BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Kansas Resident Insurance Agent's License of **DANI MARIE HEINRICH** NPN 15884727.

Docket No. 4430--SO

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 resident insurance agent's license of Dani Marie Heinrich ("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 August 19, 2010.

2. KID records indicate Respondent's legal address is in Scott City, Kansas, and her mailing address is 1320 Court Street, Scott City, KS 67871-1925.

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 is licensed as a Kansas resident insurance agent and has been so licensed since August 19, 2010.

6. Respondent's legal address is in Scott City, Kansas, and her mailing address is 1320 Court Street, Scott City, KS 67871-1925.

7. On or about January 18, 2012, Respondent's appointment as an agent for Combined Insurance Company ("Combined") was terminated for cause.

8. The Combined investigation produced evidence sufficient to support the following findings:

- Approximately 30 percent of Respondent's business involved replacement of existing Combined policies;
- Calls from Respondent's phone, purportedly made by the consumers, stopped billing on original policies;
- c. The voice sounded like Respondent's and at least one of the consumers denied having made the call; and
- d. Respondent was aware of material health history but omitted it from the applications submitted on behalf of at least three consumers, including Respondent's sister-in-law.

9. Respondent disputed Combine's findings and denied any misconduct.

10. Considering the disputed facts, the Commissioner finds that Respondent either misrepresented facts to the insurer on the applications and in the telephone calls or failed to conduct business in a responsible and trustworthy manner.

Applicable Law

11. K.S.A. 2010 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: . . .

(8) Used any fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practice, or demonstrated any incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in business in this state or elsewhere." K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 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 Combined investigation, that Respondent's license may be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(8) because Respondent has used fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices or demonstrated incompetence and/or a lack of trustworthiness in business.

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15. 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. 40-4909(a).

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.

Policy to be Served

18. Before issuing an insurance agent license, the Commissioner must determine that the applicant is qualified and has not committed any act that would be grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation. K.S.A. 40-4905(b). Further, 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 the license. The following action is necessary and appropriate to promote the security and integrity of the insurance business and protect insurance consumers by licensing, or continuing to license, persons or entities to sell, solicit, or negotiate insurance in the State of Kansas only if their conduct indicates they are both qualified and trustworthy.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE THAT the Kansas resident insurance agent's license of DANI MARIE HEINRICH is hereby REVOKED. It is further ordered, that DANI MARIE HEINRICH shall CEASE and DESIST from the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance, doing any act toward the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance, and/or receiving compensation deriving from the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance in Kansas or on Kansas risks through business conducted on and after the effective date of this order.

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It is further ordered, pursuant to KSA 77-415(b)(2)(A), that this order is designated by KID as precedent.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS __30th__ DAY OF MARCH 2012, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.



_/s/ Sandy Praeger_____ Sandy Praeger Commissioner of Insurance

BY:

_/s/ Zachary J.C. Anshutz_____ Zachary J.C. Anshutz 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:

Zachary J.C. Anshutz, General Counsel Kansas Insurance Department 420 S.W. 9th 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

Zachary J.C. Anshutz, General Counsel Kansas Insurance Department 420 S.W. 9th Street Topeka, Kansas 66612

Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that she served a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing <u>Summary Order</u> and accompanying <u>Notice of Rights</u> on this _____30th____ day of March 2012, by causing the same to be placed in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Dani Marie Heinrich 1320 Court St. Scott City, KS 67871-1925

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