BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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| STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. | JUN 02 2017 |
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| DOAK, Insurance Commissioner, | INSURANCE COMMISSIONER |
| Petitioner, |) |
| vs. |) CASE NO. 17-0361-DIS |
| AMERICAN FINANCIAL ASSOCIATES., INC., an applicant for a business entity non-resident insurance producer license, |)))) |
| Respondent. | j |
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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 his attorney, Lisa M. Torneten, 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 Producer Licensing Act, 36 O.S. §§ 1435.1 through 1435.41.
- American Financial Associates, Inc. ("Respondent") is a non-resident business entity insurance producer holding license number 0010014730. Respondent's mailing address of record is 1700 Northampton Street, Suite A, Easton, Pennsylvania 18042.
- 3. The Insurance Commissioner may place on probation, censure, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Producer 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. §§ 1435.13(A) and (D).

ALLEGATIONS OF FACTS

- Respondent held a nonresident business entity insurance producer license until the
 date of its expiration on April 30, 2017. Respondent applied for reinstatement of its nonresident
 business entity insurance producer license on or about May 5, 2017 with the Oklahoma
 Insurance Department (the "Department").
- 2. On the application form, the second question asks the following: "Has the business entity or any owner, partner, officer or director of the business entity, or manager or member of a limited liability company, ever been named or involved as a party in an administrative proceeding, including a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") sanction or arbitration proceeding regarding any professional or occupational license, or registration?" Respondent answered "no" to this question.
- 3. The application form defines being "involved" in an administrative proceeding as the following: "having a license censured, suspended, revoked, canceled, terminated; or, being assessed a fine, a cease and desist order, a prohibition order, a compliance order, placed on probation, sanctioned or surrendering a license to resolve an administrative action. 'Involved' also means being named as a party to an administrative or arbitration proceeding, which is related to a professional or occupational license or registration." 'Involved' also means having a license, or registration application denied or the act of withdrawing an application to avoid a denial." Applicants may only exclude "terminations due solely to noncompliance with continuing education requirements or failure to pay a renewal fee."
- 4. A background check conducted by the Department's Licensing Division showed that Respondent had the following administrative action listed on its record: a 2014 complaint issued by FINRA for violations including improper supervisory control procedures and failure to

properly maintain its purchase and sales blotter. Respondent entered into a Consent Order and was fined Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00). Accordingly, Respondent did not properly disclose the aforementioned administrative action in the license application.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LAW

Respondent violated 36 O.S. § 1435.13(A)(1); providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete or materially untrue information in the license application

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance Commissioner, subject to the following paragraph, that Respondent is hereby CENSURED and FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for violation of 36 O.S. § 1435.4(A). The \$300.00 fine is to be paid within thirty (30) days of this Conditional Administrative Order and made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department. License will be issued upon payment of the fine.

Torneten, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56th St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. Additionally, the request for hearing 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 2nd day of June, 2017.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Lisa M. Torneten Oklahoma Insurance Department 3625 NW 56th Street, Suite 100 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112 (405) 522-6330 (405) 522-1250 Fax

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Lisa M. Torneten, 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 2 hd day of June, 2017, to the following:

Henry D'Alberto
American Financial Associates, Inc.
1700 Northampton St., Suite A
Easton, PA 18042
CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7016 0910 0000 8401 2430

and a copy was delivered to:

Lorie Jones Licensing Division

Lisa M. Torneten

Assistant General Counsel

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