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DEPT OF INSURANCE 1 STATE OF ARIZONA 2 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE 3 In the Matter of: No. 10A-163-INS 4 RUPP, KENDRA M., (Arizona License No. 939679) ORDER 5 (NPN # 13350163) 6 Respondent. 7 8 On February 23, 2011, the Office of Administrative Hearings, through Administrative 9 Law Judge ("ALJ") Lewis D. Kowal, issued an Administrative Law Judge Decision 10 ("Recommended Decision"), received by the Director of the Department of Insurance 11 ("Director") on February 24, 2011, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by this 12 reference. The Director of the Department of Insurance has reviewed the Recommended 13 Decision and enters the following Order: 14 The Director adopts the Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of 15 Law of the Recommended Decision. 16 2. The Director revokes Respondent's Arizona producer's license, effective 17 immediately. 18 NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS 19 Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 41-1092.09, Respondent may 20 request a rehearing with respect to this order by filling a written motion with the Director of 21 the Department of Insurance within 30 days of the date of this Order, setting forth the basis 22 for relief under A.A.C. R20-6-114(B). Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.09, it is not necessary 23 to request a rehearing before filing an appeal to Superior Court. 24

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

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| | must notify the Office of Administrative Hearings of the appeal within ten days after filing | | |
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| 2 | the complaint commencing the appeal, pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-904(B). | | |
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| 6 | CHRISTINA URIAS, Director Arizona Department of Insurance | | |
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| 8 | COPY of the foregoing mailed this 8th day of March , 2011 to: | | |
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IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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In the Matter of:

No. 10A-163-INS

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE INSURANCE DEPT.

Kendra M. Rupp (Arizona License # 939679) (NPN # 13350163)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

Respondent

HEARING: February 8, 2011

<u>APPEARANCES</u>: Special Assistant Attorney General Mary Kosinki for the Arizona Department of Insurance; Kendra M. Rupp did not appear at the hearing.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lewis D. Kowal

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. At all times material to this matter, Kendra M. Rupp ("Respondent") was and currently is licensed by the Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department").
- 2. On March 11, 2009, the Department issued Respondent a casualty, accident/health, life, and property producer license, license number 939679 ("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, which includes a criminal history background check by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- 4. On September 1, 2009, the Department issued a letter to Respondent that was mailed to her business and mailing address of record, 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

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deadline of October 2, 2009, for the return of the completed replacement fingerprint form.

5. Because the Department did not receive the requested replacement fingerprint form from Respondent as requested, the Department sent another letter to Respondent on December 28, 2009, giving Respondent a deadline of January 31, 2010, to file with the Department a new set of fingerprints and an Illegible Replacement Fingerprint Form or a Voluntary Surrender of License Form. 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.

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.A.C. 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.

In the event of certification of the Administrative Law Judge Decision by the Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings, the effective date of the Order will be 5 days from the date of that certification.

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| 2 | Done this day, February 23, 2011. | | |
| 3 | | /s/ Lewis D. Kowal | |
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| 7 | Transmitted electronically to: | | |
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