

## PROCEDURE FOR BAIL BONDSPERSONS

As required by MCLA 750.167(b), the Chief Judge annually compiles and maintains a list of persons engaged in the business of becoming surety upon bonds for compensation in criminal cases. The law further provides that the list may be added to by the judges "...upon proper application."

The Court has established the following procedure for compiling and maintaining the list:

Pursuant to Administrative Order 1988-6, the bondsperson makes proper application to the Court Administrator, representing his or her authority to write bonds as well as any limitations on that authority. The Court circulates the list to the appropriate agencies in accordance with law.

Persons desiring to engage in the business of becoming surety bonds must apply using one of two alternatives:

1. Answer a comprehensive inquiry into the applicant's property, debts, encumbrances, judgments, etc., or,
2. Follow a less comprehensive procedure whereby the bondsperson is backed by insurance. (See MCLA 765.20)

A copy of the application is attached and must be submitted to the Circuit Court Administrator's Office by not later than November 15 of each year. Bondspersons lists are updated quarterly. Any additions or changes to the list, other than on January 1 of each year, must be accompanied by a \$35.00 processing fee. Checks must be made payable to Calhoun County.