# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	FEB 0 7 2017
Petitioner,	OKTAHOWY NAME COMMANDER
vs.	)
	) CASE NO. 17-0044-DEN
ANTONIO TORRES Jr., an applicant for a	)
non-resident insurance adjuster license,	)
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Respondent	ì

# CONDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO BE HEARD

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. John D. Doak, Insurance Commissioner, by and through counsel, Sandra G. LaVenue, and alleges and states as follows:

## JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY

- 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 Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq., including the Oklahoma Insurance Adjusters Licensing Act, 36 O.S. §§ 6201-6223.
- 2. Antonio Torres Jr., ("Respondent") is an applicant for a non-resident insurance adjuster license in the State of Oklahoma. Respondent's mailing address of record is 141 Fernery Road Apt. B7, Lakeland, FL 33809.
- 3. The Insurance Commissioner may censure, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Insurance Adjuster Licensing

Act and/or may levy a fine up to \$1,000.00 for each occurrence of a violation of the Oklahoma Insurance Code pursuant to 36 O.S. § 6220(A) and (B).

- 4. If Respondent requests a hearing in writing in this matter, pursuant to OAC 365:1-7-1, the Insurance Commissioner, pursuant to 36 O.S. § 319, will appoint an independent hearing examiner who shall sit as a quasi-judicial officer and preside over the hearing requested by Respondent.
- 5. The Insurance Commissioner, pursuant to *OAC 365:1-7-5*, upon written request reasonably made by a person affected by the hearing and at such person's expense, shall cause a full stenographic record of the proceedings to be made by a competent court reporter.

#### **ALLEGATIONS OF FACTS**

- 6. Respondent applied for a non-resident insurance adjuster license on or about December 27, 2016, with the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("OID"). On the application form, question 2 asks the following: "Have you ever been named or involved as a party in an administrative proceeding, including FINRA sanction or arbitration proceeding regarding any professional or occupational license or registration..." The question further defines the word "Involved" as: "having a license, or registration application denied." Respondent answered "no" to this question.
- 7. A background check by the OID Licensing Division showed that Respondent was a party to an administrative proceeding regarding his professional license with the Florida Department of Financial Services, wherein Respondent's license was denied by Final Order on September 24, 2015, and Respondent was further disqualified until October 21, 2016, from applying for licensure.

8. Pursuant to 36 O.S. § 6220(A)(12), it is a violation of the Adjuster Licensing Act for an adjuster to obtain or attempt to obtain a license through misrepresentation or fraud.

#### **ALLEGED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

9. Respondent has violated 36 O.S. § 6220(A)(12) by attempting to obtain a non-resident adjuster license through misrepresentation or fraud in his license application submitted on December 27, 2016.

#### ORDER

Commissioner, subject to the following paragraph, that Respondent is hereby CENSURED and FINED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) for a violation of 36 O.S. § 6220(A)(12). The \$250.00 fine is to be paid within thirty (30) days of this Conditional Administrative Order and made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department. The \$250.00 civil fine shall be paid by money order or cashier's check. Respondent's application for a non-resident insurance adjuster license may be granted upon receipt of payment of the fine and reporting of the administrative action. Failure to pay the civil fine or request a hearing within thirty (30) days will result in license application being withdrawn.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance Commissioner that this Order is a Conditional Order. Unless Respondent requests a hearing with respect to the Allegations of Fact set forth above within thirty (30) days of mailing of this Order, this Order and the penalties set forth above shall become a Final Order on the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day following the mailing of this Order. A request for

hearing shall be in writing and addressed to Sandra LaVenue, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. Additionally, the request for hearing shall state the grounds for the request to set aside or modify the Order. The request shall be served on the Oklahoma Insurance Department within the thirty (30) days allotted. The proceedings on such requested hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq., and the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250 through 323. If Respondent serves a timely request for hearing on the Oklahoma Insurance Department, this Conditional Order shall act as a notice of the matters to be reviewed at the hearing and the Allegations of Fact, Alleged Violations of Law, and penalties imposed in this Conditional Order shall be considered withdrawn, pending final resolution at the hearing.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this \_\_\_\_\_day of February, 2017.

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JOHN D. DOAK
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Sandra LaVenue OBA# 13372 Oklahoma Insurance Department 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112

(405) 521-2746

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I, Sandra LaVenue, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Conditional Administrative Order and Notice of Right to be Heard* was mailed by certified mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2017, to:

Antonio Torres Jr. 141 Fernery Road Apt. B7 Lakeland, FL 33809.

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Nicole Godfrey Licensing Division

> Sandra LaVenue Senior Counsel



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