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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: : VIOLATIONS:
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BARRY ABRAMS : 40 P.S. §§ 310.11(1), (4), (7)
1078 Kingsley Road : and (20)
Rydal, PA 19046 :
: Respondent. : Docket No. CO13-05-006

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 6TH day of JUNE, 2013, this Order is hereby issued by the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the statutes cited above and in disposition of the matter captioned above.

1. Respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that he has received proper notice of his rights to a formal administrative hearing pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. § 101, et seq., or other applicable law.

2. Respondent hereby waives all rights to a formal administrative hearing in this matter, and agrees that this Consent Order, and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, shall have the full force and effect of an Order duly entered in accordance with the adjudicatory procedures set forth in the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other applicable law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

3. The Insurance Department finds true and correct each of the following

Findings of Fact:

- (a) Respondent is Barry Abrams, and maintains his address at 1078 Kingsley Road, Rydal, PA 19046.
- (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed insurance producer.
- (c) Respondent, while employed at the Lechner & Stauffer Insurance Agency in March 2013, was found to have misrepresented policy terms and conditions to at least 12 Pennsylvania clients and subsequently over charged those clients for an actual insurance policy. Documentation indicates Respondent placed the premium overcharges into his personal banking account.
- (d) When confronted by the president of Lechner & Stauffer about the allegations, Respondent admitted to one case of overcharging a client and keeping the excess funds for his personal use. A final determination of loss incurred by the Lechner & Stauffer Insurance Agency has yet to be fully determined.

- (e) While investigating the complaint made to the Department by Lechner & Stauffer, it was discovered Respondent had two criminal arrests, which he failed to disclose on his original producer application in 2002.
- (f) Respondent was convicted of felony Insurance Fraud (F3) in June 1997 in Montgomery County, PA.
- (g) Respondent was convicted of Unsworn Falsification to Authorities (M2) in March 2001 in Montgomery County, PA
- (h) Respondent failed to disclose his criminal history on four different producer renewal applications that he submitted to the Department in 2012, 2010, 2008 and 2006.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and applicable provisions of law, the Insurance Department concludes and finds the following Conclusions of Law:

- (a) Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

- (b) 40 P.S. § 310.11(1) prohibits a licensee or an applicant for a license from providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete or false information to the Department in a license application.

- (b) Respondent's activities described above in paragraph 3(e) and 3(h) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(1).

- (c) 40 P.S. § 310.11(4) prohibits producers from improperly withholding, misappropriating, or converting money or property received in the course of doing business.

- (d) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) and 3(d) constitute improperly withholding, misappropriating, or converting money or property received in the course of doing business, in violation of 40 P.S. § 310.11(4).

- (e) 40 P.S. § 310.11(7) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from using fraudulent, coercive or dishonest practices or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of doing business.

- (f) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(h) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(7).

- (g) 40 P.S. § 310.11(20) prohibits a licensee from demonstrating a lack of general fitness, competence or reliability sufficient to satisfy the department that the licensee is worthy of licensure.
- (h) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(h) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(20).
- (i) Respondent's violations of Sections 310.11(1), (4), (7) and (20) are punishable by the following, under 40 P.S. § 310.91:
 - (i) suspension, revocation or refusal to issue the license;
 - (ii) imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for every violation of the Act;
 - (iii) an order to cease and desist; and
 - (iv) any other conditions as the Commissioner deems appropriate.

ORDER

5. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Insurance Department orders and Respondent consents to the following:

- (a) Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the activities described herein in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

- (b) All licenses of Respondent to do the business of insurance are hereby revoked.
- (c) Respondent shall make restitution to such persons the Deputy Commissioner identifies and determines that restitution is owed to them by Respondent. Proof of restitution payment shall be provided to the Insurance Department by Respondent within six (6) months from the date such determination is made by the Deputy Commissioner.
- (d) If Respondent should ever become licensed in the future, his licenses may be immediately suspended by the Department following its investigation and determination that (i) any terms of this Order have not been complied with, or (ii) any complaint against Respondent is accurate and a statute or regulation has been violated. The Department's right to act under this section is limited to a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance of such licenses.
- (e) Respondent specifically waives his right to prior notice of said suspension, but will be entitled to a hearing upon written request received by the Department no later than thirty (30) days after the date the Department mailed to Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, notification of said suspension, which hearing shall be scheduled for a date within sixty (60) days of the Department's receipt of Respondent's written request.

(f) At the hearing referred to in paragraph 5(e) of this Order, Respondent shall have the burden of demonstrating that he is worthy of an insurance license.

(g) In the event Respondent's licenses are suspended pursuant to paragraph 5(d) above, and Respondent either fails to request a hearing within thirty (30) days or at the hearing fails to demonstrate that he is worthy of a license, Respondent's suspended licenses shall be revoked.

6. In the event the Insurance Department finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, the Department may pursue any and all legal remedies available, including but not limited to the following: The Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in an administrative action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provision of law; or, if applicable, the Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in any other court of law or equity having jurisdiction.

7. Alternatively, in the event the Insurance Department finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, the Department may declare this Order to be null and void and, thereupon, reopen the entire matter for appropriate action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provision of law.

8. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondent may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.

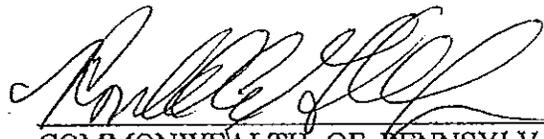
9. Respondent hereby expressly waives any relevant statute of limitations and application of the doctrine of laches for purposes of any enforcement of this Order.

10. This Order constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters referred to herein, and it may not be amended or modified except by an amended order signed by all the parties hereto.

11. This Order shall be final upon execution by the Insurance Department. Only the Insurance Commissioner or a duly authorized delegee is authorized to bind the Insurance Department with respect to the settlement of the alleged violations of law contained herein, and this Consent Order is not effective until executed by the Insurance Commissioner or a duly authorized delegee.

BY:


BARRY ABRAMS, Respondent


COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
By: RONALD A. GALLAGHER, JR.
Deputy Insurance Commissioner

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: The Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 177, No. 175, known as The
Administrative Code of 1929

AND NOW, this 27th day of April, 2011, Ronald A.

Gallagher, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, is hereby designated as the Commissioner's
duly authorized representative for purposes of entering in and executing Consent Orders.

This delegation of authority shall continue in effect until otherwise terminated by a later
Order of the Insurance Commissioner.


Michael F. Consedine
Insurance Commissioner

