BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,) INSURANCE COMMISSION OKLAHOMA	IER]
Petitioner,	,)	
vs.) CASE NO. 18-0395-DEN	
MARK ALAN STITES, a renewal applicant)	
for a resident insurance adjuster license,)	
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Respondent.)	

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. Mark Alan Stites ("Respondent") is a renewal applicant for a resident insurance adjuster license in the State of Oklahoma. Respondent's mailing address of record is 662 Harold Dr., NE, Piedmont, OK 73078.
- 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's resident adjuster license expired on or about December 31, 2017, with the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("OID").
 - 7. Respondent submitted a renewal application on May 29, 2018.
- 8. On May 29, 2018, the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("OID") Licensing Division requested information regarding the adjustment of Oklahoma claims after the expiration or Respondent's License on December 31, 2017.
- 9. On or about June 1, 2018, Respondent provided a list of claims adjusted from January 1, 2018 to present.
- 10. Pursuant to 36 O.S. § 6220(A)(9), it is a violation of the Adjuster Licensing Act for an adjuster to adjust claims without proper licensing from the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner.

ALLEGED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

11. Respondent has violated 36 O.S. § 6220(A)(9) by adjusting claims without

proper licensure from the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner.

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)(9). 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. Respondent's application for the renewal of his resident insurance adjuster license shall be granted upon receipt of payment of the fine. Failure to pay the civil fine or request a hearing within thirty (30) days will result in your renewal license application being withdrawn.

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 (31st) 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 56th 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 June, 2018.



JOHN D. DOAK
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Sandia LaVenue OBA# 13372 Oklahoma Insurance Department 3625 NW 56th 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 hand delivered to Mark Alan Stites on this 12th day of June, 2018, to:

Mark Alan Stites 662 Harold Dr. NE Piedmont, OK 73078

CERTIFIED MAIL NO.

and a copy was delivered to:

Nicole Godfrey Licensing Division

> Sandra LaVenue Senior Counsel