Ohio Revised Code  
Section 1303.42 Signature by representative - UCC 3-402.  
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(A) If a person acting, or purporting to act, as a representative signs an instrument by signing either  
the name of the represented person or the name of the signer, the represented person is bound by the  
signature to the same extent the represented person would be bound if the signature were on a simple  
contract. If the represented person is so bound, the signature of the representative is the "authorized  
signature of the represented person" and the represented person is liable on the instrument, whether  
or not identified in the instrument.

(B) If a representative signs the name of the representative to an instrument and the signature is an  
authorized signature of the represented person under division (A) of this section, all of the following  
rules apply:

(1) If the form of the signature shows unambiguously that the signature is made on behalf of the  
represented person who is identified in the instrument, the representative is not liable on the  
instrument.

(2) Subject to division (C) of this section, if the form of the signature does not show unambiguously  
that the signature is made in a representative capacity or if the represented person is not identified in  
the instrument, the representative is liable on the instrument to a holder in due course that took the  
instrument without notice that the representative was not intended to be liable on the instrument.  
With respect to any other person, the representative is liable on the instrument unless the  
representative proves that the original parties did not intend the representative to be liable on the  
instrument.

(C) If a representative signs the name of the representative as drawer of a check without indication of  
the representative status and the check is payable from an account of the represented person who is  
identified on the check, the signer is not liable on the check if the signature is an authorized signature  
of the represented person.