



Kentucky Association of Counties

County Attorneys - Public Official Bonds

KACo offers a variety of surety and fidelity bonds as an agent for Liberty Mutual. We are often asked what bonds are required of county attorneys and offer this guidance:

Many elected county officials are required by Kentucky statute to post individual public official bonds. A public official bond guarantees the honest and faithful performance of the duties an elected official performs as prescribed by law, including the honest account of all monies entrusted to the official while in office.

Kentucky Statutes

There is currently no specific statutory requirement in Kentucky for county attorneys to post a bond. However, KRS 65.067 contains a general requirement that any individual who handles public funds as an employee of a county government must be bonded. (**KRS 65.067**)

Contract Requirement

Also, there is usually a bonding requirement contained in the standard Memorandum of Agreement between the county attorney's office and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services for child support enforcement activities. Paragraph 52 of the current standard document states that the county attorney shall:

Ensure that a Fidelity Bond or other appropriate legal instrument (i.e., Commercial Crime Policy) has been properly executed to ensure all CSE employee(s) who are authorized to receive or deposit funds, issue financial documents, checks, or other instruments of payment for program costs or who receive or deposit any funds associated with the IV-D program shall be bonded against loss of sufficient amounts of funds. The fidelity bond shall be sufficient to cover a minimum one sixth (1/6th) of the amount of this contract.

There are many different types of bonds. The type required by this provision is a public official bond which will cover criminal acts as well as faithful performance of duties.

More Information

If you would like more information about obtaining a bond, please contact:

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