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In the Matter of:

**BEERS, DONNA KAY** 

(National Producer #733845),

(Legacy AZ License #866264),

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No. 17A-041-INS

**DEFAULT ORDER** 

On August 4, 2017, the Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") issued a Notice of Hearing ("Notice") in the above-captioned matter, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by this reference. The Notice required Donna Kay Beers ("Beers" or "Respondent") to provide a written answer to the allegations set forth in the Notice within twenty days of the issuance of the Notice. As of this date, Respondent has failed to file an answer. On August 29, 2017, counsel for the Department filed a Motion for Default, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit B**. As of this date, Respondent has not responded to the Department's motion. Pursuant to A.A.C.R20-6-106(D), a party that fails to file an answer within the time provided shall be deemed to be in default and one or more of the allegations in the Notice of Hearing may be deemed to be admitted.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Notice was proper.
- 2. Respondent is in default.
- 3. The allegations in the Notice are deemed admitted.

Respondent.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW** 1 1. The conduct alleged in the Notice constitutes grounds for the Director to 2 suspend, revoke or refuse to renew Respondent's license to transact insurance in Arizona, 3 4 pursuant to A.R.S. §20-295(A). 5 ORDER 6 IT IS ORDERED: 7 1. The insurance license held by Respondent is revoked effective upon the 8 issuance of this Order. 9 The hearing set for **September 12, 2017** at **1:00 p.m.** shall be vacated. 2. 10 DATED this 3th day of \_ 11 12 Leslie R. Hess. Interim Director 13 Arizona Department of Insurance 14 COPY of the foregoing electronically filed this 15 the day of September 2017 to: 16 Suzanne Marwil, Administrative Law Judge 17 Office of Administrative Hearings 18 COPY of the foregoing delivered same date to: 19 Mary Kosinski, Regulatory Legal Affairs Officer Steven Fromholtz, Assistant Director, Consumer Protection Division 20 Aqueelah Currie, Licensing Manager Sharyn Kerr, Consumer Protection Division 21 Arizona Department of Insurance 22 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 Phoenix, Arizona 85018 23 COPY of the foregoing emailed same date to: 24

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**

In the Matter of:

Docket No. 17A-041-INS

BEERS, DONNA KAY, (National Producer Number 733845) (Legacy License ID 866264) NOTICE OF HEARING

(ALJ Suzanne Marwil)

Respondent.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-captioned matter will be heard before the Interim Director of Insurance of the State of Arizona (the "Interim Director") or a duly designated representative on <a href="September 12">September 12</a>, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1400 West Washington, Suite 101, Phoenix, Arizona 85007<sup>1</sup>.

If you wish to continue this hearing to another date, you must file a motion in writing with the Office of Administrative Hearings not less than 15 days before the scheduled hearing date. Please send it to the attention of the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") and include the docket number listed above. You must also mail or hand-deliver a copy of any motion to continue to the Department of Insurance on the same date you file it with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

You are not required to have an attorney represent you. However, if you are represented, your attorney must be licensed to practice law in the State of Arizona. An insurance company may be represented by a corporate officer. A.R.S. § 20-161(B).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As authorized under Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 20-161 through and including 20-165 and Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10 (A.R.S. § 41-1092 et seq.).



You are entitled to be present during the giving of all evidence and you will have a reasonable opportunity to inspect all documentary evidence, examine witnesses, present evidence that supports your case and to request that the ALJ issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and production of evidence. A.R.S. § 20-164(B).

A clear and accurate record of the proceedings will be made either by a court reporter or by electronic means. A.R.S. § 41-1092.07(E). If you want a copy of an electronic recording, you must contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at (602) 542-9826. If the hearing was transcribed by a court reporter and you want a copy of the transcript, you must pay the cost of the transcript to the court reporter or other transcriber.

Questions concerning issues raised in this Notice of Hearing should be directed to Assistant Attorney General Liane Kido, telephone number (602) 542-8011, 1275 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2926, Liane Kido@azag.gov.

# NOTICE OF APPLICABLE RULES

On January 23, 1992, we adopted the rules of practice and procedure applicable in contested cases before the Interim Director of Insurance. The hearing will be conducted pursuant to these rules. A.A.C. R20-6-101 through R20-6-115.

YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE (ANSWER) TO THE ALLEGATIONS IN THIS NOTICE WITH US WITHIN **20 DAYS** AFTER WE ISSUE THIS NOTICE. A.A.C. R20-6-106. YOUR RESPONSE SHOULD STATE YOUR POSITION OR DEFENSE AND SHOULD SPECIFICALLY ADMIT OR DENY EACH ASSERTION IN THE NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT SPECIFICALLY DENY AN ASSERTION, WE WILL CONSIDER IT ADMITTED. ANY DEFENSE YOU DO NOT RAISE WILL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE YOUR RESPONSE ON TIME, WE WILL CONSIDER YOU IN DEFAULT AND THE DIRECTOR MAY DEEM THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE AS

TRUE. ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS APPROPRIATE INCLUDING SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL PENALTY AND ORDERING RESTITUTION TO ANY INJURED PERSON.

### PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES MAY REQUEST REASONABLE

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ACCOMMODATIONS. IF YOU REQUIRE ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AT (602) 542-9826.

The allegations supporting this Notice of Hearing are as follows:

- 1. Donna Kay Beers ("Respondent") is and was, at all times material, an Arizona resident insurance producer with lines of authority for accident and health or sickness, life, and variable life/variable annulties, National Producer Number 733845. Respondent has been continually licensed with the Department since June 1, 2006. Respondent's license expires on March 31, 2018.
- Respondent's address of record is: Brokers Alliance, 16930 E. Palisades Blvd.,
   Ste. 100, Fountain Hills, Arizona 85268-3731 (business and mailing).

# **Arizona Corporation Commission Action**

3. On or about July 30, 2013, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") entered an Order to Cease and Desist, Order of Revocation, Order for Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalties, and Consent to Same by: Respondents Donna Kay Beers and James Beers, In the Matter of Donna Kay Beers (CRD# 1172038) and James Beers, Docket No. S-20856A-12-0409, Decision No. 74017 ("ACC Order").

- 4. The ACC Order revoked Donna Kay Beers' securities salesman registration, ordered Donna Kay Beers to cease and desist violating the securities act, ordered restitution in the amount of \$86,815.00, and assessed an administrative penalty of \$15,000.00.
  - 5. Respondent failed to immediately report the ACC Order to the Department.

#### **FINRA Action**

- 6. On October 29, 2015, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") accepted the Letter of Acceptance, Waiver and Consent, No. 20140403972 02 ("AWC") from Respondent.
- 7. Pursuant to the AVVC, FINRA barred Respondent from associating with any FINRA member firm in any capacity.
  - 8. Respondent failed to immediately report the AWC to the Department.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Interim Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes failure to report, immediately, the imposition of any disciplinary sanction, including the suspension or expulsion of the insurance producer from membership, or suspension, revocation or denial of the insurance producer's registration by any national securities exchange, national securities association or federal, state or territorial agency that has jurisdiction over securities or variable contracts, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-2662(D).
- 3. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes violating any provision of Title 20 or any rule, subpoena or order of the director, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(2).

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- 4. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes having an insurance producer license or its equivalent, denied, suspended or revoked in any state, province, district or territory, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(9).
- Grounds exist for the Interim Director to deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to 5. renew Respondent's insurance license, impose a civil penalty and/or order restitution pursuant to A.R.S, §§ 20-295(A) and (F).

WHEREFORE, if after hearing, the Interim Director finds the grounds alleged above, the Interim Director may deny, suspend, or revoke Respondent's insurance producer's license and impose a civil penalty. A.R.S. §§ 20-295(A) and (F).

The Interim Director delegates the authority vested in her to the Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings or his designee to preside over the hearing of this matter as the Administrative Law Judge, to make written recommendations to the Interim Director consisting of proposed findings of fact, proposed conclusions of law, and a proposed order. This delegation does not include delegation of the authority of the Interim Director to make an order on the hearing or any other final decision in this matter. A.R.S. § 20-150.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.01, your hearing will be conducted through the Office of Administrative Hearings, an independent agency. Further hearing information may be found at the Office of Administrative Hearings website: www.azoah.com.

DATED this  $3^{rol}$  day of August, 2017.

Mary Kośinski, Regulatory Legal Affairs Officer

Arizona Department of Insurance

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MOTION FOR DEFAULT

Respondent.

The Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department"), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby requests that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth in the Notice of Hearing and incorporated herein by reference be entered in this matter, deeming Donna Kay Beers ("Beers" or "Respondent"), in default, deeming the allegations set forth in the Notice as true, and ordering that Respondent's insurance license be revoked.

On August 4, 2017, a Notice of Hearing ("Notice") was filed in this matter and served upon Donna Kay Beers at her address of record via certified mail pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.04. On August 9, 2017, the Department received the certified mail return receipt, No. 7009 1680 0001 4216 4087, showing that the Notice had been delivered and accepted at Respondent's address of record: 15925 Sunflower Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. A copy

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of the certified mail receipt is attached to this request as Exhibit A.

Respondent had twenty (20) days from the date of issuance of the Notice to file a written answer to the allegations contained therein pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C") R20-6-106. As of the date of this Motion, Respondent has not filed an answer nor has she appeared through counsel. Rule 20-6-106(D) of the Arizona Administrative Code provides that if an answer is not timely filed, the Respondent shall be deemed in default and the Director may deem the allegations set forth in the Notice of Hearing as true and take whatever action is appropriate including revoking the license.

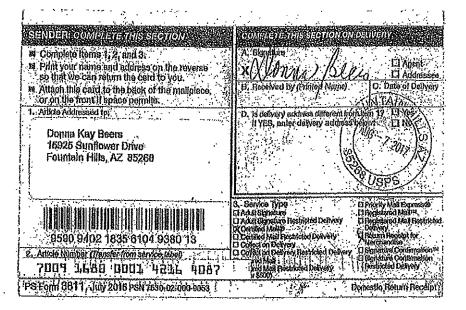
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