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Illinois Department of Insurance Disciplinary Report for February 2013

CHICAGO – April 17, 2013. The Illinois Department of Insurance today announced the following disciplinary orders:

Kenneth Armstrong, Champaign - A Director's Order issued regarding the denial of Mr. Armstrong's application for a producer license effective February 28, 2013. The Order, from Hearing No. 12-HR-1168, sustained a previously issued Letter of Denial. The denial was the result of an investigation which revealed he had been convicted of a felony (Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substance) in 1991. The Order also required Mr. Armstrong to pay \$214.55 in hearing costs.

Associated Insurance Group Inc. and Jerome Schwartz, Freeport - A Stipulation and Consent Order issued effective February 6, 2013. Mr. Schwartz, licensed to sell life and health lines of insurance since 1990, is the designated producer for the business entity. The Order, which includes a \$2,500 civil penalty and corrective orders, alleges Mr. Schwartz and Associated Insurance Group did not comply with rules of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding Medicare marketing guidelines.

William Cellini, Springfield - Insurance producer license application denial effective January 14, 2013. Mr. Cellini's license application was denied as a result of an investigation which revealed that he had been convicted of two felonies (Conspiring to Commit Extortion and Solicitation of a Bribe) in October 2012.

Ian Conley, Charleston - Insurance producer license application denial effective December 7, 2012. Mr. Conley's license application was denied as a result of an investigation which revealed he had been convicted of three felonies (twice for Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine Chemicals and for Obstructing Justice) between 2001 and 2003.

Darrell Ewbank, Murphysboro - A Stipulation and Consent Order issued regarding the producer license effective December 21, 2012. Mr. Ewbank has been licensed to sell life, health, fire and casualty lines of insurance since 1985. The Order, which includes a \$5,000 civil penalty and corrective orders, alleges Mr. Ewbank failed to include the Producer's Pre-Acceptance Worksheet as required by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation which left a consumer without proper coverage and an unpaid claim.

King Jackson, South Holland - Limited lines insurance producer license application denial effective February 28, 2013. Mr. King's application for a limited lines insurance producer license was denied as a result of an investigation, which revealed he was convicted of a felony (Possession of a Controlled Substance) in May 2010.

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Javid Jenkins, Homewood - Insurance producer license suspension effective February 15, 2013. Mr. Jenkins had been licensed since September 17, 2009. The license was suspended based on a certification from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services that Mr. Jenkins was more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. The suspension will remain in effect until Mr. Jenkins proves that he is not more than 30 days delinquent in paying his child support.

Vincent Kent, Hoffman Estates - Insurance public adjustor license suspension effective February 7, 2013. Mr. Kent has been licensed since 2002. The license was suspended pursuant to a Director's Order resulting from Hearing No. 12-HR-0236. The hearing was held regarding a previously issued Order of Revocation after an investigation revealed Mr. Kent failed to reveal he was convicted of a felony (Battery) in 1996. The Order, which superseded the previously issued Order of Revocation and instead suspended the license for one year, also required Mr. Kent to pay a \$3,000 civil penalty and \$265.90 in hearing costs.

Kristina Monetti, Bunker Hill - A Director's Order issued regarding the denial of Ms. Monetti's application for a producer license effective February 8, 2013. The Order, from Hearing No. 12-HR-1135, sustained a previously issued Letter of Denial. The denial was the result of an investigation which revealed she had been convicted of a felony (Attempted Robbery) in May 2012. The Order also required Ms. Monetti to pay \$102.25 in hearing costs.

Kathleen Niew, Burr Ridge - Insurance producer license revoked effective February 11, 2013. Ms. Niew had been licensed to sell life and health lines of insurance since November 16, 2001. The license was revoked as a result of an investigation which revealed Ms. Niew submitted insurance related documents to various insurance companies containing incorrect information; misrepresented the terms of an actual or proposed insurance contract to consumers; transacted insurance related business under a name not licensed with the Department of Insurance; and disciplinary actions were taken against her license to practice law. The Order of Revocation also included a \$20,000 civil penalty.

Esther Rosales, Chicago - Insurance producer license revoked effective February 22, 2013. Ms. Rosales had been licensed to sell life, health, fire and casualty lines of insurance since 2008. The license was revoked as a result of an investigation which revealed Ms. Rosales endorsed and deposited in her personal account \$6,000 in loan disbursement checks payable to consumers without their knowledge or consent; submitted insurance documents to an insurer that contained non-genuine signatures; and failed to facilitate and aid the Department in the investigation. The Order of Revocation also included a \$25,000 civil penalty.

Nathan Shelton, Bridgeport - Insurance producer license revoked effective February 22, 2013. Mr. Shelton had been licensed since 2009. The license was revoked pursuant to a Director's Order resulting from Hearing No. 12-HR-0015. The hearing was held regarding a previously issued Order of Revocation after Mr. Shelton did not aid and facilitate the Department in its investigation of a consumer's complaint against him. The Order, which sustained the previous revocation, amended the amount of the civil penalty to \$3,000 and also required he pay \$170.40 in hearing costs.

Thomas & Associates Insurance Agency and Ronald Thomas, Chicago - A Stipulation and Consent Order effective February 13, 2013. Thomas & Associates Insurance Agency has been a licensed business entity since 1993 and Mr. Thomas has been licensed to sell life, health, casualty and fire insurance lines since 1985. The Order, which includes a \$5,000 civil penalty and corrective orders, alleges Mr. Thomas & Associates Insurance improperly withheld premiums, failed to return premiums to consumers within the required number of days, and failed to remit an application and premium to an insurer which resulted in the certificate issued being invalid.

Joseph C. Youhanna, Des Plaines - Insurance producer license denial effective February 27, 2013. Mr. Youhanna had previously been licensed as an insurance producer, but signed a Voluntary Revocation in 2000. The denial was the result of an investigation which revealed that he failed to reveal prior involvement in an administrative proceeding regarding any professional or occupational license or registration on his application for a producer license. The department also assessed Mr. Youhanna a \$5,000 civil penalty.

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