



Insurance Commission Ruling (ICR) No.:	2021 - 03
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Subject: Authorized Signatory for Insurance Products

Dear **Atty. Carandang**:

This pertains to your letter dated 09 February 2021 seeking clarification on whether your company's hiring of a Licensed Underwriter with retirable age and not an employee of the company, can be authorized by the Board to sign on behalf of the company and if the same can be deemed as compliance with Circular Letter No. 23-2009.

The pertinent provision of Circular Letter No. 23-2009 provides that:

“ All insurance policies or related forms (e.g. endorsements), which bear the photocopy signature of the President/CEO of the company or any other signatory authorized by the Board shall bear the original signature of the licensed underwriter under his/her printed name on the policy schedule on the page showing the summary of insurance coverages or whatever appropriate.

However, where the original signature of the President/CEO or any other signatory authorized by the company's Board already appears, the original signature of the licensed underwriter shall no longer be required.”

Upon careful evaluation of the above-cited provision, it can deduced that the following individuals may sign the Policy and/or related forms:

- (1) President/CEO of the company;
- (2) Any other person authorized by the Board; or
- (3) Licensed Underwriter of the company in the vent that the signatures in items (1) and (2) above are mere photocopies signatory.

Further, under Circular Letter No. 2020-01, the general agent of the company is allowed to sign the surety bond on behalf on the Insurance Company for as long as it is authorized by virtue of a Board Resolution (as evidence also by Secretary's Certificate). The pertinent portion of the said Circular is quoted hereunder:

"6.9. Except for the duly authorized general agent of the company, no insurance agent is allowed to sign the surety bond or request letter in behalf of the insurance company.

6.10. x x x

6.11. Only those indicated in the insurance company's Secretary's Certificate or Board Resolution bearing the list of their authorized signatories together with their specimen signatures are authorized to sign company issued surety bonds/CARI policies, pursuant to the provisions of IC CL No. 2018-47, entitled, "Amended Rules and Regulations on the Issuance of Bonds."

Applying the above-cited circulars, please note that the Board of Directors of the insurance company has the discretion to authorize an individual to sign the insurance policy forms and its related documents with the only limitation that in case of surety bond, ordinary agent is prohibited from signing on behalf of the company pursuant to CL No, 2020-01.

Considering the foregoing, this Commission finds that an **insurance company authorizing the Licensed Underwriter**, through a Board Resolution, with retrieable age and not an employee of the company, **to sign policy forms/bonds is compliant with CL. No. 23-2009.**

For your information and guidance.

Very truly yours,


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Insurance Commissioner

