Assurance Company American International South Insurance Company Birmingham Fire Insurance Company of Pennsylvania Commerce and Industry Insurance Company Granite State Insurance Company Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. New Hampshire Insurance Company Nichido Fire & Marine Insurance Company (U.S. Branch)

COUNTERSIGNATURE AGENT:

Send countersignature requests to Linda Frey, Rebsamen Insurance Inc., 1500 Riverfront Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72202. Phone: (501) 661-4800. A self-addressed, stamped envelope should be enclosed.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Use Countersignature Endorsement Form 2261. Also please send copy of the policy Declarations Page to the agent.

Please provide the countersignature agent with proof of license and appointment when sending a policy for countersignature. This proof can be in the form of a printout from PLSearch. If all of the information is not attached, your countersignature request will be returned to you.

Commission sharing between resident and nonresident agents is on a retaliatory basis only. Rebating of commissions is not allowed.

Commissions may not be paid to an unlicensed resident or nonresident agent.