BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA ex rel.	FILED
JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	APR 1 4 2017
Petitioner,) v.	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA
·	Case No. 17-0229-DIS
CASTLEPOINT NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, a licensed insurer in the State of Oklahoma,	
Respondent.	

ORDER OF SUSPENSION OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. John D. Doak, Insurance Commissioner, having reviewed information received relating to Castlepoint National Insurance Company, a California domiciled insurance company ("the Company" or "Castlepoint"), and finds and orders as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 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.
- Castlepoint is authorized to do business in Oklahoma as a property, casualty, and workers compensation foreign insurer pursuant to Certificate of Authority Number 6766 (NAIC Number 40134).

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Company is a property and casualty insurer domiciled in California. On September 13, 2016, the Company was placed into court-ordered conservatorship under conservator Dave Jones, the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California.
- Castlepoint was declared insolvent and ordered to be liquidated on March 30,
 A copy of the Order of Liquidation is attached as Petitioner's Exhibit A.
- 3. Oklahoma law mandates the revocation or suspension of an insurer's certificate of authority if the insurer fails to maintain minimum statutory capital and surplus. 36 O.S. § 618. Castlepoint no longer meets the requirements for its Oklahoma certificate of authority pursuant to 36 O.S. § 612.1.
- 4. The Company is in such a financial condition as to render its further transaction of insurance in this state hazardous to its policyholders or the people of this state within the meaning of 36 O.S. § 619(A)(3); OAC 365: 25-7-42.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to 36 O.S. §§ 618 and 619, the Insurance Commissioner has the authority to restrict the Respondent's insurance writings and suspend conduct of its insurance business in Oklahoma.
- 2. Pursuant to Sections 618 and 619, the Insurance Commissioner, based on the above findings of fact, concludes as a matter of law that Respondent should be suspended from conducting business in Oklahoma; however, the Company may continue to service existing policies, adjust claims under existing policies and do all matters necessary to attend to existing Oklahoma business and to abide by the terms of the California Order of Liquidation.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Castlepoint National Insurance Company is suspended from doing business in Oklahoma from the date of the filing of this Order. The Company may continue to service existing policies, adjust claims under existing policies and do all matters necessary to attend to existing Oklahoma business and to abide by the terms of the California Order of Liquidation. The Company's actions enumerated in the Findings of Fact above constitute behavior that is a detriment to the public and constitutes a threat of immediate danger and significant, imminent and irreparable public injury that is likely to continue if the Company is allowed to write new or renewal business; therefore, this Order shall take effect immediately.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company may request a Hearing within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order to determine if any reasons exist that should preclude any of the actions taken herein. Any request for Hearing should be in writing, addressed to Barron B. Brown, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Five Corporate Plaza, 3625 N.W. 56th, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73112, and must state the grounds for the request to set aside or modify the Order. Pending hearing, this Order shall continue in full force and effect unless stayed by the Commissioner.

Any such hearing shall be conducted according to the procedures for contested cases under the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq., the Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250 et seq.; and OAC 365:1-7-1 et seq. The allegations contained herein shall be the subject matter for the hearing, and such allegations may be amended as additional information is discovered. The Commissioner or his appointed Hearing Examiner reserves the right to impose additional or different administrative discipline at a Hearing, if warranted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if no hearing is requested within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order, this Order shall become a Final Order.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 13th day of April, 2017.



James Cl. Mills

James A. Mills Chief of Staff Oklahoma Insurance Department

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Barron B. Brown, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was mailed by certified mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, on this 4th day of April, 2017, to:

Castlepoint National Insurance Company 101 California St. Fl. 36 San Francisco, CA 94111

California Department of Insurance Legal Division Government Law Bureau 300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1700 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Barron B. Brown

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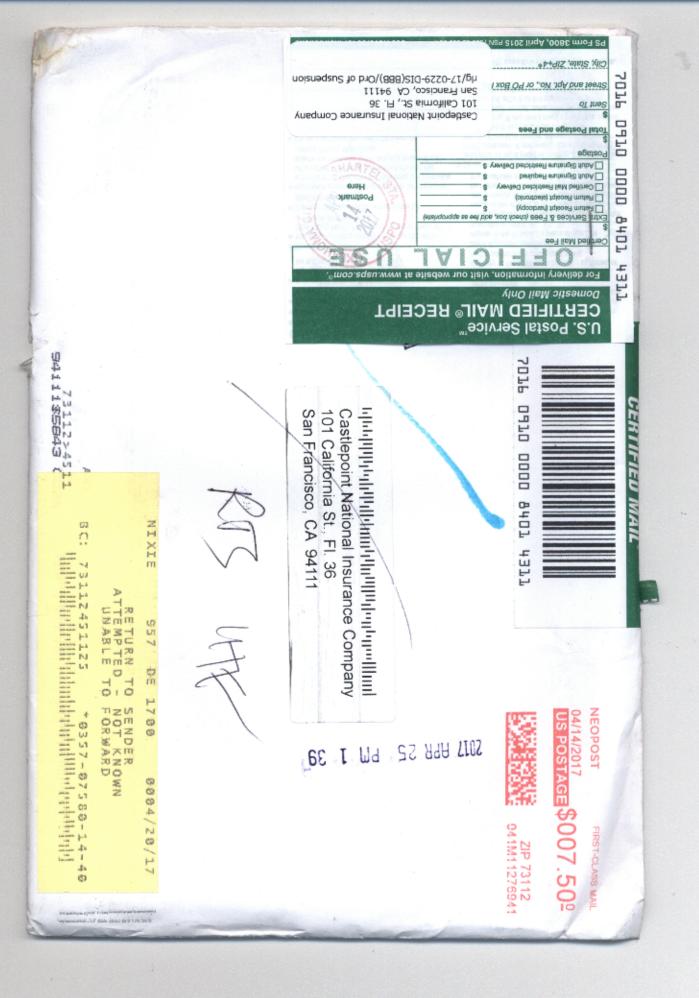
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The Court has reviewed the Application For Order Of Liquidation For CastlePoint
National Insurance Company ("Application") and supporting documents and evidence submitted
by Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones as Conservator of CastlePoint National Insurance
Company ("CastlePoint"), as well as all papers filed in opposition and reply to the Application.
On March 30, 2017, the Court held a hearing on the Application at which it heard argument from
the Commissioner and other interested parties.

Having considered the Application, the memorandum and declarations in support of or in opposition to the Application, and all other documents and evidence submitted, and having heard and considered the arguments presented to the Court, and upon good cause shown, the court hereby finds that CastlePoint is statutorily and legally insolvent and that it would be futile for the Commissioner to proceed as Conservator of CastlePoint and, therefore, sufficient grounds exist in accordance with Insurance Code section 1016 for entry of this order of liquidation of CastlePoint.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Application is GRANTED;
- 2. CastlePoint is hereby found to be insolvent;
- 3. The Commissioner's status as Conservator of CastlePoint is terminated. The Insurance Commissioner is appointed Liquidator of CastlePoint as set forth in Insurance Code section 1016, with (1) David E. Wilson to serve as the Special Deputy Insurance Commissioner in charge of the CastlePoint liquidation and (2) Joseph Holloway, Jr., to serve as Liquidation Manager for Special Deputy Insurance Commissioner Wilson (hereinafter, collectively with the Commissioner, the "Liquidator");
- 4. The Liquidator is directed to liquidate and wind up the business of CastlePoint and to act in all ways and exercise all powers necessary for the purpose of carrying out this Order and the liquidation provisions of the Insurance Code, Insurance Code sections 1010 et seq;
- 5. Title to all of the assets of CastlePoint, wherever situated and including any and all assets held in the names of any company that is a predecessor by merger with CastlePoint, shall

¹ The other insurers that previously merged with and into CastlePoint or are otherwise predecessor to CastlePoint are: Tower Insurance Company of New York, Tower National Insurance Company, Hermitage Insurance Company, CastlePoint Florida Insurance Company, North East Insurance Company, Massachusetts Homeland Insurance

be and hereby are vested in the Liquidator, in his official capacity as such, including without limitation real and personal property, deposits, certificates of deposit, bank accounts, mutual funds, securities, contracts, rights of actions, books, records and other assets of any and every type and nature, wherever situated, presently in CastlePoint's possession and/or those which may be discovered hereafter;

- 6. All funds and assets (including without limitation deposits, certificates of deposit, bank accounts, securities, and mutual fund shares of CastlePoint) in various financial depositary institutions (including without limitation banks, savings and loan associations, industrial loan companies, mutual funds and/or stock brokerages) wherever situated, are subject to withdrawal only upon direction or order by the Liquidator;
- 7. The Liquidator is authorized to collect all moneys due to CastlePoint, and to do such other acts as are necessary or expedient to collect, protect and liquidate CastlePoint's assets, property and business;
- 8. The Liquidator is authorized to collect all debts due and claims belonging to CastlePoint and to have the authority to sell, compound, compromise, or assign, for the purpose of collection upon such terms and conditions as the Liquidator deems best, any bad or doubtful debts;
- 9. The Liquidator is authorized to compromise or in any other manner negotiate settlements of claims against CastlePoint upon such terms and conditions as the Liquidator shall deem to be in the best interests of CastlePoint;
- 10. The Liquidator is authorized to collect all reinsurance due to CastlePoint and to sell, compromise and negotiate commutation settlements, or assign its rights to reinsurance, upon such terms and conditions as the Liquidator deems to be in the best interest of CastlePoint.

 Commutation settlements greater than five million dollars shall require court approval.

 Commutation settlements of five million dollars or less shall be reported to the Court in status reports filed by the Liquidator;

Company, Preserver Insurance Company, York Insurance Company of Maine, CastlePoint Insurance Company and Kodiak Insurance Company.

11. The Liquidator is authorized, without permission of the Court and without notice, to acquire, hypothecate, encumber, lease, improve, sell, transfer, abandon, or otherwise dispose of or deal with, any real or personal property of CastlePoint at its reasonable market value, or, in cases other than acquisition, sale, or transfer on the basis of reasonable market value, upon such terms and conditions as the Liquidator may deem proper and to be in accordance with the Liquidator's authority under the Insurance Code;

- 12. The Liquidator is authorized, for the purpose of executing and performing any of the powers and authority conferred upon the Liquidator under Insurance Code sections 1010 *et seq.*, in the name of CastlePoint or in the Liquidator's own name, to initiate, prosecute and/or defend any and all suits and other legal proceedings, legal or equitable, and to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all deeds, assignments, releases and other instruments necessary and proper to effectuate any sale of any real and personal property or other transaction in connection with the administration, liquidation or other disposition of the assets of CastlePoint, in this or other states as may appear to him necessary to carry out his functions as Liquidator;
- 13. The Liquidator is authorized to divert, take possession of and secure all mail of CastlePoint and to effect a change in the rights to use any and all post office boxes and other mail collection facilities used by CastlePoint;
- 14. The Liquidator is authorized, without permission of the Court and without notice, to invest and reinvest, in such manner as the Liquidator may deem suitable for the best interests of the policyholders and/or creditors of CastlePoint, such portions of the funds and assets of CastlePoint in his possession as do not exceed the amount of the reserves required by law to be maintained by CastlePoint as reserves for insurance policies, and which funds and assets are not immediately distributable to creditors upon such terms and conditions as the Liquidator may deem proper and to be in accordance with the Liquidator's authority under the Insurance Code; provided, however, the investment or reinvestment to be made does not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), except that the Liquidator, without permission of the court and without notice, may make investments or reinvestments in excess of \$100,000, but not exceeding \$5,000,000 per investment or reinvestment, if such investments or reinvestments are

part of CastlePoint's existing investments or are made pursuant to the investment guidelines of the Commissioner's Conservation & Liquidation Office (including investments and reinvestments through an investment pool consisting exclusively of assets from conserved and/or liquidating estates);

- 15. The Liquidator is authorized, in his discretion, without permission of the Court and without notice, to pay or defer payment of some or all claims, expenses, liabilities and/or obligations of CastlePoint, in whole or in part, accruing prior and/or subsequent to his appointment as Liquidator;
- 16. The Liquidator is authorized to appoint, employ and compensate under his hand and official seal, legal counsel, as his agents, and to employ special deputies, clerks and/or assistants, and to give to each of them those powers that the Liquidator deems necessary;
- 17. The Liquidator is authorized to fix the costs of employing special deputy commissioners, legal counsel, clerks, and/or assistants, and all expenses of taking possession of, conserving, conducting, liquidating, disposing of, or otherwise dealing with the business and property of CastlePoint, and he is authorized to pay such costs out of the assets of CastlePoint in such manner as the Liquidator may deem proper and in accordance with the Liquidator's authority under the Insurance Code. If there are insufficient funds to pay such costs, then the Liquidator may pay such costs out of the Insurance Fund pursuant to Insurance Code section 1035(a);
- 18. The Liquidator is authorized to terminate compensation arrangements with employees, to enter into new compensation arrangements with employees (including arrangements containing retention incentives), and to hire employees on such terms and conditions as he deems reasonable, <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Liquidator shall continue to honor any such compensation arrangements with employees he approved or authorized in his prior capacity as Conservator;
- 19. The Liquidator is vested with all the powers of the directors, officers and managers of CastlePoint, whose authorities are suspended except as such powers may be re-delegated by the Liquidator;

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Injunctions and Other Orders

- 20. Except upon the express authorization of the Liquidator, all persons (including without limitation CastlePoint and its officers, directors, agents, servants, and employees) are enjoined from the transaction of CastlePoint's business or disposition of its property (including without limitation disposing of, using, transferring, selling, assigning, canceling, alienating, hypothecating or concealing in any manner or any way), or assisting any person in any of the foregoing, until further order of this Court. All persons are enjoined from obstructing or interfering with the Liquidator's conduct of his duties as Liquidator;
- 21. All persons are enjoined from instituting, prosecuting or maintaining any action at law or suit in equity (including without limitation actions or proceedings to compel discovery or production of documents or testimony, and matters in arbitration), except in matters before either the California Workers Compensation Appeals Board or equivalent administrative boards or organizations performing such functions in other states in which CastlePoint issued workers compensation policies, against CastlePoint or against the Liquidator, and from attaching, executing upon, foreclosing upon, redeeming of, making levy upon, or taking any other legal proceedings against any of the property and/or assets of CastlePoint, and from doing any act interfering with the conduct of said business by the Liquidator, except after an order from this Court entered after notice to the Liquidator of not less than 30 court days. For the avoidance of doubt, the injunctions set forth in paragraph 21 of this Order are not intended to stay any action against third parties not insured or indemnified by CastlePoint, provided that the parties in such action shall not pursue, directly or indirectly, recovery on any resulting judgment from CastlePoint, its assets, or the Liquidator, nor shall such resulting judgment be afforded any evidentiary or preclusive effect on any proof of claim submitted pursuant to this Order;
- 22. Except upon further order of the Court issued after a hearing in which the Liquidator has received reasonable notice, all persons are enjoined from obtaining or attempting to attain preferences, judgments, foreclosures, attachments or other liens of any kind or nature, or making any levy, against CastlePoint, its assets or property, or the Liquidator, and from executing or issuing or causing the execution or issuance of any court attachment, subpoena, replevin,

execution or other process for the purpose of impounding or taking possession of or interfering with or creating or enforcing a lien upon any property or assets owned or in the possession of CastlePoint or the Liquidator, wheresoever situated, and from doing any act interfering with the conduct of said business by the Liquidator;

- 23. Except upon further order of the Court issued after a hearing in which the Liquidator has received reasonable notice, all persons are enjoined from accelerating the due date of any obligation or claimed obligation; exercising any right of set-off; taking, retaining, retaking or attempting to retake possession of any real or personal property; withholding or diverting any rent or other obligation; doing any act or other thing whatsoever to interfere with the possession of or management by the Liquidator of the property and assets, owned or controlled by CastlePoint or in the possession of CastlePoint or in any way interfering with the Liquidator or interfering in any manner during the pendency of this proceeding with the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over CastlePoint and its assets;
- 24. All persons are enjoined from the sale or deed for nonpayment of taxes or assessments levied by any taxing agency of property and/or assets of CastlePoint;
 - 25. All persons are enjoined from the waste of the assets of CastlePoint;
- 26. CastlePoint and its officers, directors, agents and employees are ordered to immediately make available to the Liquidator all assets, books, accounts, records, information, computers, tapes, discs, writings, other recordings of information, equipment and other property of CastlePoint, wherever situated, in their custody or control. They are directed to disclose to the Liquidator, on his request, the exact whereabouts of the foregoing items if such items are not in their possession, custody or control;
- 27. CastlePoint and its officers, directors, trustees, employees or agents, and any other person, firm, association, partnership, corporate parent, holding company, affiliate or other entity in charge of any aspect of CastlePoint's affairs, either in whole or in part (including but not limited to banks, savings and loan associations, financial or lending institutions, brokers, stock or mutual associations, or any parent, holding company, subsidiary or affiliated corporation or any

other representative acting in concert with CastlePoint) are ordered to cooperate with the Liquidator in the performance of his duties;

- 28. All persons who maintain records, books, assets, accounts, tax returns, information, computers, tapes, discs, writings, other recordings of information, equipment and other property of CastlePoint, wheresoever located, pursuant to written contract or any other agreement, are ordered to maintain such records and to deliver to the Liquidator such records upon his request;
- 29. The Court hereby stays any and all provisions of any agreement entered into by and between any third party and CastlePoint, that provide, in any manner, that selection, appointment or retention of a conservator, receiver or trustee, or entry of an order such as hereby made, shall be deemed to be, or otherwise operate as, a breach, violation, event of default, termination, event of dissolution, event of acceleration, insolvency, bankruptcy, or liquidation. The assertion of any and all rights and remedies relating thereto are also stayed and barred, except as otherwise ordered by this Court. This Court shall have and retain exclusive jurisdiction over any cause of action that has arisen or may otherwise arise under any such a provision;
- 30. Unless expressly superseded or amended under this Order, all restraining orders and injunctions set forth in the Court's July 28, 2016, *Order Appointing Insurance Commissioner as Conservator and Restraining Orders* shall remain in full force and effect.

Creditors and Setting of Claims Bar Date

- 31. The rights and liabilities of claimants, policyholders, shareholders, members and all other persons interested in the assets of CastlePoint are fixed as of the effective date of entry of this Liquidation Order;
- 32. Any and all claims against CastlePoint (except those policyholder claims already pending against CastlePoint, which are hereby deemed filed with the Liquidator, who shall maintain a list of such claims), including without limitation those claims which in any way affect or seek to affect any of the assets of CastlePoint, wherever or however such assets may be owned or held, must be filed with the Liquidator no later than December 31, 2017 (the "Claims Bar Date") in accordance with the provisions of Insurance Code sections 1010 et seq., (including

1	without limitation Insurance Code section 1023). The claim must be timely filed on the form
2	provided by the Liquidator, together with proper proofs thereof, and must be supplemented with
3	such further information as the Liquidator requests, in accordance with Insurance Code section
4	1023(f). As provided in Insurance Code section 1024, any claims not filed by the Claims Ba
5	Date shall be conclusively deemed forever waived and no action may be maintained
6	thereon;
7	33. The Conservation Order shall remain in full force and effect through and including
8	March 31, 2017, and the provisions of this Liquidation Order shall become effective on and as of
9	April 1, 2017. This Liquidation Order is deemed final as of April 1, 2017.
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11	Dated: HAROLD KAHN HONORABLE HAROLD E. KAHN
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