BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D.	FILED
DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	SEP 2 5 2013
Petitioner, v.	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA
DeARMAN'S-CLAGG FUNERAL HOME (Prepaid Funeral Benefits Permit Number 863324))))
) Case No. 13-0835-DIS
DeARMAN'S WYNNEWOOD FUNERAL HOME (Prepaid Funeral Benefits Permit Number 863005))))))
PICKARD FUNERAL HOME OF STRATFORD, INC. (Prepaid Funeral Benefits Permit Number 863203)))
Respondents.)
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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO HEARING WITH CONDITIONAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The State of Oklahoma, ex rel., John D. Doak, Insurance Commissioner, alleges and states as follows:

JURSDICTION AND AUTHORITY

1. John D. Doak is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma ("the Insurance Commissioner") and, as such, is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing all provisions of the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq., including the Prepaid Funeral Benefits Act: 36 O.S. §§ 6121-6136.18.

- 2. The Respondents, DeArman's-Clagg Funeral Home (863324), DeArman's Wynnewood Funeral Home (863005) and Pickard Funeral Home of Stratford (863203) ("the Permit Holders") are permitted providers of Prepaid Funeral Benefit Contracts in the State of Oklahoma under the Permit Numbers indicated.
- 3. Because a single owner operates the various permitted establishments named as Respondents herein, one prepaid funeral trust is maintained and allowed by custom and practice of the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("the Department").
- 4. The Insurance Commissioner may censure a Permit Holder, suspend or revoke a prepaid funeral benefits permit or impose a fine in the amount of from \$100 to \$1,000 -- or impose a combination of such disciplinary actions -- if a Permit Holder violates any provision of the Prepaid Funeral Benefits Act. See 36 O.S. § 6130 (B).

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. John D. Doak is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma and, as such, is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing all provisions of the Oklahoma Prepaid Funeral Benefits Act: 36 O.S. §§ 6121-6136.18.
- 2. Respondents are permitted providers of Prepaid Funeral Benefit Contracts in the state of Oklahoma pursuant to 36 O.S. § 6121 and 36 O.S. § 6124, holding Permit Numbers 863324, 863005 and 863203, respectively.
- 3. While reviewing the Annual Report filings due from Permit Holders in calendar year 2013, the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("the Department") noted it did not receive the Permit Holder's Annual Report by the March 15, 2013 due date as required by 36 O.S. § 6128. The Department uses the postmark date to determine whether a Permit

Holder's Annual Report is timely. The Permit Holder's Annual Report had a postmark date of March 19, 2013.

- 3 The regulatory process can be conducted efficiently only if Permit Holders file their Annual Reports and other regulatory filings in a timely manner.
- 4 By filing the Annual Report late, the Permit Holders demonstrated a lack of understanding of the requirements and duties associated with the privilege of operating under a prepaid funeral benefits Permit. The Annual Report is among the most important documents Permit Holders file from a regulatory standpoint. This violation also delays the Department's staff from maintaining an orderly schedule of review of Permit Holder Annual Reports and delays the detection of possible regulatory problems.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Permit Holders failed to comply with the procedures and processes for filing Annual Reports, thus violating 36 O.S. § 6128. Such action constitutes a breach of each establishment's obligations under the law.
- 2. The Insurance Commissioner may censure a Permit Holder, suspend or revoke a Prepaid Funeral Permit or impose a fine in the amount of from \$100 to \$1,000 -- or impose a combination of such disciplinary actions -- if a Permit Holder violates any provision of the Prepaid Funeral Benefits Act. See 36 O.S. § 6130 (B).

CONDITIONAL ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that each Respondent Permit Holder be formally censured.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each Permit Holder may request a Hearing within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order and Notice to determine if any reasons exist that

should preclude the censure described herein. Any request for Hearing must be in writing, addressed to Kelley C. Callahan, Senior Attorney, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Five Corporate Plaza, 3625 N.W. 56th, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73112, and give an explanation of Respondent's actions alleged herein and any defenses thereto. If any Respondent does not request a hearing within the 30 days allotted, this Order shall become a FINAL ORDER on the 31st day following the receipt of the Order, and the censure ordered herein shall become applicable. Any such hearing shall be conducted according to the procedures for contested individual cases under the Oklahoma Insurance Code and the Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250-327. The allegations contained herein shall be the subject matter for the Hearing, and such allegations may be amended as additional information is discovered. The Insurance Commissioner or his appointed Hearing Examiner reserves the right to impose additional or different administrative discipline at a Hearing, if warranted.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this Z3

2 day of September, 2013

PAUL WILKENING

Chief Deputy Insurance Compnissioner

Oklahoma Insurance Department

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Kelley C. Callahan, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the attached Notice of Right to Hearing with Conditional Order of Disciplinary Action was mailed certified mail, return receipt requested on the day of September, 2013 to:

DeArman's-Clagg Funeral Home (#863324) Joe DeArman, FDIC P.O. Box 59 Sulphur, OK 73086

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DeArman's Wynnewood Funeral Home (#863005) Joe DeArman, FDIC 103 East Cherokee Wynnewood, OK 73098

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Pickard Funeral Home of Stratford, Inc (#863203) Thomas Pickard, FDIC P.O. Box 280 Stratford, OK 74872

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Oklahoma Funeral Board ATTN: Chris Ferguson, Deputy Director 4545 North Lincoln, Suite 175 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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KELLEY C. CALLAHAN Senior Attorney

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