

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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IN RE:

Application of ROCCO L. SANTUCCI  
132 Priscilla Drive  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15229

Requesting Written Consent to engage in the  
Business of Insurance

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: Pursuant to the Violent Crime Control and  
: Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 18 U.S.C.  
: § 1033  
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: Docket No. CW05-05-017  
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CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 27<sup>TH</sup> day of May, 2005, this Order is hereby issued by the Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the statutes cited above and in disposition of the matter captioned above.

1. Rocco L. Santucci ("Applicant") hereby waives all rights to a formal administrative hearing in this matter, to the extent such rights exist, 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

2. The Deputy Insurance Commissioner finds true and correct each of the following

Findings of Fact:

- (a) Applicant is Rocco L. Santucci, an adult individual, who maintains his residential address at 132 Priscilla Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 15229.
- (b) Applicant was formerly licensed in Pennsylvania as a Resident Agent (License #63058) and Resident Broker (License #139250); both licenses expired on May 31, 1997.
- (c) Applicant was convicted on August 13, 1996, of one count of mail fraud (18 U.S.C. §1341) and one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud (18 U.S.C. §371), both felonies, in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
- (d) As a result of the convictions, Applicant was sentenced to twenty-one months incarceration, followed by thirty-six months supervised release. The sentence was later reduced to twelve months and one day of incarceration and Applicant was ultimately released by the Court from all supervision as of June 1, 2001, after serving just over half of the originally imposed thirty-six months of supervised release.
- (e) Applicant is currently fifty-six (56) years old and has had no other involvement with the criminal justice system either prior or subsequent to the convictions referenced-above.
- (f) On September 20, 2002, Applicant filed an Application for Written Consent to Engage in the Business of Insurance pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§1033 and 1034 ("Application") in which he sought permission to work as an office assistance for an insurance producer.
- (g) Applicant's application was initially denied, however, after reviewing the circumstances of his conviction, considering the volume and substance of numerous character

references provided on his behalf, and meeting with Applicant, the Department has reconsidered its denial of the application and agreed instead to enter into the instant agreement.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

3. In accordance with the above Findings of Fact and applicable provisions of law, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner concludes and finds the following Conclusions of Law:

- (a) 18 U.S.C. §1033(e)(2) provides that persons convicted of felonies involving dishonesty or a breach of trust may not engage in the business of insurance or participate in such business unless such person has the written consent of any insurance regulatory official authorized to regulate the insurer, which consent specifically refers to 18 U.S.C. §1033(e)(2).
- (b) The felony convictions described-above involve dishonesty or a breach of trust within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. §1033(e)(1)(A).
- (c) Accordingly, Applicant may not engage in the business of insurance without a written consent issued by the Deputy Insurance Commissioner pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1033(e)(2).
- (d) The activities in which Applicant desires to engage constitute the business of

insurance within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 1033(e)(1)(A) and (f).

**ORDER**

4. Accordingly, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner orders and Applicant consents to the following:

- (a) Applicant shall cease and desist from engaging in the criminal activities described herein in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Respondent shall further comply with Pennsylvania insurance laws and regulations.
- (b) Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1033(e)(2), Applicant may engage in the business of insurance as an office assistant at Santucci Insurance, Inc., effective August 11, 2004, and only in such capacity, subject to the terms and conditions of this Order, which terms and conditions contained herein are necessary and sufficient to ensure that Applicant may engage in the business of insurance in a manner that is not reasonably likely to cause harm to the public, policyholders or the industry. If, however, after August 9, 2005, Applicant is granted licensure by this Department to act as a Pennsylvania Insurance Producer, he may engage in such further activities in the business of insurance that are permissible under such licensure without seeking further permission from this Department pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1033(e)(2).
- (c) Applicant shall not submit an application for licensure as a Pennsylvania Insurance Producer until on or after August 9, 2005. Should Applicant thereafter make such application, the Department shall not withhold approval of same based

on the criminal convictions described-above. However, nothing herein shall limit the Department's right to otherwise consider all other relevant and material factors regarding Applicant's worthiness for a licensure, as set forth in applicable statutes and regulations.

- (d) Applicant may not engage in any insurance activities outside the scope of the authority granted as described in Paragraph 4(b) above without prior written approval of the Department, the Deputy Commissioner, or the Commissioner.

5. The terms of this Order shall remain in place for a period of five years and, thereafter, unless and until the Department or the Commissioner terminates the Order. Nothing in this Order shall preclude the Department, the Deputy Commissioner or the Commissioner, in their sole discretion, from decreasing or lessening the restrictions contained in this Order in whole or in part while it is in effect. Any such lessening of the restrictions contained in this Order shall be made in writing by the Department, the Deputy Commissioner or the Commissioner in accordance with the procedures set forth in paragraph 14 of this Order. Further, except as provided herein, Applicant shall not apply nor otherwise seek to reduce or remove the restrictions contained in this Order for a period of at least five years.

6. Following the five-year period referenced in paragraph 5, above, this Order shall continue unless and until the Department affirmatively terminates it. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as conferring upon Applicant any property right or interest as a result of receiving this conditional consent to engage in the business of insurance in accordance with the terms of this Order. Applicant expressly waives any right to assert that he is entitled to a hearing on the

termination of this Order following the expiration of the five-year period referenced in paragraph 5. Should the Insurance Department or the Commissioner, terminate this Order after the five year period referenced in paragraph 5, above, Applicant may file a new application for a written consent as set forth in paragraph 4(b), above, to engage in the business of insurance under 18 U.S.C. § 1033(e)(2).

7. The Department's conditional consent permitting Applicant to engage in the business of insurance as described herein, and any license subsequently issued to Applicant, may be immediately suspended upon notice by the Department following its investigation and determination that Applicant has failed to adhere to any condition set forth in this Order or has violated an insurance statute or regulation.

8. Applicant shall have no right to prior notice of such a suspension, but will be entitled to a hearing upon written request received by the Department no later than thirty (30) days from the date the Department mailed to Applicant by certified mail, return receipt requested, notification of such suspension, which hearing shall be held within sixty (60) days of the Department's receipt of Applicant's written request for a hearing.

9. At the hearing referred to in paragraph 8 above, Applicant shall have the burden of demonstrating that he is worthy of an insurance certificate and license and/or a conditional consent to engage in the business of insurance, as applicable. In the event Applicant's conditional consent, certificates, and licenses are suspended pursuant to paragraph 8 above, and Applicant either fails to request a hearing within 30 days or at the hearing fails to demonstrate

that he is worthy of a certificate and license, Applicant's suspended conditional consent, certificates and licenses shall be revoked.

10. In the event the Deputy Insurance Commissioner 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.

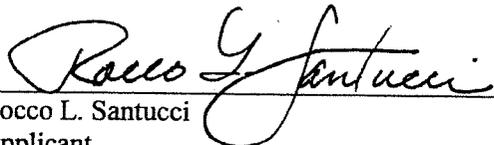
11. Alternatively, in the event the Deputy Insurance Commissioner finds that there has been a breach of any provisions of this Order, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner may declare this Order to be null and void and, thereupon, reopen the entire matter for appropriate action pursuant to the Administrative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

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

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

14. 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.

15. This Order shall be final upon execution by the Deputy Insurance Commissioner. Only the Insurance Commissioner or the duly authorized Deputy Insurance Commissioner is authorized to bind the Insurance Department with respect to the matters addressed herein, and this Consent Order is not effective until executed by the Insurance Commissioner or the duly authorized Deputy Insurance Commissioner.

By:   
Rocco L. Santucci  
Applicant

  
Ronald Gallagher  
Deputy Insurance Commissioner  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania