# BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Kansas Nonresident	)	
Insurance Producer's License of	)	
KRISTI DONAHO	)	<b>Docket No. 106431</b>
NPN # 20885651	)	

# **SUMMARY ORDER OF REVOCATION**

(Pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4905, K.S.A. 40-4906, K.S.A. 40-4909, and K.S.A. 77-501 et seq.)

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") by K.S.A. 40-4905, K.S.A. 40-4906, K.S.A. 40-4909, and K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq.*, the Commissioner hereby **REVOKES** the Kansas nonresident insurance producer's license of **KRISTI DONAHO** ("Respondent"). This Summary Order of Revocation shall become effective as a Final Order, without further notice, upon the expiration of the fifteen (15) day period if no request for a hearing is made.

#### **Findings of Fact**

- 1. Respondent was licensed as a Kansas nonresident insurance producer on October 24, 2023, and remains licensed to date.
  - 2. Respondent's address of record is
- 3. On October 24, 2023, Respondent submitted payment to National Insurance Producer Registry ("NIPR") for the nonresident licensing fees, including \$30.00 for the application fee and \$50.00 for the biennial fee, for an application for a Kansas nonresident insurance producer.
- 4. Respondent's nonresident insurance producer's license was granted with the understanding that the licensing fees were paid.
- 5. NIPR notified the Kansas Insurance Department ("Department") that Respondent's payment was returned.

- 6. On February 8, 2024, Department staff notified Respondent via email that their payment to NIPR was returned unpaid and requested payment to NIPR. The correspondence included information on how to pay the nonresident licensing fees.
  - 7. Respondent, to this date, has not responded or paid the nonresident licensing fees.

# **Applicable Law**

# K.S.A. 40-4905(a) provides:

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, solicit or negotiate any insurance within this state unless such person has been issued a license as an insurance agent in accordance with this act.

# K.S.A. 40-4906(a)(2) provides:

Unless denied licensure pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909, and amendments thereto, a nonresident person shall receive a nonresident agent license if such person has submitted the proper request for licensure and has paid to the Commissioner a nonrefundable application fee of \$30 and a biennial fee of \$50.

# K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(2)(A) provides:

The Commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke or refuse renewal of an insurance producer's license upon finding that Respondent has violated any provision of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or any rule and regulation promulgated thereunder.

#### K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(8) provides:

The Commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke or refuse renewal of an insurance producer's license upon finding that Respondent has 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(b) provides:

The Commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke or refuse renewal of any license issued under this 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.

#### **Policy Reasons**

- 1. It is in the public interest that the license of an insurance producer who has not paid the required Kansas nonresident license fees for the license be revoked.
- 2. It is in the public interest that the license of an insurance producer who has demonstrated untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business be revoked.

# **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over **KRISTI DONAHO** as well as the subject matter of this proceeding, and such proceeding is held in the public interest.
- 2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(2)(A), the Commissioner finds that Respondent's Kansas nonresident insurance producer's license may be revoked because **KRISTI DONAHO** has violated provisions of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated. The Commissioner finds that **KRISTI DONAHO** has failed to pay licensing fees. *See K.S.A. 40-4906*.
- 3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(8), the Commissioner finds that Respondent's Kansas nonresident insurance producer's license may be revoked because **KRISTI DONAHO** has 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 in that they failed to pay their licensing fees.
- 4. Pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(b), the Commissioner finds that the insurable interests of the public are not properly served under the Kansas nonresident insurance producer's license of **KRISTI DONAHO**.
- 5. Pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a) and (b), the Commissioner concludes that sufficient grounds exist for revocation of the Kansas nonresident insurance producer's license of **KRISTI DONAHO**.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE THAT:

- 1. The Kansas nonresident insurance producer's license of **KRISTI DONAHO** is hereby **REVOKED** the effective date of this Order.
- 2. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERD** that **KRISTI DONAHO** shall **CEASE** and **DESIST** from the sale, solicitation or negotiation of insurance in Kansas and/or receiving compensation deriving from the sale, solicitation or negotiation of insurance in Kansas conducted after the effective date of this Order.

OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.



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# NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

**KRISTI DONAHO**, within fifteen (15) days of service (plus three (3) additional days for mailing) of this Summary Order, you 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:

Mindy Forrer Kansas Department of Insurance 1300 SW Arrowhead Rd. Topeka, Kansas 66604

Or via email to:

mindy.forrer@ks.gov

Any costs incurred as a result of conducting any administrative hearing shall be assessed against the producer/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 (with an additional three (3) days for mailing) for requesting a hearing. The Final Order will constitute final agency action on 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 Department of Insurance is:

Justin L. McFarland, General Counsel Kansas Department of Insurance 1300 SW Arrowhead Rd. Topeka, Kansas 66604

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-607 and 77-612, exhaustion of administrative remedies is a jurisdictional prerequisite to seeking judicial review.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that she so	erved the above-and-foregoing Summary Order
of Revocation on this the day of April	2024, by causing the same to be deposited in
the United States Mail, certified, addressed to the	following:

Kristi Donaho

Respondent

And via email:

Sarah Cowan Legal Assistant