### **FINAL ORDER**

**Effective: 8-2-10** 

# DEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Kansas Resident	)	
Insurance Agent's License of	)	Docket No. <b>4173SO</b>
KREGG W. MUNINGER	)	
NPN #6123270	•	

## 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 resident insurance agent's license of Kregg W. Muninger ("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 resident agent to transact the business of insurance in Kansas and has been so licensed since June 27, 2000.
- 2. KID records further indicate a legal address of 2809 N. Broadway, Pittsburg, Kansas, and mailing address of D&M Properties, PO Box 608, Pittsburg, KS 66762-0608.
- 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 parties.
- 4. Following investigation, the Commissioner finds evidence sufficient to support the following additional facts:

- paid Four Hundred and Thirty Nine Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$439.80) to Respondent's agency, Midwest Insurance, for renewal of a business liability policy.
- 6. Respondent did not forward the payment to any insurance company or bind coverage for the business.
- 7. In November 2008, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, Pittsburg, Kansas, paid Ten Thousand Two Dollars and Fifty Four Cents (\$10,002.54) to Respondent's agency for commercial general liability and professional liability insurance for the company for the year November 30, 2008, to November 30, 2009.
- 8. Although the bank draft was deposited into the agency's business account, it does not appear that the premium payment was forwarded to any insurance company, and Respondent has not produced a legitimate insurance policy.
- 9. In a letter mailed to Respondent's address of record on April 13, 2010, counsel for KID informed Respondent of the foregoing information and invited Respondent to reply within 15 business days if he disputed it.
- 10. To date, Respondent has not replied.

#### Applicable Law

11. 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. . . (4) Improperly withheld, misappropriated or converted any moneys or properties received in the course of doing insurance business. . . . (8) Used any fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practice, or demonstrated any incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere. . . ." K.S.A. 40-4909(a).

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 facts contained in paragraphs 5 through 8, that Respondent has improperly withheld, misappropriated, or converted money or property received in the course of doing insurance business.
- 15. The Commissioner also finds that Respondent has demonstrated incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business.
- 16. Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner concludes that sufficient grounds exist for the revocation of Respondent's insurance agent's license pursuant to K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 40-4909(a).
- 17. The Commissioner further concludes Respondent's license may be revoked because such license is not properly serving the interests of the insurer and the insurable interests of the public.
- 18. 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.

THAT the Kansas resident insurance agent's license of Kregg Muninger is hereby REVOKED. It is further ordered, that Kregg Muninger 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 after the effective date of this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS \_\_12th\_\_\_ DAY OF JULY 2010, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.



_/s/ Sandy Praeger Sandy Praeger Commissioner of Insurance	-
BY:	
/a/ John W. Comphell	
_/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 <u>Summary Order</u> and accompanying <u>Notice of Rights</u> on this \_12th\_\_\_ day of \_\_July\_\_\_ 2010, by causing the same to be placed in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Kregg W. Munninger D&M Properties PO Box 608 Pittsburg, KS 66762-0608

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