# BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Docket No. 76475

#### **SUMMARY ORDER**

(Pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909, K.S.A. 77-501)

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") by K.S.A. 40-4909, the Commissioner hereby revokes the agent's license of Respondent, **GABRIEL M. EVANS** ("Respondent"). This Summary Order shall become effective as a Final Order, without further notice, upon the expiration of the fifteen (15) day period if no request for hearing is made, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-542.

### **Findings of Fact**

The Commissioner finds the following facts:

- 1. Respondent was licensed as a Kansas resident insurance agent on April 25, 2003, and remains licensed to date.
- 2. Respondent's legal address of record is , Pittsburg, KS
- 3. On December 18, 2018, staff with the Kansas Insurance Department ("KID") received notice from Farmers Insurance Company ("Farmers") that Respondent was terminated for cause effective December 11, 2018 for keeping policies in force without making the necessary premium collections.
- 4. Farmers conducted an investigation and found:
  - a. Between January 2017 and June 2018, Respondent voided 349 cash premium payments for 114 customers.
  - b. The financial impact was estimated to be approximately \$40,000 in earned premium not paid by insureds to Farmers as a result of Respondent's actions.
  - c. Respondent was interviewed by Farmers staff on September 27, 2018 and admitted to doing this in order to help customers who were having financial difficulties.

#### Applicable Law

- Pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a), "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:
  - o (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)." K.S.A. 40-4909(a)

#### **Policy Reasons**

1. It is in the public interest that the license of an agent who 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 be revoked.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over **GABRIEL M. EVANS** as well as the subject matter of this proceeding, and such proceeding is held in the public interest.
- 2. The Commissioner finds that Respondent's Kansas license may be revoked because **GABRIEL M. EVANS** used a fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practice, or demonstrated any incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state.
- 3. The Commissioner finds, pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(b), that the interests of the public are not properly served under Respondent's license.
- 4. Accordingly, the Commissioner concludes that sufficient grounds exist for the revocation of the insurance agent's license of **GABRIEL M. EVANS**, pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a) and (b).

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE THAT:

- 1. The Kansas resident Insurance Agent's License of GABRIEL M. EVANS is hereby REVOKED the effective date of this Order.
- 2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that GABRIEL M. EVANS 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 8 DAY OF 9 cross, 2019, in the city of topeka, county of shawnee, state of kansas.

DEPARTMENT CREATED BY

ACT APPROVED MARCH 1, 1871

OF KANSIS

Ken Selzer, CPA Commissioner of Insurance

Diane Minear General Counsel

## **NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

**GABRIEL M. EVANS**, within fifteen (15) days of service of this Summary Order, may file with the Kansas Insurance Department a written request for 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:

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

Any costs incurred as a result of conducting any administrative hearing shall be assessed against the agent/agency 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 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 (15) day period for requesting a hearing. The Final Order will constitute final agency action in the matter.

In the event the Respondent 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 Kansas Insurance Department is:

Diane Minear, General Counsel Kansas Insurance Department 420 S.W. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Topeka, Kansas 66612

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that he served the above and foregoing Summary Order on this & day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019, by causing the same to be deposited in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Gabriel M. Evans

Pittsburg, KS

Steven Lehwald Staff Attorney