BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

FINAL ORDER

			Effective: 9/26/03	
In the Matter of the Kansas Nonresident)			_
Insurance Agent's License of)	Docket No.	3204-SO	
PAMELA ANNE CHRISTOPHER)			

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 Pamela Anne Christopher ("Christopher") 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 Christopher is licensed as a nonresident agent to transact the business of insurance in the State of Kansas, and has been so licensed since January 11, 1999. KID records further indicate a legal and mailing address of 700 Baton Rouge, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.
- 2. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") Regulatory Information Retrieval System ("RIRS") database reflects the following information: Christopher's Oklahoma insurance agent's license was suspended, effective April 22, 2003, because of financial irresponsibility
- 3. By letter of June 25, 2003, the KID attempted to contact Christopher at her address of record for an explanation of the action.

- 4. By letter of July 21, 2003, KID made a second request for Christopher's explanation and gave notice of action to revoke Christopher's license if her response was not received by August 5, 2003.
- 5. To date, the KID has not received notice from Christopher of the disciplinary action, a response to the letters, returned letters, or a change of address.

Applicable Law

6. 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: (A) Any provision of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or any rule and regulation promulgated thereunder . . . (9) Had an insurance agent license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended or revoked in any other state, district or territory." K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4909(a).

- 7. Administrative regulations require that a person licensed in this state as an insurance agent shall, within 30 days of the occurrence, report enumerated events to the Commissioner. Among these events are disciplinary action against the agent's license by the insurance regulatory official of any other state or territory and a change of address. K.A.R. § 40-7-9.
- 8. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4906 and 4908 provide for issuance of a nonresident agent's license in reliance upon the agent's valid license in the agent's home state.
- 9. 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).

Conclusions of Law

10. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over Christopher as well as the subject matter of this proceeding, and such proceeding is held in the public interest.

- 11. The Commissioner finds that Christopher has had an insurance agent's license suspended in her home state of Oklahoma.
- 12. The Commissioner finds that Christopher's Kansas license may be revoked because it is based on reciprocity, and Christopher's license in her home state of Oklahoma is not in good standing.
- 13. The Commissioner further concludes that Christopher violated the administrative regulation requiring a licensed agent to report disciplinary action by other states or any change of address within 30 days.
- 14. In addition, the Commissioner finds that Christopher failed to respond two inquiries about the suspensions, including one that gave notice that her license would be revoked if she did not respond, thereby violating the equivalent of a subpoena or order of the Commissioner.
- 15. Accordingly, the Commissioner concludes that sufficient grounds exist for the revocation of the insurance agent's license of Pamela Anne Christopher pursuant to K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4909(a).
- 16. 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 Pamela Anne Christopher.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

THAT the Kansas resident insurance agent's license of Pamela Anne Christopher is hereby **REVOKED**.

Notice and Opportunity for Hearing

Pamela Anne Christopher, 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. 9th Street, Topeka, KS 66612.

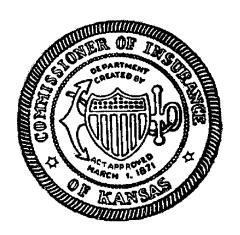
Any costs incurred as a result of conducting any administrative hearing shall be assessed against the agent who is the subject of the hearing as provided by K.S.A. 40-4909(f). Costs shall include witness fees, mileage allowances, any costs associated with the reproduction of documents which become part 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 Final Order will constitute final agency action in this matter.

In the event the Petitioner files a petition for judicial review, the agency officer 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. 9th St., Topeka, KS 66612-1678.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS $_8^{th}$ _ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2003, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.



_/s/ Sandy Praeger
Sandy Praeger
Commissioner of Insurance
BY:
_/s/ Linda Sheppard
Linda Sheppard
Assistant General Counsel

Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that she served the above and foregoing Summary Order on this _8th _ day of September, 2003, by causing the same to be deposited in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Pamela Anne Christopher 700 Baton Rouge Broken Arrow, OK 74012

> _/s/ Brenda J. Clary_____ Brenda J. Clary