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ESCARCEGA, DAVID JOSEPH (National Producer Number 6748792) (Legacy License ID 106753) No. 17A-<u>090</u>-INS CONSENT ORDER

Respondent.

The State of Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") has received evidence that **David Joseph Escarcega** violated provisions of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, and admits the following Findings of Fact are true and consents to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. David Joseph Escarcega ("Escarcega" or "Respondent") is, and was at all material times, licensed as an Arizona resident insurance producer with lines of authority in accident and health or sickness, life and variable life/variable annuity, National Producer Number 6748792, which expires April 30, 2020. Escarcega first became licensed with the Department on February 9, 2001 (life and accident and health or sickness) and April 19, 2001 (variable life/variable annuity).
- Escarcega's address of record with the Department is: 4939 W. Ray Road, Ste 4-331, Chandler, AZ 85226 (business and mailing).

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# FINRA ACTION

- 3. On or about July 20, 2017, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) rendered a Decision in Complaint No. 2012034936005, In the Matter of Department of Enforcement vs. David Joseph Escarcega ("FINRA Decision").
- 4. The FINRA Decision affirmed a February 29, 2016 Hearing Panel Decision finding:
  - a. Escarcega made fraudulent misrepresentations to customers;
  - b. Escarcega made unsuitable recommendations to customers; and
  - c. Escarcega caused his firm to maintain inaccurate books and records.
- 5. The FINRA Decision barred Escarcega in all capacities and ordered disgorgement of \$52,270 in commissions.
- 6. On April 25, 2016, Escarcega reported the pending FINRA action to the Department in his license renewal action and reported the final disposition on August 29, 2017.

# **ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION ACTION**

- 7. On or about December 5, 2016, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") entered an Order to Cease and Desist, Order of Revocation, Order of Denial, Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same by Respondent David J. Escarcega, In the Matter of David J. Escarcega (CRD 4367584), Docket No. S-20956A-16-0090, Decision No. 75820 ("ACC Order").
- 8. The ACC Order revoked Escarcega's securities registration, ordered Escarcega to cease and desist violating the Securities Act, ordered and ordered payment of an

administrative penalty of \$100,000. The ACC Order also denied Escarcega's application for licensure as an investment advisor.

# **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 a violation of 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).
- 4. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes using fraudulent, coercive or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(8).
- 5. 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).
- 6. Grounds exist for the Interim Director to deny, suspend for not more than twelve months, revoke, or refuse to renew an insurance producer's license pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 20-295(A) and 20-2662(E).

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#### **ORDER**

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

 David Joseph Escarcega's resident insurance producer's license (National Producer Number 6748792) is revoked effective immediately.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 37 m day of October, 2017.

ESLIE R. HESS

Interim Director of Insurance

#### **CONSENT TO ORDER**

- Respondent has reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.
- Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Interim Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, and admits the foregoing Findings of Fact and consents to the entry of the foregoing Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 3. Respondent is aware of his right to notice and a hearing at which he may be represented by counsel, present evidence and examine witnesses. Respondent irrevocably waives his right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals relating to this Consent Order.
- 4. Respondent states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to him to induce him to enter into this Consent Order and that he has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 5. Respondent acknowledges that the acceptance of this Consent Order by the Interim Director is solely to settle this matter against him and does not preclude any other

1	agency, including the Di	epartment, officer, or subdivision of this state or this agency from	
2	instituting civil or crimina	al proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.	
3	6. Responde	nt acknowledges that this Consent Order is an administrative action	)
4	the Department will repo	ort to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).	
5	Respondent further ack	nowledges that he must report this administrative action to	
6	any and all states in whi	ch he holds an insurance license and must disclose this administrat	tive
7	action on any license ap	plication.	
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9	10/15/17 Date	David Joseph Escarcega, National Producer No. 6748794	
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11	COPIES of the foregoing this 30 to day of Outm	mailed/delivered /w, 2017, to:	
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