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### DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:

SOBALVARRO, SARITA ELIZABETH,
(Arizona License No. 928071)
(NPN 11712906)

No. 10A-085-INS
ORDER

Respondent.

On October 18, 2010, the Office of Administrative Hearings, through Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Lewis D. Kowal, issued an Administrative Law Judge Decision ("Recommended Decision"), received by the Director of the Department of Insurance ("Director") on October 18, 2010, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by this reference. The Director of the Department of Insurance has reviewed the Recommended Decision and enters the following Order:

- The Director adopts the Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Recommended Decision.
- 2. The Director revokes Respondent's Arizona producer's license, effective immediately.

# **NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS**

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 41-1092.09, Respondent may request a rehearing with respect to this order by filling a written motion with the Director of the Department of Insurance within 30 days of the date of this Order, setting forth the basis for relief under A.A.C. R20-6-114(B). Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.09, it is not necessary to request a rehearing before filing an appeal to Superior Court.

Respondent may appeal the final decision of the Director to the Superior Court of Maricopa County for judicial review pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-166. A party filing an appeal

1	must notify the Office of Administrative Hearings of the appeal within ten days after filing
2	the complaint commencing the appeal, pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-904(B).
3	DATED this 3th day of November, 2010.
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5	CHRISTINA URIAS, Director
6	Arizona Department of Insurance
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8	COPY of the foregoing mailed this  4th day of November, 2010 to:
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### IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of:

No. 10A-085-INS

Sarita Elizabeth Sobalvarro (Arizona License No. 928071) (NPN No. 11712906), ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

Respondent.

**HEARING:** September 27, 2010

<u>APPEARANCES</u>: Special Assistant Attorney General Mary Kosinski on behalf of the Arizona Department of Insurance; Sarita Elizabeth Sobalvarro did not appear at the hearing

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lewis D. Kowal

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. At all times material to this matter, Sarita Elizabeth Sobalvarro ("Respondent") was and currently is licensed by the Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") as a credit producer.
- 2. On September 22, 2008, the Department issued Respondent a credit producer license, license number 928071 ("License"), which expires on August 31, 2012.
- 3. Steven Fromholtz ("Mr. Fromholtz"), Producer Licensing Administrator of the Licensing Section of the Department, testified that when an application for a producer's license is received and processed, it is forwarded to the Arizona Department of Public Safety ("DPS") for processing. This includes processing by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a criminal history background check to be conducted.

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- 5. On November 6, 2008, the Department issued a letter to Respondent that was mailed to her business/mailing address, informing her that her fingerprint card could not be processed and was returned by DPS as illegible. In that letter, the Department requested that Respondent submit a replacement set of fingerprints and enclosed a blank Illegible Replacement Fingerprint Form. The Department provided a deadline of December 1, 2008, for the return of the completed replacement fingerprint form.
- 6. Because the Department did not receive the requested replacement fingerprint form from Respondent as requested, the Department sent another letter to Respondent at her residential address on November 10, 2009, giving Respondent a deadline of November 30, 2009, to file an a new set of fingerprints and an Illegible Replacement Fingerprint Form with the Department or to submit a Voluntary Surrender of License Form with the Department. The Department indicated that the failure to respond to the letter would result in the initiation of disciplinary action being taken against Respondent's license.
- 7. Mr. Fromholtz testified that the Department has not received any change of address notification from Respondent and that the above-mentioned letters were sent to the addresses of record the Department had for Respondent.
- 8. Mr. Fromholtz testified that to date the Respondent has not responded to the above-mentioned letters and has not submitted to the Department a new set of fingerprints.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. This matter is a disciplinary proceeding wherein the Department must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that Respondent violated the State's Insurance Laws. See A.AC. R2-19-119.

- 2. During the application process, the Director of the Department required Respondent to submit a full set of fingerprints, and Respondent's illegible fingerprint submission did not satisfy that requirement. See A.R.S. § 20-285(E)(2).
- 3. Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, constitutes a violation of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(1) by having failed to provide complete information in the license application.
- 4. Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, constitutes the violation of any provision of A.R.S., Title 20 within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(2).
- 5. Grounds exist for the Director of the Department to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the License pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-295(A).

#### **ORDER**

Based upon the above, the License shall be revoked on the effective date of the Order entered in this matter.

Done this day, October 18, 2010.

/s/ Lewis D. Kowal Administrative Law Judge

Transmitted electronically to:

Christina Urias, Director Department of Insurance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is noted that the Notice of Hearing issued in this matter contained a typographical error and cited A.R.S. § 20-285(F)(2) instead of § 20-285(E)(2). During the hearing, the Department referenced A.R.S. § 20-285(E)(2).