## BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

FINAL ORDER

		Effective: 4-15-03
In the Matter of the Kansas Nonresident	)	
Insurance Agent's License of	)	Docket No. 3137-SO
GEORGE ALBERT PALMER	)	

# SUMMARY ORDER (Pursuant to K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4909 and K.S.A. 77-537)

Pursuant to authority granted to the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") by K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4909, the Commissioner hereby revokes the nonresident agent's license of George Albert Palmer ("Palmer") by way of Summary Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-537.

#### **Findings of Fact**

The Commissioner has been shown the following facts:

- 1. Records maintained by the Kansas Insurance Department ("KID") indicate that Palmer is licensed as a nonresident agent to transact the business of insurance in the State of Kansas. KID records further indicate a legal mailing address of 34 Katahdin Avenue, Caribou, ME 04736.
- 2. Accordingly, the Commissioner has jurisdiction over Palmer and the subject matter of this proceeding, and such proceeding is held in the public interest.
- 3. The court docket shows that Palmer was convicted on February 20, 2003, in a Maine Superior Court of Criminal Threatening, a class C felony, and Criminal Mischief, a class D felony.
  - 4. At the time, Palmer was an appointed agent in Kansas for Sitel Corporation.
- 5. Sitel advised KID by letter of February 27, 2003, that Palmer had been "sentenced to jail" and that Sitel had terminated his employment.

6. In addition, KID records indicate that Palmer self-reported denial of a license in Kentucky in October 2001, disciplinary action in March 2001 in Colorado, and disciplinary action in Minnesota in August 2000.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

7. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4909(a) provides, in relevant part:

"The commissioner may deny suspend, revoke or refuse renewal of any license issued under this act if the commissioner finds that the applicant or license holder has . . . (2) Violated . . . (C) any insurance law or regulation of another state . . . (6) Been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony . . . [or] (9) Had an insurance agent license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended or revoked in any other state, district or territory."

- 8. In addition, the Commissioner may revoke any license issued under the Insurance Agents Licensing Act if the Commissioner finds that the insurable interests of the public are not properly served under such license. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4909(b).
- 9. Based upon the information contained in paragraphs 3 through 6 above, the Commissioner finds that Palmer has been convicted of two felonies, has violated the insurance laws or regulations of another state, and has been denied a license in another state.
- 10. Moreover, Palmer's license should be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 49-4909(b) for the protection of the insurable interests of the public.
- 11. Accordingly, the Commissioner finds that sufficient grounds exist for the revocation of the resident insurance agent's license of George Albert Palmer.
- 12. Based on the facts and circumstances set forth herein, it appears that the use of summary proceedings in this matter is appropriate, in accordance with the provisions set forth in K.S.A. 77-537(a), in that the use of summary proceedings does not violate any provision of the

law and the protection of the public interest does not require the KID to give notice and opportunity to participate to persons other than George Albert Palmer.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

**THAT** the Kansas resident insurance agent's license of George Albert Palmer is hereby **REVOKED**.

### **Notice and Opportunity for Hearing**

George Albert Palmer, within fifteen (15) days of service of this Summary Order, may file with the KID written request for a hearing on this Summary Order, as provided by K.S.A. 77-542. In the event a hearing is requested, such request should be directed to:

John W. Campbell General Counsel Kansas Insurance Department 420 S.W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Topeka, KS 66612

Any costs incurred as a result of conducting any administrative hearing shall be assessed against the agent who is the subject of the hearing as provided by K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 49-4909(f). Costs shall include witness fees, mileage allowances, any costs associated with the reproduction of documents which become part of the hearing record, and the expense of making a record of the hearing.

If a hearing is not requested, this summary order shall become effective as a Final Order, without further notice, upon the expiration of the fifteen-day period for requesting a hearing.

The person designated pursuant to K.S.A. 77-613(e) to receive service of a petition for judicial review on behalf of the KID is John W. Campbell, General Counsel, Kansas Insurance Department, 420 S.W. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Topeka, KS 66612.

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# IT IS SO ORDERED THIS \_28th\_ DAY OF MARCH, 2003, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.



_/s/ Sandy Praeger
Sandy Praeger
Commissioner of Insurance
BY:
_/s/ John W. Campbell
John W. Campbell
General Counsel

## **Certificate of Service**

The undersigned hereby certifies that he served the above and foregoing Summary Order on this \_28th\_\_ day of March, 2003, by causing the same to be deposited in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

George Albert Palmer 34 Katahdin Ave. Caribou, ME 04736

_/s/ John W. Campbell_	
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