

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

**FINAL ORDER**

Effective: 09/08/03

In the Matter of the Kansas Nonresident	)	
Insurance Agent's License of	)	Docket No. 3199-SO
RICHARD MEDEL	)	

**SUMMARY ORDER**

**(Pursuant to K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4909 and K.S.A. 77-537)**

Pursuant to authority granted to the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") by K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4909, the Commissioner hereby revokes the nonresident agent's license of Richard Medel ("Medel") by way of Summary Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-537.

**Findings of Fact**

The Commissioner has been shown the following facts:

1. Records maintained by the Kansas Insurance Department ("KID") indicate that Medel is licensed as a nonresident agent to transact the business of insurance in the State of Kansas, and has been so licensed since February 27, 2001. KID records further indicate a legal and mailing address of 10429 S. Mansfield Ave., Oaklawn, IL 60453.
2. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") Regulatory Information Retrieval System ("RIRS") database reflects the following information: Medel's Florida insurance agent's license was suspended for 180 days, effective April 4, 2003, by stipulated agreement and order regarding criminal history and failure to make a required disclosure on a license application.
3. By letter of May 13, 2003, the KID attempted to contact Medel at his address of record for an explanation of the action.

4. By letter of July 1, 2003, KID made a second request for Medel's explanation and gave notice that action would be taken to revoke Medel's license if his response was not received by July 16, 2003.

5. To date, the KID has not received notice from Medel of the disciplinary action, response to the letters, or a change of address.

### **Applicable Law**

6. K.S.A. 2002 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 . . . (2) Violated: (A) Any provision of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or any rule and regulation promulgated thereunder; (B) any subpoena or order of the commissioner; . . . (9) Had an insurance agent license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended or revoked in any other state, district or territory." K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4909(a).

7. Administrative regulations require that a person licensed in this state as an insurance agent shall, within 30 days of the occurrence, report enumerated events to the Commissioner. Among these events are disciplinary action against the agent's license by the insurance regulatory official of any other state or territory and a change of address. K.A.R. § 40-7-9.

8. The Commissioner may revoke any license issued under the Insurance Agents Licensing Act if the Commissioner finds that the insurable interests of the public are not properly served under such license. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4909(b).

### **Conclusions of Law**

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

10. The Commissioner finds that Medel's Kansas license may be revoked solely because Medel has had a license suspended in another state.

11. The Commissioner further concludes that Medel violated the administrative regulation requiring a licensed agent to report disciplinary action by other states within 30 days by failing to report the disciplinary action in Florida.

12. In addition, the Commissioner finds that Medel failed to respond two inquiries about the suspensions, including one that gave notice that his license would be revoked if he did not respond, thereby violating the equivalent of a subpoena or order of the Commissioner.

13. Accordingly, the Commissioner concludes that sufficient grounds exist for the revocation of the insurance agent's license of Richard Medel pursuant to K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4909(a).

14. Moreover, the Commissioner finds that Medel has demonstrated irresponsibility in the conduct of business by failing to report the disciplinary action taken by Florida to KID and failing to respond to KID's inquiries, and Medel's insurance agent's license should be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 40-4909(b) for the protection of the insurable interests of the public.

15. 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 and the protection of the public interest does not require the KID to give notice and opportunity to participate to persons other than Richard Medel.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE THAT** the Kansas resident insurance agent's license of Richard Medel is hereby **REVOKED**.

**Notice and Opportunity for Hearing**

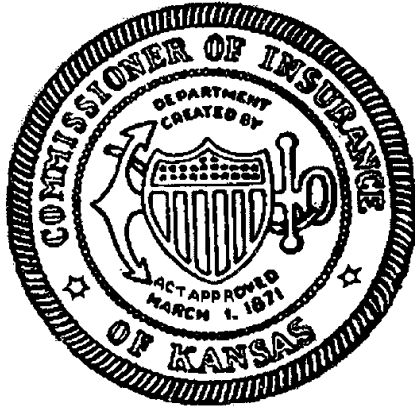
Richard Medel, within fifteen (15) days of service of this Summary Order, may file with the KID written request for a hearing on this Summary Order, as provided by K.S.A. 77-542. In the event a hearing is requested, such request should be directed to John W. Campbell, General Counsel, Kansas Insurance Department, 420 S.W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Topeka, KS 66612.

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

In the event the Petitioner 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 KID is John W. Campbell, General Counsel, Kansas Insurance Department, 420 S.W. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Topeka, KS 66612-1678.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2003, 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

#### **Certificate of Service**

The undersigned hereby certifies that s/he served the above and foregoing Summary Order on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003, by causing the same to be deposited in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Richard Medel  
10429 S. Mansfield Ave.  
Oaklawn, IL 60453

/s/ John W. Campbell