

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,**

**As adopted pursuant to**

**SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of General Binding Corporation (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2002 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 14, 2002, (the “Report”), I, Dennis J. Martin, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

By: /s/ Dennis J. Martin

Dennis J. Martin  
Chairman, President and Chief  
Executive Officer

November 14, 2002