

**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Kansas Nonresident )  
Insurance Agent's License of ) Docket No. **4230--SO**  
**CHRISTA L. HEARNE** )  
NPN #6558298 )

**SUMMARY ORDER**

(Pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909 and K.S.A. 77-537)

Pursuant to authority granted to the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") by K.S.A. 40-4909, the Commissioner hereby proposes to find facts and revoke the Kansas nonresident insurance agent's license of Christa L. Hearne ("Respondent") by way of Summary Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-537.

**Findings of Fact**

1. Records maintained by the Kansas Insurance Department ("KID") reflect that Respondent is licensed as a nonresident agent to transact the business of insurance in Kansas and has been so licensed since April 10, 2008.
2. KID records further indicate Respondent's legal and mailing address is 321 S. Main St., Candor, NC 27229.
3. Following investigation, the Commissioner has no reason to believe that protection of the public interest requires the Commissioner to give notice and opportunity to participate to anyone other than the respondent.
4. Following investigation, the Commissioner finds evidence sufficient to support the following findings of fact:

5. Respondent was previously licensed as a resident insurance agent in the state of South Carolina, and effective January 27, 2010, Respondent voluntarily surrendered the license with an investigation pending.
6. Respondent did not report this action to the Kansas Insurance Department within 30 days as required by K.A.R. § 40-7-9(a) and has not reported it to date.
7. By letter of October 4, 2010, counsel for KID wrote to Respondent at her mailing address of record and invited Respondent to reply within 15 business days if she disputed the above.
8. To date, the letter has not been returned and Respondent has not replied. Thus, the above facts are deemed undisputed.

#### **Applicable Law**

9. K.S.A. 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; . . .
10. K.A.R. §40-7-9(a) requires a licensed agent to report to the Commissioner within 30 days any disciplinary action against the agent’s license by the insurance regulatory agency of another jurisdiction.
11. “Unless denied licensure pursuant to K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 40-4909, and amendments thereto, a nonresident person shall receive a nonresident agent license if . . . [s]uch person is currently licensed as a resident and in good standing such person’s home state. . . .” K.S.A. 40-4906(a)(1).

12. In addition, the Commissioner may revoke any license issued under the Insurance Agents Licensing Act if the Commissioner finds that the interests of the insurer or the insurable interests of the public are not properly served under such license. K.S.A. 40-4909(b).

### **Conclusions of Law**

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

14. The Commissioner finds, based on the undisputed facts contained in paragraphs 5 and 6, that Respondent's license may be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(2)(A) because Respondent has violated K.A.R. §40-7-9(a) by failing to report a disciplinary action to the Commissioner.

15. The Commissioner finds, based on the facts contained in paragraph 5, that Respondent's license must be cancelled or revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4906(a)(1) because Respondent is not currently licensed and in good standing in her home state.

16. The Commissioner further concludes Respondent's license may be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(b) because such license is not properly serving the interests of the insurer and the insurable interests of the public.

17. 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, the protection of the public interest does not require the KID to give notice and opportunity to participate to persons other than Respondent, and after

investigation, KID believes in good faith that the allegations will be supported to the applicable standard of proof.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE THAT** the Kansas nonresident insurance agent's license of **CHRISTA L. HEARNE** is hereby **REVOKED**. It is further ordered, that **CHRISTA L. HEARNE** shall **CEASE and DESIST** from the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance and/or receiving compensation deriving from the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance conducted on and after the effective date of this order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED THIS \_\_3rd\_\_ DAY OF \_\_November\_\_ 2010, 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

**NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO HEARING AND REVIEW**

**Within fifteen (15) days of the date of service of this Summary Order, Respondent** may submit a written request for a hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542. Any request for a hearing should be addressed to the following:

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

If a hearing is requested, the Kansas Insurance Department will serve notice of the time and place of the hearing and information on procedures, right of representation, and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of the hearing.

**If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated above, this Summary Order shall become effective as a Final Order upon the expiration of time for requesting a hearing.** In the event Respondent files a Petition for Judicial Review, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-613(e), the agency officer to be served on behalf of the Kansas Insurance Department is

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

#### **Certificate of Service**

The undersigned hereby certifies that she serviced a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing **Summary Order** and accompanying **Notice of Rights** on this \_\_\_\_3rd\_\_\_\_ day of Nov. 2010, by causing the same to be placed in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Christa L. Hearne  
321 S. Main St.  
Candor, NC 27229

\_\_\_\_\_/s/ Brenda J. Clary\_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda J. Clary  
Staff Attorney