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Illinois Department of Insurance Disciplinary Report for January 2014

SPRINGFIELD – March 18, 2014. The Illinois Department of Insurance today announced the following disciplinary actions:

Bryan Buckley, Bolingbrook - Insurance producer license application denied effective January 30, 2014. Mr. Buckley's application for license was denied as a result of an investigation which revealed that he was convicted of two felonies (Criminal Sexual Assault and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse) in January 1997.

Leonard Carter, Chicago - Insurance producer license suspended effective January 2, 2014. Mr. Carter has been licensed since 2011. The license was suspended based on a certification from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services that Mr. Carter was more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. The suspension will remain in effect until Mr. Carter proves that he is not more than 30 days delinquent in paying his child support.

Madelyn Cunningham, Chicago - Navigator In-Person Counselor Certificate application denied effective January 9, 2014. Ms. Cunningham's application for certification was denied as a result of an investigation which revealed that she was convicted of a felony (Perjury) in September 1991.

Gary Elem, Chicago - Navigator In-Person Counselor Certificate application denied effective January 1, 2014. Mr. Elem's application for certification was denied as a result of an investigation which revealed that he was convicted of a felony (Vendor Fraud and Kickbacks) in June 2003.

James Filbert and Hooper & Niebur, Inc., Pittsfield - Insurance producer and business entity licenses revoked effective January 6, 2014. Mr. Filbert had been licensed since 1985 to sell life, health, fire, casualty and variable insurance since 1985. Hooper & Niebur had been a licensed business entity since 1991. The licenses were revoked pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 12-HR-1232 after an investigation which revealed he misappropriated and improperly withheld premiums, failed to return premiums in a timely manner, improperly withdrew commissions, failed to maintain a positive balance in the Premium Fund Trust Account and failed to provide books and records during the investigation. The Order included a \$61,000 civil penalty and also required he pay \$331.15 in hearing costs.

Sandra Hagemann, Galesburg - Insurance producer license revoked effective January 4, 2014. Ms. Hagemann had been licensed to sell life, health, fire, casualty and variable insurance since 1998. The license was revoked as a result of an investigation which revealed in September 2013 she pled guilty to an indictment of money laundering. The Order of Revocation included a \$2,000 civil penalty.

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Hassan Mougrabi, Chicago - Insurance producer license denied effective January 10, 2014. Mr. Mougrabi's application for license was denied as a result of an investigation which revealed that he submitted insurance related documents containing non-genuine signatures. The Department also assessed him a \$3,000 civil penalty.

Earl O'Garro, Jr., Marlborough, Connecticut and Hybrid Insurance Group of Hartford, CT - Insurance producer and business entity licenses revoked effective January 1, 2014. Mr. O'Garro had been licensed to sell fire, casualty and surplus lines insurance since 2011. Hybrid Insurance Group had been a licensed business entity since 2011. The licenses were revoked as the result of an investigation which revealed violations, including: failure to pay taxes, penalties, and interest; submission of a check returned for non-sufficient funds; failure to pay the insured or credit an insured's account within 15 days after receipt of the cancellation of an insurance policy; and revocation or suspension of his insurance producer's license in another state. The Order of Revocation included a \$10,000 civil penalty, and also ordered he pay past due taxes and interest, and make restitution to an insurer.

Matthew D. Snipes, Oak Park - Insurance producer license application denied effective January 23, 2014. Mr. Snipes' application for license was denied as a result of an investigation that revealed he was convicted of two felonies (Aggravated Battery of a Child and Aggravated Domestic Battery) in July 2009.

Lukasz S. Zulewski, Chicago - Insurance producer license revoked effective January 30, 2014. Mr. Zulewski had been licensed to sell life and health insurance since 2010. The license was revoked after an investigation which revealed he submitted alleged fraudulent insurance applications to an insurer and owes the insurer \$61,930 in unearned commissions; he also failed to facilitate and aid the Director in the investigation. The Order of Revocation included a \$15,000 civil penalty.

More Information

The Department's mission is to protect consumers by providing assistance and information, by efficiently regulating the insurance industry's market behavior and financial solvency, and by fostering a competitive insurance marketplace. The Illinois Department of Insurance assists consumers with all insurance complaints, including health, auto, life, and homeowner. Consumers in need of information or assistance should visit the Department's web site at insurance.illinois.gov or call our toll-free hotline at (866) 445-5364.

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