

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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IN RE: : VIOLATIONS:
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SUSAN E. KAMOWSKI : 40 P.S. §§ 310.11(5) and (20)
8090 Blue Ridge Trail :
Wapwallopen, PA 18660 :
: :
Respondent. : Docket No. CO11-07-001

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this *1st* day of *August*, *2011*, 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 she has received proper notice of her 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 Susan E. Kamowski and maintains her address at 8090 Blue Ridge Trail, Wapwallopen, PA 18660.
- (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed insurance producer.
- (c) Respondent, between 2006 and March, 2011, was employed by Saul-Metcho Agency as an insurance account manager with responsibility for more than 300 personal and small business accounts.
- (d) Respondent's employment with Saul-Metcho was terminated during March, 2011 pertinent to a splitting of the agency by the two owners, but not for cause.
- (e) Respondent's accounts were reviewed by Saul-Metcho following Respondent's termination and it was discovered approximately 30 accounts contained certificates of insurance or other insurance documents for insurance that had not been procured in accordance with the responsibilities of the Respondent.

- (f) During 2009 and 2010, Respondent misrepresented to a policyholder from Scranton, Pennsylvania, that she had procured umbrella liability insurance with Tower Insurance Company and provided the policyholder evidence of insurance, including approximately 39 certificates of insurance.

- (g) During 2010, Respondent misrepresented to a policyholder from Old Forge, Pennsylvania, that she had procured general liability and workers compensation insurance through Berkley Mid-Atlantic Group and provided the policyholder evidence of insurance, including approximately 60 certificates of insurance.

- (h) Respondent was responsible for the misrepresentation of procured insurance for two policyholders for which claims had been filed and for which Saul-Metcho was making whole through its errors and omissions insurer, Westport Insurance Company.

- (i) Saul-Metcho affirmed that premium theft on the aforementioned policies was not an issue.

- (j) On June 24, 2011, Respondent affirmed the aforementioned information, but attributed it to taking shortcuts by creating false insurance documents because of being unable to manage more than 300 personal and small business accounts.

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(5) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from intentionally misrepresenting the terms of an actual or proposed insurance contract or application for insurance.
- (c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(e) through 3(j) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(5).
- (d) 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.
- (e) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(e) and 3(j) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(20).

(f) Respondent's violations of Sections 310.11(5) 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) If Respondent should ever become licensed in the future, her 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.
- (d) Respondent specifically waives her 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.
- (e) At the hearing referred to in paragraph 5(d) of this Order, Respondent shall have the burden of demonstrating that she is worthy of an insurance license.
- (f) In the event Respondent's licenses are suspended pursuant to paragraph 5(c) above, and Respondent either fails to request a hearing within thirty (30) days or at the hearing fails to demonstrate that she 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.

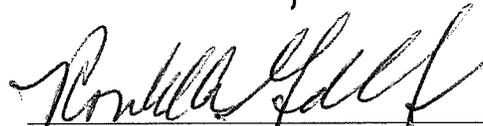
8. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondent may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.

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: 
SUSAN E. KAMOWSKI, Respondent


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