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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:

LYNN C. FRIEDRICHS  
26 Paul Lane  
Glenn Mills, PA 19342

: VIOLATIONS:  
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: 40 P.S. § 310.11(5), (6), (7) and (20)  
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Respondent. : Docket No. CO21-08-017

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 19th day of August, 2021, this Order is  
hereby issued by the Insurance Department of 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 Lynn C. Friedrichs and maintains a record of her address with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department as 26 Paul Lane, Glenn Mills, PA 19342.
- (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed Resident Producer.
- (c) Respondent from June 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 completed five (5) divorce splits on auto insurance policies for insureds.
- (d) Respondent later admitted during her Department Interview that she had completed the divorce split process for herself in order to have her daughter on a separate policy. Respondent confirmed that she was not actually divorced at the time she completed the divorce split.
- (e) Respondent also admitted during her Department Interview that when she completed the divorce splits on the remaining four (4) policies identified in finding (c), she did this based on instructions from her superior. She stated that she did not inform the insurance company of this fact at the time of the investigation because she did not want to get her previous employer in trouble.

- (f) Respondent stated that she has retired from the business of insurance and no longer requires an active insurance license.

#### 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 in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(e) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(5).
- (d) 40 P.S. § 310.11(6) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from committing any unfair insurance practice or fraud.
- (e) Respondent's activities described in paragraph 3(c) through 3(e) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(6).
- (f) 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.

- (g) Respondent's activities described in paragraph 3(c) through 3(e) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(7).
- (h) 40 P.S. § 310.11(20) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from demonstrating a lack of general fitness, competence or reliability sufficient to satisfy the Department that the licensee is worthy of licensure.
- (i) Respondent's activities described in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(e) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(20).
- (j) Respondent's violations of 40 P.S. § 310.11(5), (6), (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) Respondent shall immediately surrender all licenses to conduct the business of insurance within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as of the date of this Consent Order.
- (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(c) 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(b) 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 provisions 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 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.

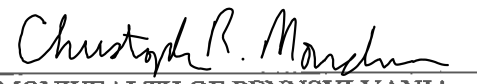
8. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondent may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.

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 duly authorized delegee.

BY:   
LYNN C. FRIEDRICHS, Respondent

  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
By: CHRISTOPHER R. MONAHAN  
Deputy Insurance Commissioner