# BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

# FINAL ORDER

In the Matter of the Kansas Nonresident	`	Effective: 8-2-04		
Insurance Agent's License of	)	Docket No. 3315-SO		
DAVID LOUIS ELLIS	)			

#### **SUMMARY ORDER**

(Pursuant to K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 40-4909 and K.S.A. 77-537)

Pursuant to authority granted to the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") by K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 40-4909, the Commissioner hereby revokes the nonresident agent's license of David Louis Ellis ("Ellis") 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 Ellis is licensed as a nonresident agent to transact the business of insurance in the State of Kansas, and has been so licensed since December 15, 1989. KID records further indicate a legal and mailing address of 3350 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.
- 2. Ellis' Pennsylvania resident insurance agent's license was revoked by Consent Order dated March 9, 2004, for failure to forward premium funds to an insurer.
- 3. Subsequently, and as a result of the Pennsylvania action, Ellis' insurance producer's license was revoked in Louisiana, effective March 24, 2004.
  - 4. To date, Ellis has not notified KID of either action.

## **Applicable Law**

5. K.S.A. 2003 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 insurance law or regulation of another state; (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. (9) Had an insurance agent license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended or revoked in any other state, district or territory. . . . " K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 40-4909(a).

- 6. 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 is disciplinary action against the agent's license by the insurance regulatory official of any other state or territory. K.A.R. § 40-7-9.
- 7. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 40-4906 and 4908 provide for issuance of a nonresident agent's license in reliance upon the agent's valid license in the agent's home state.
- 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. 2003 Supp. 40-4909(b).

#### **Conclusions of Law**

- 9. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over Ellis as well as the subject matter of this proceeding, and such proceeding is held in the public interest.
- 10. The Commissioner finds that Ellis' Kansas license may be revoked solely because Ellis has had an agent's license revoked in another state.
- 11. The Commissioner finds, in addition, that Ellis' Kansas license may be revoked because it is based on reciprocity, and Ellis' license in his home state of Pennsylvania has been revoked.
- 12. The Commissioner also finds that Ellis' license may be revoked because Ellis has violated the regulation requiring an agent to report a disciplinary action taken by another regulatory authority against a professional license.

- 13. The Commissioner further finds that Ellis' license may be revoked because Ellis has been found to have violated the insurance regulatory laws in another jurisdiction.
- 14. Accordingly, the Commissioner concludes that sufficient grounds exist for the revocation of the insurance agent's license of David Louis Ellis pursuant to K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 40-4909(a).
- 15. In addition, the Commissioner finds that the insurance agent's license of David Louis Ellis should be revoked without delay for the protection of the insurable interests of the public pursuant to K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 40-4909(b).
- 16. 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 David Louis Ellis.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
THAT the Kansas nonresident insurance agent's license of David Louis Ellis is hereby
REVOKED.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS \_24th\_ DAY OF MAY 2004, 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 NOTICE: 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.

### **Certificate of Service**

The undersigned hereby certifies that she served a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing **Notice** and **Summary Order** on this \_24th\_ day of May 2004, by causing the same to be deposited in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

David Louis Ellis 3350 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Harrisburg, PA 17110

_/s/ Brenda J. Clary	
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### **NOTICE OF SUMMARY ORDER**

Notice is hereby given that the attached Summary Order will become effective fifteen (15) days after service of this Notice unless Respondent David Louis Ellis files with the Kansas Insurance Department ("KID") a written request for a hearing, as provided by K.S.A. 77-542. In the event a hearing is requested, the attached summary order will serve to give notice of the allegations upon which KID bases its proposed action.

A request for hearing 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 of an administrative hearing may be assessed against an agent who is the subject of the hearing as provided by K.S.A. 40-4909(f).

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.

Dated this \_24th\_ day of May 2004.

\_/s/ Brenda J. Clary Brenda J. Clary Staff Attorney Kansas Insurance Department