# STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RMS INSURANCE SERVICES, INC., an Illinois corporation d/b/a FLANDERS INSURANCE AGENCY, INC., and OWEN G. COSTANZA, an individual,	)		
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Plaintiffs,	)		
VS.	)	CASE NO.	2021-L-30
DONALD G. SATTLER, an individual, MARION THORNBERRY, an individual, ELISABETH M. RODGERS, an individual, and and CHERYL RUSSELL-SMITH, an individual,	) ) )		
Defendants.	)		

DEFENDANTS', DONALD G. SATTLER, MARION THORNBERRY, and ELISABETH M. RODGERS, 2-619(a)(9) MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT UNDER THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ACT 735 ILCS 110/1, et seq.

NOW COME the Defendants, DONALD G. SATTLER, MARION THORNBERRY, and ELISABETH M. RODGERS, by their attorney, TRENT M. FERGUSON, and for their 2-619(a)(9) Motion to Dismiss Complaint under the Citizen Participation Act 735 ILCS 110/1, et seq., filed herein against the Plaintiffs, RMS INSURANCE SERVICES, INC., an Illinois corporation d/b/a FLANDERS INSURANCE AGENCY, INC., and OWEN G. COSTANZA, an individual, state as follows:

1. That in August of 2007, Illinois joined more than 20 other states in enacting anti-SLAPP legislation, in the form of the Citizen Participation Act (hereinafter "CPA") (735 ILCS 110/1 et seq. (West 2008)).

- 2. That "SLAPPs, or 'Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation,' are lawsuits aimed at preventing citizens from exercising their political rights or punishing those who have done so." Sandholm v. Kuecker, 2012 IL 111443, P33, (2012) citing Wright Development Group, LLC v. Walsh, 238 Ill. 2d 620, 630 (2010) (citing generally Penelope Canan & George W. Pring, Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation, 35 Soc. Probs. 506 (1988)).
- 3. That "SLAPPs use the threat of money damages or the prospect of the cost of defending against the suits to silence citizen participation." *Sandholm v. Kuecker*, 2012 IL 111443 at P33 citing *Walsh*, 238 Ill. 2d at 630 (citing 735 ILCS 110/5 (West 2008)).
- 4. That SLAPPs "masquerade as ordinary lawsuits" and may include myriad causes of action, including defamation, interference with contractual rights or prospective economic advantage, and malicious prosecution. *Sandholm* at 35 citing Kathryn W. Tate, *California's Anti-SLAPP Legislation: A Summary of and Commentary on its Operation and Scope*, 33 Loy. L.A. L. Rev. 801, 804-05 (2000).
- 5. That SLAPPs are, by definition, meritless. *Id.*, at 34 citing John C. Barker, *Common-Law and Statutory Solutions to the Problem of SLAPP's*, 26 Loy. L.A. L. Rev. 395, 396 (1993). Plaintiffs in SLAPP suits do not intend to win but rather to chill a defendant's speech or protest activity and discourage opposition by others through delay, expense, and distraction. *Id.* citing John C. Barker, *Common-Law and Statutory Solutions to the Problem of SLAPPs*, 26 Loy. L.A. L. Rev. 403-405 (1993).

- 6. That these characteristics of SLAPPs are reflected in the language of the Act, particularly section 5, which sets forth the public policy considerations underlying the legislation:
  - "§ 5. Public Policy. Pursuant to the fundamental philosophy of the American constitutional form of government, it is declared to be the public policy of the State of Illinois that the constitutional rights of citizens and organizations to be involved and participate freely in the process of government must be encouraged and safeguarded with great diligence. The information, reports, opinions, claims, arguments, and other expressions provided by citizens are vital to effective law enforcement, the operation of government, the making of public policy and decisions, and the continuation of representative democracy. The laws, courts, and other agencies of this State must provide the utmost protection for the free exercise of these rights of petition, speech, association, and government participation." 735 ILCS 110/5 (West 2008).
- 7. That civil actions for money damages have been filed against citizens and organizations of this State as a result of their valid exercise of their constitutional rights to petition, speak freely, associate freely, and otherwise participate in and communicate with government. There has been a disturbing increase in lawsuits termed 'Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation' in government or 'SLAPPs' as they are popularly called.
- 8. That the threat of SLAPPs significantly chills and diminishes citizen participation in government, voluntary public service, and the exercise of these important constitutional rights. This abuse of the judicial process can and has been used as a means of intimidating, harassing, or punishing citizens and organizations for involving themselves in public affairs.
- 9. That it is in the public interest and it is the purpose of the Act to strike a balance between the rights of persons to file lawsuits for injury and the constitutional rights of persons to petition, speak freely, associate freely, and otherwise participate in government; to protect and encourage public participation in government to the maximum extent permitted by law; to

establish an efficient process for identification and adjudication of SLAPPs; and to provide for attorney's fees and costs to prevailing movants." *Id.*, citing 735 ILCS 110/5 (West 2008).

- 10. That Section 15 of the Act describes the type of motion to which the Act applies:
  - "This Act applies to any motion to dispose of a claim in a judicial proceeding on the grounds that the claim is based on, relates to, or is in response to any act or acts of the moving party in furtherance of the moving party's rights of petition, speech, association, or to otherwise participate in government. Acts in furtherance of the constitutional rights to petition, speech, association, and participation in government are immune from liability, regardless of intent or purpose, except when not genuinely aimed at procuring favorable government action, result, or outcome." 735 ILCS 110/15 (West 2008).
- 11. That Section 20 of the Act further sets forth:
  - "The court shall grant the motion and dismiss the judicial claim unless the court finds that the responding party has produced clear and convincing evidence that the acts of the moving party are not immunized from, or are not in furtherance of acts immunized from, liability by this Act." 735 ILCS 110/20(c) (West 2008).
- 12. That in determining whether a lawsuit should be dismissed under the Act, the court engages in a three-part analysis. *Chadha v. North Park Elem. Sch. Ass'n*, 2018 IL App (1st) 171958, P83 (2018), quoting *Sandholm*, Par. 53-57. Under the Act, a defendant may move "to dispose of a claim in a judicial proceeding" on (1) the grounds that he engaged in an act "in furtherance of [his] rights of petition, speech, association, or to otherwise participate in government" and (2) the plaintiff's claim "is based on, relates to, or is in response to" that protected act of citizen participation. 735 ILCS 110/15 (West 2014). The burden then shifts to the plaintiff to produce (3) "clear and convincing evidence" that the acts of the moving party were a sham, i.e., that they were "not genuinely aimed at procuring favorable government action." *Id.* §§ 15, 20(c). A motion for dismissal under the Act is brought under section 2-

619(a)(9) of the Code and our review is de novo. Sandholm, 2012 IL 111443, Par.55 citing 735 ILCS 110/15.

- 13. That government is defined under the Act as "a branch, department, agency, instrumentality, official, employee, agent, or other person acting under color of law of the United States, a state, a subdivision of the state, or another public authority including the electorate. 735 ILCS 110/10 (West 2014).
- 14. That specifically in regards to the Illinois CPA, the term "electorate" has been held to be "simply a body of qualified voters from a particular district or territory". *Hammons v. Sec'y of Permanent Cosmetic Professionals*, 2012 IL App (1<sup>st</sup>) 102644, Par. 22.
- 15. That the only goal of the Plaintiff, OWEN G. COSTANZA ("OWEN"), in this lawsuit is to silence his critics.
- 16. That on December 11, 2020, then Village President for Poplar Grove and Plaintiff herein, OWEN G. COSTANZA, called the local police to have then Candidate and Defendant herein, DONALD G. SATTLER, removed from a public candidates' forum at the Poplar Grove Village Hall. The Boone County Sheriff's incident report regarding the matter notes that the Defendant, DONALD G. SATTLER, had not caused any issues while at the meeting and was fully cooperative.
- 17. That per the Plaintiffs' complaint, OWEN believes that Defendant, DONALD G. SATTLER ("SATTLER"), is the operator and/or controller of the (i) Belvidere Township Watch Facebook page, (ii) Boone County Republicans for Better Government Facebook page, (iii) Boone County Conservatives Facebook page, (iv) Donald Sattler for Village President Facebook

- page, (v) Donald Sattler Facebook page, and other social media pages. Plaintiffs' Complaint, page 3, paragraph 10.
- 18. That OWEN's claims against SATTLER primarily stem from the 2021 election race for Poplar Grove Village President between the OWEN, and SATTLER.
  - 19. That, ultimately, SATTLER, was victorious in the outcome of the election.
- 20. That the allegations of OWEN against SATTLER consist of distributing a "false flyer", "false accusations of criminal acts and the committing of insurance fraud through FLANDERS..." during the 2021 election year. Plaintiffs' Complaint, page 5, paragraph 17.
- 21. That OWEN further alleges that SATTLER then aligned with other Defendants in the Summer of 2021 to "attack" OWEN, including distribution of the "false flyer." Plaintiffs' Complaint, page 6, paragraph 22.
- 22. That OWEN alleges SATTLER continued posts after the April 2021 election results. Plaintiffs' Complaint, page 6, paragraph 24.
- 23. That per the Plaintiffs' Complaint, Defendant, MARION THORNBERRY ("THORNBERRY"), has been a vocal and constant antagonist to OWEN. Plaintiffs' Complaint, page 2, paragraph 4.
- 24. That OWEN's claims against THORNBERRY allegedly and primarily stem from, or started shortly after, OWEN defeated THORNBERRY for the officer position of Treasurer of the Boone County Republican Club, and that incidents from THORNBERRY grew as OWEN alleges he became more successful in Poplar Grove politics. Plaintiffs' Complaint, page 7, paragraphs 28 and 29.

- 25. That the allegations of OWEN against THORNBERRY consist of falsely accusing OWEN of being corrupt and of being a criminal, making false allegations in social media that OWEN is a "habitual criminal" and committing insurance fraud and "other criminal acts," contacting the State's Attorney's Office and State Representative asking OWEN to be removed from office, and circulation of the "false flyer." Plaintiffs' Complaint, page 7, paragraphs 27, 30, 31, and 32.
- 26. That per Plaintiffs' complaint, Defendant, ELISABETH M. RODGERS ("RODGERS"), is the owner of a weblog called "The Rhubarb" and has been a vocal and constant antagonist to OWEN since the summer of 2020. Plaintiffs' Complaint, page 2, paragraph 5, and page 8, paragraph 34.
- 27. That RODGERS is a member of the media, including freelancing work and working as a "Stringer" for the Associated Press reporting Boone County election results for both primary and regular elections.
- 28. That OWEN is a former board member of the Capron Rescue Squad nka North Boone EMS.
- 29. That in 2020 RODGERS had various questions and concerns regarding North Boone EMS and made her concerns known publicly, including her opposition to Mr. J. Jason Vodnansky's possible appointment to the North Boone EMS board due to him having a conflict of interest. Mr. Vodnansky is a known associate of OWEN. That RODGERS' public comments regarding North Boone EMS included the posting on The Rhubarb in June of 2020.
- 30. That shortly thereafter and during his tenure as Poplar Grove Village President, and Boone County Republican Central Committee Chairman, OWEN began calling, emailing,

and texting RODGERS' employer, Broadmoor Agency, Inc., in an attempt to silence her inquiries into matters with which OWEN was associated.

- 31. That on December 17, 2020, OWEN submitted a Freedom of Information Act request on the County of Boone seeking, among other items, all private and public correspondences between ROGERS and all county board members containing the phrases "North Boone 3 appointments", "North Boone District 3 Fire", "NB3", "Owen Costanza", "Flanders Insurance", "Village of Poplar Grove", and "James Jason Vodnansky". That on May 19, 2021, Attorney Timothy Donohue, on behalf of OWEN, submitted a Freedom of Information Act request to the County of Boone requesting all complaints and emails from each of the Defendants, SATTLER, THORNBERRY and RODGERS, and the Boone County Sheriff's Office, the Boone County State's Attorney, the Boone County Clerk's Office, and Boone County Administration from March 2019 through present.
- 32. That the allegations of the Plaintiff against RODGERS consist of RODGERS circulating the "false flyer", criticizing and making false accusations against the Plaintiffs, making complaints that OWEN was improperly taking insurance commissions, and making complaints to the State's Attorney's Office and the Illinois Department of Insurance. Plaintiffs' Complaint, pages 9 and 10, paragraphs 34, 35, 37 through 39.
- 33. That per the Plaintiff's admissions in the Complaint, the alleged behavior of the Defendants was directly related to the Plaintiff's involvement in local politics, including but not limited, to his running for Village President and Treasurer of the Boone County Republican Club.

- 34. That OWEN was elected Treasurer of the Boone County Illinois Republican Club in January of 2016. In 2020 OWEN was elected Chairman of the Republican Central Committee.
  - That OWEN remains very active in the Central Committee.
- 36. That OWEN remains a member of the Boone County Republican Central Committee. Attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is a photograph from the Boone County Republican Central Committee's Facebook's page dated October 14, 2021 showing OWEN participating in their annual steak fry.
- 37. That other posts to the Boone County Republican Central Committee's Facebook page include an August 19, 2021, posting showing OWEN meeting with Winnebago County Board Chairman and Candidate for the 35<sup>th</sup> District Senate Seat, Eli Nicolosi, in Springfield, Illinois, and a picture from November 17, 2021, showing a picture of OWEN standing next to Dan Brady with the caption "Dan Brady for Secretary of State announcement." Said posts are attached hereto as "Exhibit B" and "Exhibit C" respectively.
- 38. That OWEN was a co-host for a Christmas Meet & Greet on December 16, 2021, welcoming Darin Lahood to the new 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The event was hosted by Senator Dave Syverson. A copy of the flyer promoting the event is attached hereto as "Exhibit D".
- 39. That attached as "Exhibit E" and "Exhibit F" are pictures posted on or about December 17, 2021, on the Boone County Republican Central Committee's Facebook page showing OWEN posing in pictures with Winnebago County Board Chairman Joseph Chiarelli,

Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana, Illinois Senator Dave Syverson, Illinois State Representative Joe Sosnowksi, as well as other unknown politicians.

- 40. That, despite having a separate Facebook account, OWEN posts regularly to his account "Owen G. Costanza Poplar Grove Village President". Most recent posts on January 2, 2022, December 30, 2021, December 25, 2021, and December 16, 2021.
- 41. That after OWEN's defeat and to date, OWEN continues to attend Village Hall meetings.
- 42. That at such meetings OWEN appears with various associates for the purpose of harassing SATTLER. That, in addition to bringing his associates to meetings, OWEN has associates on the Village Board that harass SATTLER.
- 43. That OWEN recently filed a Complaint with the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission ("ARDC") against the Defendant, CHERYL RUSSELL-SMITH. The ARDC concluded no action was warranted.
  - 44. That the Plaintiffs' Complaint consists of various Counts:
    - a. A Count against each Defendant for Tortuous Interference with Prospective Business Advantage Against Defendant;
    - b. A Count against each Defendant for Tortuous Interference with Contract Against Defendant;
    - c. A Count against all Defendants for Civil Conspiracy to Tortuously Interfere with Plaintiffs' Contracts with Existing Customers, Tortuously Interfere with Plaintiffs' Prospective Business Advantage, and to Damage and Injure Plaintiffs' Business and Reputations in the Community;
    - d. A Count against each Defendant for Defamation;
    - e. A Count against each Defendant for Business Defamation Under Illinois Common Law.

- 45. That as previously stated herein, all of the allegations in all of the Counts consist of the allegations that some or all of the Defendants publicly acclaimed that OWEN committed fraud, has a criminal record, and is a repeat criminal, and in addition, that some or all of the Defendants created or circulated the flyer which is attached to the Plaintiffs' Complaint as "Exhibit 1 False Flyer."
- 46. That the Plaintiffs' claims are a response to the Defendants exercising their rights of free speech, association, and participation in government.
- 47. That the Plaintiff, OWEN G. COSTANZA, appears to be claiming that the allegations in the flyer are untrue.
- 48. That, based on the exhibits attached hereto, it appears that OWEN does, in fact, have a criminal record, has committed multiple crimes, and was terminated from an insurance agency for fraud and misrepresentation.
- 49. That the allegations in the flyer are each set forth herein, as well as a description of the factual basis for each allegation:
- A. Allegation #1: "1995 Pleads Guilty to Filing a False Police Report in Boone County." Court records indicated that in Boone County Case Number 1995-CM-170 the Plaintiff, OWEN G. COSTANZA, pled guilty to a "False Report of Offense" and was sentenced to a fine and public service. The Court later entered a "withhold judgment/court supervision" disposition for the case. Attached hereto as "Exhibit G" are three pages from the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Boone County's website showing OWEN G. COSTANZA's guilty plea in Case Number 1995-CM-170.

- B. Allegation #2: "1999 Terminated from Liberty Insurance for Fraud Misrepresentation." Public records obtained from the State of Wisconsin indicate OWEN G. COSTANZA was terminated under Codes 15 and 17, which identify as "fraud" and "misrepresentation" according to the State. The last page is a short statement on the actual reason(s) for termination as allegedly reported by the employer. Attached hereto as "Exhibit H"are three pages from the State of Wisconsin regarding OWEN G. COSTANZA's termination from Liberty Insurance.
- C. Allegation #3: "1999 Pleads Guilty Writing Bad Checks in Boone County" Court records indicate that in Boone County Case Number 1999-CM-557, OWEN G. COSTANZA did, in fact, enter a guilty plea on January 27, 2000. The Court later entered a "conditional discharge order and additional conditions order" disposition for the case. Attached hereto as "Exhibit I" are three pages from the 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Boone County's website showing OWEN G. COSTANZA's guilty plea in Case Number 1999-CM-657.
- D. Allegation # 4: "2000 Home Foreclosure in Boone County" Court records indicate that in Boone County Case Number 1999-CH-145, OWEN G. COSTANZA's home was, in fact, foreclosed on, with the Court confirming the sale and ordering possession on July 19, 2000. Attached hereto as "Exhibit J" are two pages from the 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Boone County's website confirming the foreclosure of OWEN G. COSTANZA's home.
- E. Allegation # 5: "2000 Completes Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Filed in 1996 as Chapter 13". Court records indicate that in the Northern District of Illinois (Western Division), bankruptcy petition # 96-51903, OWEN G. COSTANZA did file for Chapter 13 bankruptcy in

1996, converted it to a Chapter 7, which was later finalized by the Court on January 3, 2000. Attached hereto as "Exhibit K" are 7 pages from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court's website.

- F. Allegation # 6: "2007 Pleads Guilty for Drunk Driving Winnebago County." Court records indicate OWEN G. COSTANZA did, in fact, enter a guilty plea of DUI on February 27, 2007, in 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, Winnebago County, Case Number 2007-DT-70. The Court later entered a "court supervision" disposition of the case. Attached hereto as "Exhibit L" are 4 pages from 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court's online website.
- G. Allegation # 7: "2008 Wisconsin DOI Denies Insurance License for False Application." According to the Wisconsin Commissioner of Insurance' Annual report (see page 41), OWEN G. COSTANZA did, in fact, have his license denied for 31 days, based on allegations of failing to disclose previous criminal convictions on an insurance license application and failing to disclose a company termination for allegations of misconduct.

  November 2008. Attached hereto as "Exhibit M" are pertinent pages of the 2008 Wisconsin Insurance Report.
- H. Allegation # 8: "2010 Indiana DOI Fines Him \$1,500.00 False

  Application & Revokes Insurance License." According to the Indiana Department of Insurance

  Agreed Entry and Stipulation, dated September 21, 2010, OWEN G. COSTANZA was ordered
  to pay a \$1,500.00 fine for false statements on his application for licensure, and also agreed that
  action will be taken against his state license. That one of the misrepresentations that OWEN G.

  COSTANZA made on the application was that he indicated that he was never "convicted of a
  crime, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are...currently charged with committing a crime."

  Attached hereto as "Exhibit N" is the Agreed Entry filed with the Indiana Commissioner of

Insurance in Cause Number 9384-AG10-8031-135 and signed by the Respondent, Owen Costanza, as well as the Final Order and Approval entering the Agreed Entry.

- I. Allegation # 9: "2011 Terminated from RMS Service Group for Misappropriating Company Funds." According to an RMS Service Group letter obtained through a FOIA request of a state agency, dated January 27, 2011, OWEN G. COSTANZA was, in fact, terminated for the reason(s) listed in the letter, pertaining to financial transactions. Attached hereto as "Exhibit O" is a letter dated January 27, 2011, from RMS Service Group to the Plaintiff, OWEN G. COSTANZA, terminating OWEN G. COSTANZA's employment for the reasons stated therein.
- J. Allegation # 10: "2012 Answers Fraudulently Again on Illinois DOI License Renewal Application." According to an Illinois Department of Insurance Stipulation and Consent Order, dated February 18, 2015, Plaintiff, OWEN G. COSTANZA did not truthfully report certain things on his application (see page 6, item "K"). Attached hereto as "Exhibit P" is an Order of Dismissal and a Stipulation and Consent Order from the State of Illinois, Department of Insurance setting forth in Paragraphs J and K the Plaintiff's, OWEN G. COSTANZA's, answering "no" on his 2010 and 2012 applications for license renewal when asked about his involvement in an administrative proceeding regarding a professional or occupational license or registration in another State.
- K. Allegation # 11: "2014 DOI Investigates Numerous Complaints by Insurance Customers, Past Terminations, Criminal History, Unlawful Fund Withdrawals, and Fines & Discipline from Wisconsin and Indiana (IL-14-HR-0482 & IN-934-AG10-8031-135)". According to an Illinois Department of Insurance Stipulation and Consent Order, dated February

- 18, 2015, the Illinois DOI did, in fact, conduct this investigation. Attached hereto as "Exhibit Q" is an Order of Dismissal and a Stipulation and Consent Order from the State of Illinois, Department of Insurance.
- L. Allegation # 12: "2014 Illinois DOI Revokes Insurance Business License for Major Agency Violations." According to an Illinois Department of Insurance Stipulation and Consent Order, dated February 18, 2015, OWEN G. COSTANZA, as representative of RMS Service Group, Inc., agreed to the revocation of the license of RMS Service Group, Inc., d/b/a Alliance Insurance Agency. Attached hereto as "Exhibit Q" is an Order of Dismissal and a Stipulation and Consent Order from the State of Illinois, Department of Insurance setting forth said consent.
- M. Allegation # 13: "2015 Illinois DOI Disciplines and Fines Him \$30,000.00 for Multiple Repeat Violations." Attached hereto as "Exhibit Q" is an Order of Dismissal and a Stipulation and Consent Order from the State of Illinois, Department of Insurance setting forth a civil penalty of \$30,000.00 against RMS Service Group, Inc.
- 50. That Black Law's Dictionary defines "criminal" (noun) as "One who has committed a criminal offense; one who has been legally convicted of a crime; one adjudicated guilty of a crime." Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition, West 1990, page 372.
- 51. That Black Law's Dictionary defines "criminal" (adjective) as "That which pertains to or is connected with the law of crimes, or the administration of penal justice, or which relates to or has the character of a crime. Of the nature of or involving a crime." Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition, West 1990, page 372.

- 52. That Black Law's Dictionary defines "criminal behavior" as "Conduct which causes any social harm and is defined and made punishable by law." Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition, West 1990, page 373.
- 53. That Black Law's Dictionary defines "record" as "A written account of some act, court proceeding, transaction, or instrument, drawn up, under authority of law, by a proper officer, and designed to remain as a memorial or permanent evidence of the matters to which it relates. Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition, West 1990, page 1273.
- 54. That per the Plaintiff's, OWEN's, admissions in the Complaint, the alleged behavior of the Defendants was directly related to the Plaintiff's involvement in local politics, including but not limited to his running for Village President and Treasurer of the Boone County Republican Club.
- 55. That in his Complaint OWEN sets forth that he is a local public figure. "As OWEN became more successful in both local Poplar Grove Politics..." Plaintiff's Complaint, pg. 7, par. 29.
- 56. That, in addition to running for Poplar Grove Village President, OWEN is a former Board member of the Capron Rescue Squad aka North Boone EMS from 2011 through 2021, including several years as President, former Board member of the Belvidere/Boone County Food Pantry aka Empower Boone, Inc., former 911 Board member, former Trustee for the Village of Poplar Grove, former President of the Village of Poplar Grove, former Region 1 Planning Council member for the Village of Poplar Grove, former Growth Dimensions Executive Board member for the Village of Poplar Grove, former Belvidere Chamber of

Commerce board member representing the Village of Poplar Grove, and former Treasurer of the Boone County Republican Club.

- 57. That, upon information and belief, OWEN was and is currently Republican Precinct Committee Chairman/Precinct Committeeman Poplar Grove 1 and member of the Boone County Republican Club.
- 58. That because a reasonable person could expect that OWEN would not win the election or have a favorable status in local politics, the Defendants were genuinely aimed at procuring a favorable government action, result, or outcome.
- 59. That here the simple act of reporting news and making comments concerning local government and a prospective candidate for office who remains very active in local politics can be characterized in no other way than to obtain favorable action by the electorate and a fair exercise of free speech.
- 60. That OWEN G. COSTANZA's and RMS INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.'s lawsuit is a frivolous intimidation suit designed to chill the Defendants' legitimate participation in public affairs.
- 61. That Plaintiffs' lawsuit is based on or in response to Defendants' furtherance of their First Amendment rights.

WHEREFORE, the Defendants, DONALD G. SATTLER, MARION THORNBERRY, and ELISABETH M. RODGERS, pray as follows:

A. That the complaint at Law of the Plaintiffs, RMS INSURANCE SERVICES, INC., and OWEN G. COSTANZA, be dismissed, with prejudice.

B. That the Defendants, DONALD G. SATTLER, MARION THORNBERRY, and ELISABETH M. RODGERS, be awarded their attorney fees and costs.

DONALD G. SATTLER, MARION THORNBERRY, and ELISABETH M. RODGERS, Defendants,

TRENT M. FERGUSON, One of Their Attorneys

#### PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing Defendant's, Donald G. Sattler, Marion Thornberry, and Elisabeth M. Rodgers, 2-619(a)(9) Motion to Dismiss Complaint Under the Citizen Participation Act 735 ILCS 110/1, et seq. was served upon the following:

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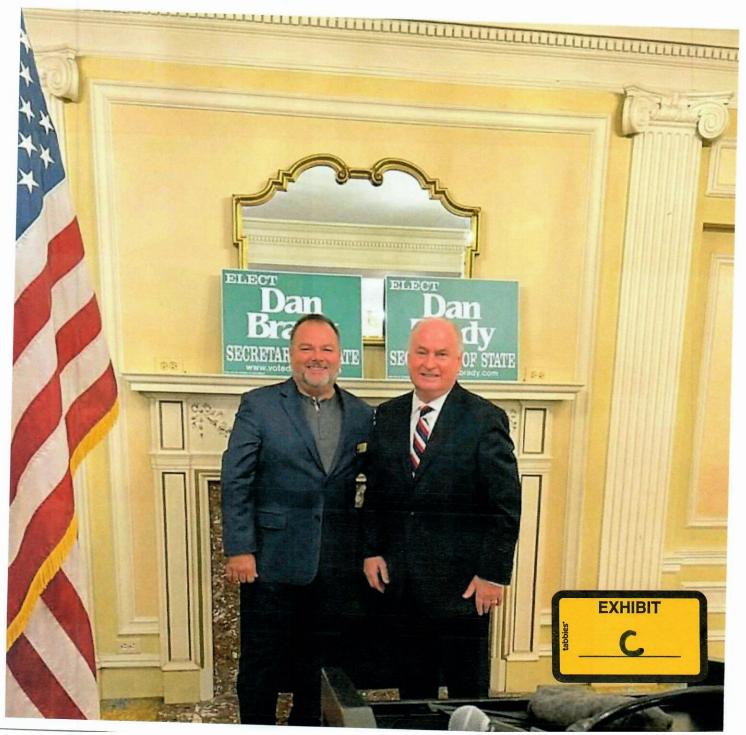


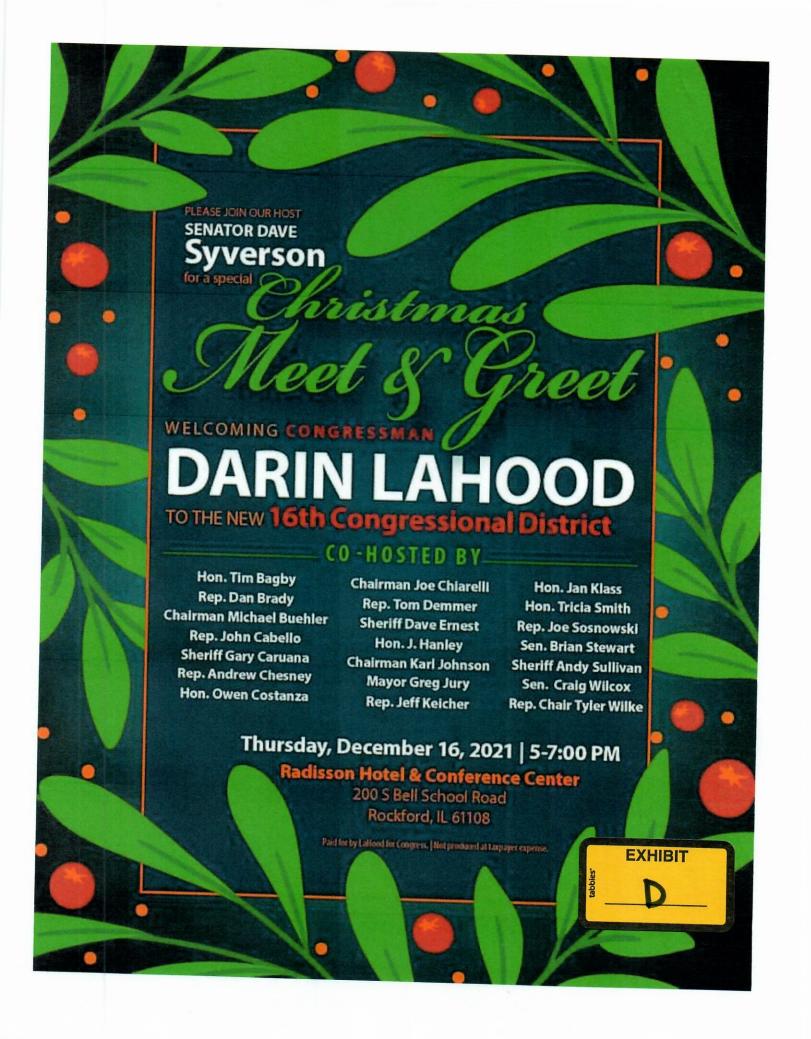


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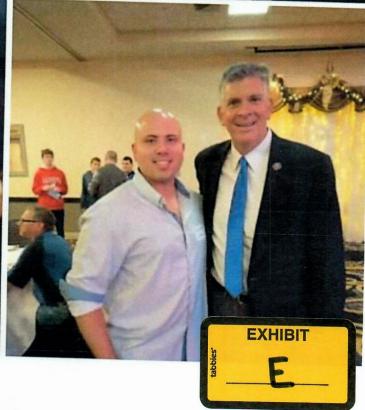
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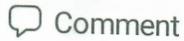
















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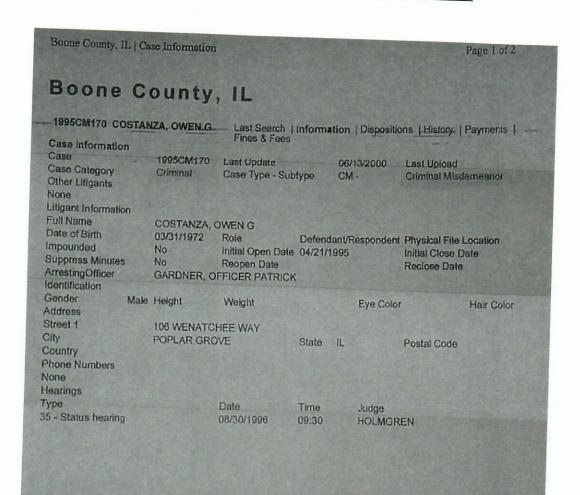








## Exhibit 1 – 1995 – Pleads Guilty to Filing False Police Report



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## Boone County, IL

Name Count	No 1	. Qualifier	Desc Fines & Fo	Туре	Date	Plea	Status
Charge	1	None	FALSE REPORT OF OFFENSE	Original		Guilty	Class B Misdemeanor
Disposition	1		403 - Withhold Judgment/Supervision		07/13/1995		
Sentence			208 - Supervision	12 months	07/13/1995		In Force
Sentence			301 - Fine	maille	07/13/1995		In Force
Sentence	3		209 Fublic Service	20 hours	07/13/1995		In Force

## Boone County, IL

1995CM170	COSTANZA, OWEN G	Last Search   Information   Dispositions   Histo	ory   Payments
Date	Entry	1 1100 0 1 000	Judge
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08/30/1996		Court is adv that the def has complied with moved from call.	JRH
07/25/1996	On oral motion of def., Court	Stay On Warrant. Court hears and grants same. orders cas cont. to 8/30/96 at 9:30 a.m. for ork. All parties notified of date in open court.	JRH
07/12/1996	Def not ps. St. by Haughan, a cont. Court orders BW with	Court is adv that an Attorney from Chicago req bond set at \$3,000.00 and at the req of STate 9:00 a.m. Status hearing set for 07/25/1996 at	JRH
06/27/1996	Notice Motion To Revocke 0 07/12/1996 at 09:00 in courts	Court Spervision Order Notice to appear set for room C.	UNASSIGNED
07/13/1995	Defenters a plea of Guilty. P year and assessed fine and o shall perform 20 hours PSW	ries Sewell enters his appearance. St. by Hursh. Pursuant to agree the def is placed on CS for one costs of \$150.00 to be pd by 9-14-95. The def at the direction of Probation. Guilty Plea CS or 09/14/95 at 09:00 in courtroom C.	JRH
06/30/1995	Ball Bond For Appearamcep	of Defendant \$100.00.	UNASSIGNED
06/09/1995	Def ps for arraign. Atty. Sew Def enters a plea of NG. Cas set for 07/13/95 at 01:30 in c	rell enters his appearance. St. seeking{ jail time. se set for PTC on 7-13-95 at 1:30 p.m. Pre-trial ourtroom C.	RJF
06/02/1995	Warrant returned served. Ar C.	raignment set for 06/09/95 at 09:00 in courtroom	UNASSIGNED
04/21/1995	Warrant issued.		UNASSIGNED

# Exhibit 1 – 1999 – Terminated from Liberty Insurance for Fraud Misrepresentation

ISTRUCTIONS: Type or print all required information into space print in 15 calendar days following agent termination. You can utilize abmission of this form constitutes company certification that each quired for terminations. Fill in date of mailing at bottom of page, mpany address on file. If a report is not received by your company of	ovided and return to above at this form for up to five (5) co agent was properly listed with	dress. This form must be filed impany terminations per agent. It your company. No fees are	
mpany address on file. If a report is not received by your company of	Validation and reject report on any or all agents identified w	s will be mailed directly to the vithin 30 days, please resubmit.	
		OCI Company Number	
iberty Insurance Corporation		0316876	
u.		5"	
Agent Name(s): Last, First, Middle Initial	Wisconsin Agent License Number	Termination/Problem Code(s) (follow instruc- tions on reverse side)	
ANZA, OWEN	02359827	15) i 7	

EXHIBIT H

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF NOTICE OF TERMINATION FORM

List all codes describing complaints received or problems experienced by your company involving the agent(s) and all codes indicating reason(s) for termination.

If any of the codes 10 through 19 are identified, complete explanations and documentation must be attached to this form, This documentation need not prove violations, but should include situation where possible violations exist.

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance will investigate these situations and take appropriate action based upon the investigation. Section 601.42 (6), Wis. Stat., provides immunity for the insurer from an action for damages or defamation in the absence of actual malice, as a result of filing this report.

If your company discovers any problem regarding an agent following submission of this form, supplemental information, including documentation must be promptly forwarded to the Agent Licensing Section.

If Code 21 is identified, a complete explanation must be attached to this form.

If Code 05 is identified, additional documentation must be attached to substantiate the death such as an obituary, newspaper article, death certificate, or a letter from the company identifying the date of death.

### CODES FOR PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED AND TERMINATION INFORMATION

01	Voluntary Termination
02	Inadequate Production
03	Cancelled by General Agent
05	Death
08	Company Defunct or Liquidation
10	Company Indebtedness
13	Forgery
14	Altering Policies
15	Fraud
16	Misappropriation
17	Misrepresentation
18	Failure to Promptly Submit Applications or Premiums
19	Poor Policyholder Service
21	Other

The Company betteves the agent in question filed a fraudulent claim on a vehicle he owned that was insured by the Liberty Mutual Companies, in the state of Illinois.

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## Boone County, IL

1999CM857 COSTANZA, OWEN G Last Search | Information | Dispositions | History | Payments |
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04/28/2000

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Criminal Misdemeanor

Case Category Other Litigants

None

COSTANZA, OWEN G

Full Name Date of Birth Impounded

Suppress Minutes

Litigant Information

03/31/1972 Role No No

Initial Open Date 08/04/1999

Defendant/Respondent Physical File Location Initial Close Date

Reopen Date UNKNOWN

Reclose Date

ArrestingOfficer Identification

Gender

Male Height

Weight

Eye Color

Hair Color

Address

City

Street 1

106 WENATCHEE WAY

POPLAR GROVE

State IL

Postal Code

Country **Phone Numbers** 

None Hearings

Type 91 - Pay or appear

Date 07/27/2000

Time 09:00

Judge ASSOCIATE

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## Boone County, IL

1999CM65	COSTANZA, OWEN G	Last Search.   Information   Dispositions   Historines & Fees	ory   Payments
Date Entered Un	Entry der: COSTANZA, OWEN G	Tilles & Fees	Judge
		nd shows compliance. Court finds def in of payment date.	JRT
01/27/2000	same presented for Court's a enter JOC and will place def. F&C totaling \$300.00 on or b to be applied. Def. further will the Check Offender Program on 04/27/00 at 9:30 a.m. for:	PTC. Def. enters into ping, with the State and approval. Def. will enter a written PG. Court will on 12 mo. Conditional Discharge. Def. will pay effore 07/27/00 at 9:00 a.m. Cash bond posted I be ordered to attend and successfully complete and pay all fees of same. Def. to return to Court Status On Check Offender Program. Court hears	
12/17/1999	Def ps for arraign. & advised Court orders case conf. for P	CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE ORDER ORDER I of chgs, rts & pps. St by Melton. On M/Def, TC on 1-27-00 at 1:30 PM, All parties notified of sch conf set for 01/27/2000 at 01:30 in	ASM
12/13/1999	Warrant returned served. Ba Arraignment set for 12/17/199	il Bond For Appearance of Defendant \$100.00.	UNASSIGNED
08/04/1999	**Information filed on 08/04/0	00 Warrant issued.	UNASSIGNED

### Exhibit 1 – 2000 – Home Foreclosure in Boone County

1999CH145 COSTANZA, OWEN GLast Search | Information | Dispositions | History | Payments | Fines & Fees

Case Information		A PARTY OF		A REPORT		· 医克里特	
Case	1999CH145	Last Update		03/19/2	003	Last Upload	10/06/2019 @ 05:23
Case Category	Civil	Case Type - Subty	pe	CH - 102		Chancery - Mortgage F	
Other Litigants							
Role	Name						
Defendant/Respondent	COSTANZA, P	AULA K					
Defendant/Respondent	CANDLEWICH	LAKE ASSOCIATIO	ON, INC				
Defendant/Respondent	MERCHANTS	NATL BANK OF AU	RORA				
Plaintiff/Petitioner		GAGE COMPANY					
Litigant Information				SUL SE			
Full Name	COSTANZA, O	WEN G					
Date of Birth		Role	Defend	dant/Respo	ndent	Physical File Location	
Impounded	No	Initial Open Date	10/29		mache	Initial Close Date	03/15/2000
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Address			23372	52555555	E INC.		
Street 1	106 WENATC	HEE WAY SW					
City	POPLAR GROV		State	IL		Postal Code	(10(50000
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Complaint/Count	1/1	CARCOLOGICA CONTRACTOR DE LA CONTRACTOR DE	Original	Date	Satisfied?
Disposition	1	851 - Judgment	Original	02/45/2000	
Finding		CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY	FOR	03/15/2000	
Finding		COSTANZA, OWEN G	AGAINST		
Disposition	2	851 - Judgment		00 11 7 10 10	
Finding		CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY	Original	03/15/2000	
Finding		COSTANZA, PAULA K	FOR		
Disposition	3	851 - Judgment	AGAINST		
Finding		CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY	Original	03/15/2000	
Finding		CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC	FOR		
Disposition	4	851 - Judgment	AGAINST		
Finding		CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY	Original	03/15/2000	
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Date	Entry	In dec
Entered Und	ler: COSTANZA, OWEN G	Judge
07/19/2000	PI pres by Atty Mozal. Motion for Order Approving Report of Sale and Distribution heard & granted. No deficiency of surplus judgment entered. Motion for Order of Possession heard & granted. See order. Notice of Motion Motion For Order Approving Report of Sale & Distribution Report of Sale & Distribution ORDER APPROVING REPORT OF SALE & DISTRIBUTION, CONFIRMING SALE & ORDER FOR POSSESSION	JTK
06/02/2000	Certificate of Publication	
	Proof of Mailing Notice of Sale Notice of Sale	UNASSIGNED
03/15/2000	Atty Jan Mozal pres for pl. Motion For Default Judgment heard and granted. Motion to Dismiss Unknown Owners & Non-record Claimants heard and granted. Motion For Judgment of Foreclosure & Sale heard and granted. Motion to Appoint Selling Officer heard and granted. Lost Document Affidavit filed. Redemption period expires 6-16-2000.	ЈТК
	Order of Default Judgment For Foreclosure and Sale Order Appointing Foreclosure Sale Officer Lost Document Affidavit Copy - FHA Mortgage Copy - Loan	
	Substitute service of summons 11/02/99 (Costanza, 0) \$67.00 Summons ret'd served 11/02/99 (Costanza, P) \$10.00 Summons ret'd served 11/01/99 (Candlewick Lake) \$12.00 Summons ret'd not served 11/02/99 (Unknown Tenants) \$10.00 Affidavit of Special Process Server 11/15/99 (Merchants Nat'l Bank) Certificate  Atty Affidavit  Affidavit of Prove-Up  Order Modifying Stay - Bankruptcy  Notice of Motion  Motion for Judgment for Foreclosure and Sale  Notion To Appoint Selling Officer	UNASSIGNED
0/29/1999	Complaint to Foreclose Mortgage \$88.00 Affidavit as to Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants Lis Pendens and Notice of Foreclosure Summons Issued and Forwarded to Boone Co Sheriff for Service	

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#### U.S. Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois (Western Division) Bankruptcy Petition #: 96-51903

Assigned to: Honorable Judge Manuel Barbosa

Chapter 7

Previous chapter 13

Voluntary

No asset

Debtor 1 Owen Greg Costanza

Poplar Grove, IL 61065

**BOONE-IL** 

SSN / ITIN: xxx-x

Debtor 2

Poplar Grove, IL 61065

BOONE-IL

SSN / ITIN: xx

pka Paula K Stevenson

Trustee

Bernard J Natale

Bernard J. Natale, Ltd.

Edgebrook Office Center

1639 N Alpine Rd

Suite 401

Rockford, IL 61107

815-964-4700

Date filed: 07/26/1996
Date converted: 09/03/1999
Date terminated: 01/03/2000

341 meeting: 10/07/1999 3:00 PM

Deadline for objecting to discharge: 12/06/1999

represented by Gary C Flanders

1 Court Place Suite 201 Rockford, IL 61101 (815) 962-7084

Fax: (815) 987-3759

Email: garycflanders@gmail.com

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(See above for address)



Filing Date	#	Docket Text
07/26/1996	1	VOLUNTARY petition under chapter 13 [CB] (Entered: 07/26/1996)
07/26/1996	2	INTAKE Checklist [CB] (Entered: 07/26/1996)
07/26/1996	3	APPLICATION to Pay Filing Fees in Installments [CB] (Entered: 07/26/1996)
07/26/1996	4	CHAPTER 13 Plan [CB] (Entered: 07/26/1996)
07/26/1996	5	SCHEDULES [CB] (Entered: 07/26/1996)
07/26/1996	6	STATEMENT of Financial Affairs [CB] (Entered: 07/26/1996)
07/26/1996	7	ATTORNEY Statement of Compensation [CB] (Entered: 07/26/1996)
07/26/1996	8	AFFIDAVIT Prescribed by General Rule 39 [CB] (Entered: 07/26/1996)
08/02/1996	9	NOTICE of 341 Meeting Notice and Claims Deadline with Certificate of Mailing Filed [MW] (Entered: 08/02/1996)

1		mirrors Northern Bankruptcy Live System
08/02/1996	10	NOTICE of Confirmation Hearing hearing on 09/20/1996 at 9:00 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptc Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 9A (Entered: 08/02/1996)
08/22/1996	11	OBJECTION to Confirmation of Plan RE: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 10 (Entered: 08/22/1996)
08/22/1996	12	PROOF of Service [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 10A (Entered: 08/22/1996)
09/05/1996	13	PROOF of Service RE: Meeting of Creditors notice sent to Commercial Financial Services, Inc. by Trustee RE: Item# 9 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 11 (Entered: 09/05/1996)
09/16/1996	14	OBJECTION to Confirmation of Plan by Trustee [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 12 (Entered: 09/16/1996)
09/16/1996	15	PROOF of Service [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 12A (Entered: 09/16/1996)
09/24/1996	16	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims RE: Associated Financial Service, Phillips 66 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 13 (Entered: 09/24/1996)
09/26/1996	17	PRETRIAL Conference hearing on 10/25/1996 at 9:30 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 11 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 14 (Entered: 09/26/1996)
09/26/1996	18	PRETRIAL Conference hearing on 10/25/1996 at 9:30 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 14 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 14A (Entered: 09/26/1996)
09/26/1996	19	CERTIFICATE of Mailing [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 14B (Entered: 09/26/1996)
09/27/1996	20	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 15 (Entered: 09/27/1996)
10/01/1996	21	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 16 (Entered: 10/01/1996)
10/03/1996	22	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 17 (Entered: 10/03/1996)
0/10/1996	23	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 18 (Entered: 10/10/1996)
0/29/1996	24	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 19 (Entered: 10/29/1996)
1/05/1996	25	CHAPTER 13 Plan [Modified] [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 20 (Entered: 11/05/1996)
1/05/1996	26	NOTICE of Hearing hearing on 12/13/1996 at 9:15 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 25 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 20A (Entered: 11/05/1996)
1/05/1996	27	PROOF of Service [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 20B (Entered: 11/05/1996)

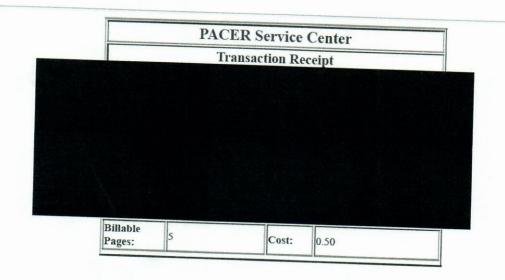
3/26/2021		Illinois Northern Bankruptcy Live System
11/12/1996	28	OBJECTION to Confirmation of Plan [Modified] by Trustee [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 21 (Entered: 11/12/1996)
11/12/1996	29	PROOF of Service [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 21A (Entered: 11/12/1996)
12/12/1996		NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [JS] Original NIBS Entry Number: 22 (Entered: 12/12/1996)
12/20/1996	31	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 23 (Entered: 12/20/1996)
12/20/1996	32	PRETRIAL Conference hearing on 01/10/1997 at 9:30 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 28 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 24 (Entered: 12/20/1996)
12/20/1996	33	PROOF of Service [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 24A (Entered: 12/20/1996)
12/23/1996	34	NOTICE of report of additional claim with Certificate of Mailing [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 25 (Entered: 12/23/1996)
12/24/1996	35	NOTICE of intent to pay claims - notice sent [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 26 (Entered: 12/24/1996)
01/10/1997	36	ORDER Confirming Plan [Modified] [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 27 (Entered: 01/13/1997)
02/03/1997	37	CHAPTER 13 Plan [Modification] - Debtor [CB] Original NIBS Entry Number: 28 (Entered: 02/03/1997)
02/03/1997	38	NOTICE of Filing - Objections Due On or Before 2-28-97 [CB] Original NIBS Entry Number: 28A (Entered: 02/03/1997)
02/03/1997	39	PROOF of Service [CB] Original NIBS Entry Number: 28B (Entered: 02/03/1997)
02/05/1997	40	RECEIPT No. 72413/\$130.00 Installment Fee [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 29 (Entered: 02/06/1997)
02/18/1997	41	NOTICE [Amended] - Objections are to be filed by 3-7-97 RE: Item# 37 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 30 (Entered: 02/18/1997)
02/18/1997	42	PROOF of Service [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 30A (Entered: 02/18/1997)
02/18/1997	43	PROOF of Service RE: Item# 41 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 31 (Entered: 02/18/1997)
02/28/1997	44	CHAPTER 13 Plan [Modified] [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 32 (Entered: 02/28/1997)
02/28/1997	45	HEARING Continued hearing on 03/14/1997 at 9:00 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 38 [JB] Original NIBS Entry Number: 33 (Entered: 02/28/1997)
02/28/1997	46	MOTION to Dismiss - Trustee [Disposed] [JB] Original NIBS Entry Number: 34 (Entered: 02/28/1997)
02/28/1997	47	NOTICE of Hearing hearing on 03/28/1997 at 9:00 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 46 [JB] Original NIBS

3/20/2021		Illinois Northern Bankruptcy Live System Entry Number: 34A (Entered: 02/28/1997)
02/28/1997	48	
		CERTIFICATE of Mailing [JB] Original NIBS Entry Number: 34B (Entered: 02/28/1997
03/25/1997	49	ORDER Confirming Plan [Modified] [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 35 (Entered: 03/25/1997)
03/26/1997	50	MOTION to Avoid Judicial Lien of Merchants National Bank [Disposed] [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 36 (Entered: 03/27/1997)
03/26/1997	51	OBJECTION to Claim RE: Merchants National Bank [Disposed] [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 37 (Entered: 03/27/1997)
03/26/1997	52	NOTICE of Hearing hearing on 05/02/1997 at 10:45 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 50 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 38 (Entered: 03/27/1997)
03/26/1997	53	NOTICE of Hearing hearing on 05/02/1997 at 10:45 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 51 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 38A (Entered: 03/27/1997)
03/26/1997	54	PROOF of Service [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 38B (Entered: 03/27/1997)
03/28/1997	55	HEARING Continued hearing on 05/16/1997 at 1:30 p.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 47[Rescheduled] [JB] Original NIBS Entry Number: 39 (Entered: 04/01/1997)
05/12/1997	56	ORDER GRANTED RE: Item# 50 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 40 (Entered: 05/12/1997)
05/12/1997	57	ORDER Disallowing Claim as filed RE: Item# 51 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 41 (Entered: 05/12/1997)
05/16/1997	58	ADJOURNED Hearing Continued ADJOURNED Hearing Continued postponed to 06/20/1997 at 9:00 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 55[Rescheduled] [JB] Original NIBS Entry Number: 42 (Entered: 05/19/1997)
06/20/1997	59	ADJOURNED Hearing Continued ADJOURNED Hearing Continued postponed to 07/18/1997 at 1:30 p.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 58[Rescheduled] [JB] Original NIBS Entry Number: 43 (Entered: 06/23/1997)
7/08/1997	60	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 44 (Entered: 07/08/1997)
7/18/1997	61	ADJOURNED Hearing Continued ADJOURNED Hearing Continued postponed to 10/10/1997 at 9:00 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 59[Rescheduled] [JB] Original NIBS Entry Number: 45 (Entered: 07/22/1997)
7/30/1997	62	NOTICE of report of additional claim with Certificate of Mailing [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 46 (Entered: 07/30/1997)
8/19/1997	63	NOTICE of report of additional claim with Certificate of Mailing [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 47 (Entered: 08/19/1997)
9/05/1997	64	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [MW] Original

		Illinois Northern Bankruptcy Live System NIBS Entry Number: 48 (Entered: 09/05/1997)				
09/05/1997	65	NOTICE of report of additional claim with Certificate of Mailing [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 49 (Entered: 09/05/1997)				
09/10/1997 66 09/10/1997		APPLICATION for Attorney's Fees from 1-27-97 through 9-8-97 by Gary Flanders [Disposed] [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 50 (Entered: 09/11/1997)  NOTICE of Hearing hearing on 10/03/1997 at 10:45 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 66 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 50A (Entered: 09/11/1997)				
10/01/1997	69	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 51 (Entered: 10/01/1997)				
10/01/1997	70	NOTICE of report of additional claim with Certificate of Mailing [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 52 (Entered: 10/01/1997)				
10/06/1997	71	ORDER APPROVING RE: Item# 66 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 53 (Entered: 10/06/1997)				
72 10/10/1997		ADJOURNED Hearing Continued ADJOURNED Hearing Continued postponed to 10/31/1997 at 9:00 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 61[Rescheduled] [JB] Original NIBS Entry Number: 54 (Entered: 10/15/1997)				
10/31/1997	73	ADJOURNED Hearing Continued ADJOURNED Hearing Continued postponed to 11/21/1997 at 1:30 p.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 72 [JB] Original NIBS Entry Number: 55 (Entered: 11/03/1997)				
11/28/1997	74	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [JS] Original NIBS Entry Number: 56 (Entered: 11/28/1997)				
11/28/1997	75	NOTICE of report of additional claim with Certificate of Mailing [JS] Original NIBS Entry Number: 57 (Entered: 11/28/1997)				
12/01/1997	76	ORDER WITHDRAWING RE: Item# 46 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 58 (Entered: 12/01/1997)				
02/09/1998	<u>77</u>	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 59 (Entered: 02/09/1998)				
02/12/1998	78	NOTICE of report of additional claim with Certificate of Mailing [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 60 (Entered: 02/12/1998)				
6/16/1998	<u>79</u>	NOTICE of report of additional claim with Certificate of Mailing [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 61 (Entered: 06/16/1998)				
6/16/1998	<u>80</u>	NOTICE of trustee's proposal for allowance or modification of claims [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 62 (Entered: 06/16/1998)				
2/10/1998	<u>81</u>	NOTICE of Transfer of Claim from Sears to Max Recovery Inc [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 63 (Entered: 12/10/1998)				

12/10/1998	<u>82</u>	Illinois Northern Bankruptcy Live System  NOTICE of Transfer of Claim from Samuel Notice	
		NOTICE of Transfer of Claim from Sears to Max Recovery Inc [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 64 (Entered: 12/10/1998)	
12/10/1998	83	NOTICE of Transfer of Claim from Sears to Max Recovery Inc [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 65 (Entered: 12/10/1998)	
08/09/1999		MOTION In Regards to Automatic Stay Or Alternatively Dismiss by Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp [Disposed] [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 66 (Entered: 08/09/1999)	
08/09/1999		NOTICE of Hearing with Certificate of Mailing hearing on 08/13/1999 at 9:30 a.m. at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Federal Courthouse 211 South Court, Rockford, Illinois RE: Item# 84 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 66A (Entered: 08/09/1999)	
08/09/1999	<u>86</u>	RECEIPT No. 97629/\$75.00 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 66B (Entered: 08/09/1999)	
08/13/1999	<u>87</u>	ORDER Stay is Modified RE: Item# 84 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 67 (Entered 08/16/1999)	
09/03/1999	<u>88</u>	NOTICE of Conversion 13 to 7 with Proof of Service [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 68 (Entered: 09/03/1999)	
09/03/1999	<u>89</u>	RECEIPT No. 98219/\$15.00 [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 68A (Entered: 09/03/1999)	
09/03/1999	<u>90</u>	SCHEDULES [Amended] [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 69 (Entered: 09/03/1999)	
09/03/1999	<u>91</u>	STATEMENT of Financial Affairs [Amended] [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 70 (Entered: 09/03/1999)	
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02/17/2000	106	MOTION To Turn Over Unclaimed Funds To Clerk Of Court RE: Merchants National Bank [Disposed] [MW] Original NIBS Entry Number: 82 (Entered: 02/17/2000)
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Attorney, CITY ATTORNEY, Defendant appears with Atty Sewell.
Charges read, rights and possible penalties explained. Defendant
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Leading the way in informing and protecting the public and responding to their insurance needs

## Secretaries of State\*

# Ex Officio Commissioners of Insurance

Name	Residence	Te From	rm
Llewelyn Breese Peter Doyle	Prairie du Chien Prairie du Chien	January 3, 1870	<b>To</b> January 5, 1874
Hans B. Warner	Ellsworth	January 5, 1874 January 7, 1878	January 7, 1878 April 1, 1878
	<b>Commissioners of</b>	Insurance	
Philip L. Spooner Philip Cheek, Jr. Wilbur M. Root	Madison Baraboo	April 1, 1878 January 3, 1887	January 3, 1887
William A. Fricke	Sheboygan	January 5, 1891	January 5, 1891
Emil Giljohann	Milwaukee	January 7, 1895	January 7, 1895 October 15, 1898
Zeno M. Host	Milwaukee	October 15, 1898	January 5, 1903
George E. Beedle	Milwaukee	January 5, 1903	January 1, 1907
Herman L. Ekern	Embarrass Whitehall	January 7, 1907	January 2, 1911
M. J. Cleary	Blanchardville	January 2, 1911	July 1, 1915
Plat Whitman	Highland	July 1, 1915	April 10, 1919
W. Stanley Smith	Ashland	April 10, 1919	July 17, 1923
Olaf H. Johnson	Gratiot	July 17, 1923	June 2, 1926
M.A. Freedy	Wauwatosa	June 2, 1926	January 10, 1927
H. J. Mortensen Morvin Duel	New Lisbon	January 10, 1927 July 1, 1931	July 1, 1931
J. L. Sonderegger	Fond du Lac	October 1, 1939	October 1, 1939
John R. Lange	Madison	October 1, 1948	August 8, 1948
Alfred Van DeZande	Madison	December 1, 1948	December 1, 1948
Paul J. Rogan	Campbellsport	July 15, 1955	July 15, 1955 November 1, 1955
Charles Manson	Ladysmith	November 1, 1955	July 2, 1959
Robert D. Haase	Wausau	July 2, 1959	September 15, 196
S. C. DuRose	Marinette Madison	September 15, 1965	September 7, 1969
Harold R. Wilde	Madison	October 1, 1969	April 8, 1975
Susan M. Mitchell	Madison	April 8, 1975	March 18, 1979
Ann J. Haney	Madison	March 19, 1979	July 31, 1982
Thomas P. Fox	Madison	August 1, 1982	February 28, 1983
Robert D. Haase	Marinette	March 1, 1983	April 27, 1987
osephine W. Musser	Madison	April 28, 1987	December 31, 1992
Randy Blumer	Madison	March 8, 1993 January 6, 1998	January 2, 1998
Connie L. O'Connell orge Gomez	Sun Prairie	January 4, 1999	January 2, 1999
Sean Dilweg	Milwaukee	February 17, 2003	January 6, 2003
Jean Driweg	Madison	January 1, 2007	December 18, 2006

<sup>\*</sup>By chapter 56, section 32, General Laws of 1870, the Secretary of State was Commissioner of Insurance ex officio until 1878. The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance was made elective in 1881. In 1911 the office was made appointive instead of elective.



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The Honorable Jim Doyle Governor, State of Wisconsin 115 E. State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Doyle:

I am pleased to submit the 140th Wisconsin Insurance Report covering 2008.

Wisconsin's tradition of sound regulation, combined with strong consumer protections, continued over the past year. Highlights of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance's (OCI) accomplishments and innovations are as follows:

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	Examined more than 50 domestic insurers' financial statements and market conduct practices.
	Worked with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) on regulatory issues related to financial guaranty insurers.
	Continued close monitoring of the impact of the economic downturn on Wisconsin's domestic insurers. Working with other states, we effectively addressed insurer financial reporting requirements.
	Worked with the NAIC to develop a white paper on climate change. At the urging of OCI and other states, the NAIC adopted the Climate Change Disclosure Survey to collect substantive information about the risks posed by climate change to insurers and what actions the insurers have taken in response to those risks. This is the first mandatory climate disclosure required by any regulator.
	Adoption of administrative rules to implement the Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership Program in Wisconsin. The rules describe training requirements for agents and companies who wish to market Partnership plans.
	Joined the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission (IIPRC).
	Sincerely,

Sean Dilweg Commissioner

#### Introduction

Every individual and business in Wisconsin depends upon insurance. Whether it is auto, home, life, commercial, or health, insurance plays an important role in people's lives. The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) was created by the legislature in 1870 and vested with broad powers to ensure that the insurance industry meets the insurance needs of Wisconsin citizens responsibly and adequately.

The importance of fair, effective, and timely regulation of the insurance industry offers OCI a special challenge in meeting its public mission of leading the way in informing and protecting the public and responding to their insurance needs.

The major functions of the office include:

- Evaluating insurance policies that are sold in Wisconsin to determine if they meet the requirements of Wisconsin's laws.
- Conducting financial examinations of domestic and foreign insurers to assure compliance with Wisconsin regulations and rules.
- Monitoring the financial status of licensed companies and applicant companies to provide early warning of financial difficulty.
- Issuing licenses to companies, agents, brokers, surplus lines brokers, managing general agents, reinsurance brokers and managers, and organizations including employee benefit plan administrators.
- Examining and analyzing rates filed by insurance companies to determine if they are excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory.
- Investigating and processing consumer complaints against agents and insurance companies and attempting to bring the matter to a fair and reasonable conclusion.

- Researching special insurance problems through data collection and analysis and publishing conclusions and recommendations in special reports.
- Developing legislation and promulgating administrative rules that ensure a strong insurance market through proactive policy and skillful enforcement.
- Investigating and pursuing administrative actions against agents and insurers who violate Wisconsin insurance laws and regulations.
   Penalties include suspension or revocation of licenses and fines.
- Conducting a comprehensive program of consumer education and public information to educate consumers about insurance through public speaking and distribution of information booklets and comparison guides.
- Operating a state life insurance fund, a property fund for the property owned by local units of government, and a patients compensation fund insuring health care providers for medical malpractice.

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#### Billie Jo CasaDecalvo

1616 Stonepine Bay, Hudson, WI 54016

Has had her insurance license revoked and was ordered to never reapply for an insurance intermediary license. This action was based on allegations of failing to remit premiums for property and casualty insurance products between January 2006 and October 2007, misrepresenting and falsifying insurance coverage for additional cargo coverage, and misrepresenting and falsifying insurance coverage for auto insurance documents. September 2008

#### Crystal J. Chapman

2511 Caddy Ln., Joliet, IL 60435

Has had her application for an insurance license denied. This action was based on allegations of failing to respond promptly to inquiries from OCI and failing to disclose administrative actions taken by the states of Colorado and Illinois on an insurance license application. January 2008

#### Geana Monet Christian

3904 N. 77th St., Milwaukee, WI 53222

Has had her insurance license revoked. This action was based on allegations of failing to pay Wisconsin delinquent taxes due. August 2008

#### Lissa M. Clem

6724 23rd Ave. Apt. Upper, Kenosha, WI 53143

Has had her insurance license revoked. This action was based on allegations of failing to pay Wisconsin delinquent taxes due. April 2008

#### Graham McMurray Clement

5938 Flambeau Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Has had his application for an insurance license denied. This action was based on allegations of failing to respond promptly to inquiries from OCI and failing to disclose an administrative action taken by the state of Nevada on an insurance license application. November 2008

#### David M. Cleveland

1830 Lake Breeze Rd., Oshkosh, WI 54904

Has had his application for an insurance license denied. This action was based on allegations of failing to respond promptly to inquiries from OCI and a criminal conviction which may be substantially related to insurance marketing type conduct. August 2008

#### David D. Coenen

4524 N. Marshall Heights Ave., Appleton, WI 54913

Was ordered to pay a forfeiture of \$25,000.00, to undergo five years of supervision regarding annuity sales, to submit yearly reports to OCI, and to facilitate restitution to consumers. These actions were based on allegations of making unsuitable sales of insurance products to consumers and making false and misleading statements regarding insurance contracts. January 2008

#### Joel E. Cole

616 Peters Dr., Waukesha, WI 53188

Has had his insurance license revoked. This action was based on allegations of failing to pay Wisconsin delinquent taxes due. May 2008

#### Lisa A. Coleman

3020 17th Ave. Ct. W. #A, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Has had her application for an insurance license denied. This action was based on allegations of failing to respond promptly to inquiries from OCI and failing to disclose an administrative action taken by the state of Washington on an insurance license application. January 2008

#### Reuben Edward Collier

2411 N. Jackson, Waukegan, IL 60087

Has had his insurance license revoked. This action was based on allegations of failing to pay Wisconsin delinquent taxes due. October 2008

#### Owen G. Costanza

199 Edson St., Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Has had his license denied for 31 days. This action was based on allegations of failing to disclose previous criminal convictions on an insurance license application and failing to disclose a company termination for allegations of misconduct. November 2008

#### James W. Crystal

875 Park Ave. #7B, New York, NY 10021

Has had his application for an insurance license denied. This action was based on allegations of failing to respond promptly to inquiries from OCI and an administrative action taken by another state. July 2008

#### Mark R. Cummisford

6980 S. Crane Dr., Oak Creek, WI 53154

Has had his license denied for 31 days. This action was based on allegations of failing to disclose an administrative action taken by the state of Wisconsin, Department of Regulation and Licensing, Real Estate Examining Board, on an insurance license application. September 2008

#### Sean Richard Dahl

907 S. Comanche Ln., Waukesha, WI 53188

Paid a forfeiture of \$250.00, was ordered to respond truthfully to all inquiries from OCI, and has had his license denied for 30 days. This action was based on allegations

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# FINAL ORDER AND APPROVAL

The Indiana Department of Insurance ("Department") and Owen Costanza ("Respondent"), a licensed resident Indiana Insurance Producer, signed an Agreed Entry which purports to resolve all issues involved in the above captioned action, and which has been submitted to the Acting Commissioner of Insurance (the "Commissioner") for approval. (See Exhibit 'A' attached hereto)

The Acting Commissioner, after reviewing the Agreed Entry, finds it has been entered into fairly and without fraud, duress or undue influence, and is fair and equitable between the parties. The Acting Commissioner hereby incorporates the Agreed Entry as if fully set forth herein, and approves and adopts in full the Agreed Entry as a resolution of this matter.



# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Acting Commissioner of Insurance:

1. Respondent shall pay a fifteen hundred dollar (\$1,500.00) civil penalty to the Indiana Department of Insurance within thirty (30) day from the date this order is filed.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDERED this 215 day of Summer 2010.

Stephen W. Robertson

Acting Commissioner/Executive Director

Indiana Department of Insurance

Distribution:

Laura A. Levenhagen
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
311 West Washington Street, Suite 300
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2787

Owen Costanza 199 Edson St. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

STATE OF INDIANA	) ) SS:	BEFORE THE IN	DIANA
COUNTY OF MARION	)	COMMISSIONER	OF INSURANCE
		CAUSE NUMBER	: 9384-AG10-0831-135
IN THE MATTER OF:			
Owen Costanza		)	
Agent / Respondent		)	
199 Edson Street	•	)	
Poplar Grove, IL 61065		) SF	P 21 2010
Type of Agency Action: Enforcem	ent	) etas	E OF INDIANA
Indiana Insurance License No.: 42	25943	) DEPT.	OF INSURANCE

#### AGREED ENTRY

This Agreed Entry is executed between the State of Indiana, Department of Insurance ("Department") through Counsel Laura A. W. Levenhagen, and Owen Costanza ("Respondent"), a licensed non-resident insurance agent. This Agreed Entry is subject to the review and approval of Stephen W. Robertson, Executive Director and Acting Commissioner, Indiana Department of Insurance.

WHEREAS, Respondent is a licensed non-resident insurance producer in Indiana, holding license number 425943.

WHEREFORE, on May 21, 2010 Respondent applied for, and was granted, an Indiana non-resident producer license;

WHEREAS, when asked on the application "[h] ave you ever been convicted of a crime, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a crime?" Respondent indicated "NO", which was false;

WHEREAS, when asked on the application "[h]ave you ever been named as a party in an

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WHEREAS, when asked on the application "[h]ave you... ever had an insurance agency contract or any other business relationship with an insurance company terminated for any alleged misconduct?" Respondent indicated "NO", which was false.

IT IS THEREFORE, NOW AGREED by and between the parties as follows:

- The Commissioner has jurisdiction over the subject matter of, and the parties to, this Agreed Entry.
- This Agreed Entry is executed voluntarily by the parties without the presence of any duress, coercion, or undue influence.
- Respondent voluntarily and freely waives his right to a public hearing on the issues in the above captioned matter.
- Respondent voluntarily and freely waives his right to petition for judicial review of this agreement and the Commissioner's Final Order.
- Respondent acknowledges that his Indiana non-resident producer license was granted through misrepresentation.
- 6. Respondent agrees that his actions have made him subject to penalties under Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6.12(b)(3), including, but not limited to, probation, suspension, or revocation of Respondent's Indiana non-resident insurance license, and fines.
- 7. Respondent agrees to pay a fifteen hundred dollar (\$1,500.00) civil penalty, which shall be payable within thirty (30) days from the date the Commissioner files a Final Order in the above captioned matter.
- 8. The Department agrees to accept Respondent's compliance with the terms of this agreement as full resolution of this matter.

- Respondent has carefully read and examined this agreement and fully understands its terms.
- Respondent is aware that failure to comply with any term of this agreement will
  result in the matter being set for hearing.
- 11. Respondent understands that this agreement will result in a state action against his Indiana non-resident license, and Respondent may be required to report that action to other states where he holds professional licenses.

Date Signed

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Date Signed

Laura A. W. Levenhagen, Attorney Indiana Department of Insurance

Owen Costanza, Respondent

COUNTY OF)		
Before me a Notary Public for	County, State of County	nis
	PAHA- Notary Signature	
	PA HARVEY Notary Name Printed	
My Commission expires: 9.14.10		
County of Residence: BOONE		

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE Enforcement Division Suite 300 311 West Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787 317/233-4243 - telephone 317/232-5251 - facsimile

### RMS Service Group, Inc. 911 E. Touhy Ave. Suite 200 Des Plaines, IL 60018

January 27, 2011

Via E-mail at owencostanza@msn.com Via E-mail at owen@rmsinsuranceservices.com Via Federal Express

Owen Costanza 199 Edison St. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Re: Letter of Termination

Dear Mr. Costanza:

This letter is being written to inform you that effective immediately your employment with RMS Service Group, Inc. is terminated.

It has come to our attention that you have altered access to the Applied Systems TAM application, access to our phone systems and changed company passwords at our insurance company data bases. You have also opened an unauthorized business account at Poplar Grove State Bank. In addition, it has come to our attention that you have conducted a mass deletion of e-mails without permission or authorization.

These actions have all been done following being confronted on January 15, 2011 with unauthorized disbursements made to you and on your behalf from the Premium Fund Trust account maintained at National City Bank (n/k/a PNC Bank). In addition, you were asked to explain several transactions in which it appears that you accepted premium payments from customers and failed to remit said premiums to insurance companies for the issuance of insurance policies. You were also confronted with and asked to explain altered customer premiums that did not reconcile with insurance policies issued to said customers.

Finally, it has come to our attention that you formed RMS Insurance Services, Inc. on January 16, 2011. The Illinois Secretary of State's website lists you as the registered agent with an address at RMS Service Group, Inc. office in Poplar Grove, Illinois. Please be advised that RMS Service Group, Inc. will take any and all actions available to it under the Illinois Trade Secrets Act to make sure that you are held personally liable for any misappropriation of confidential information or trade secrets from it.



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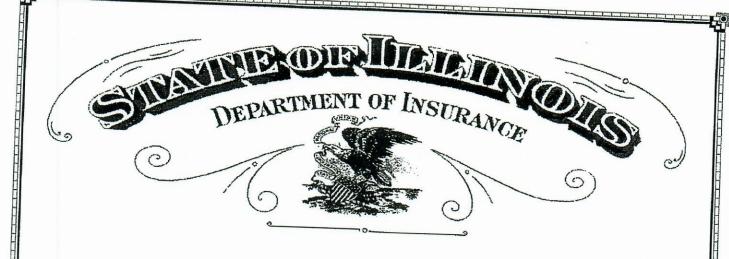
You are no longer permitted to enter the premises of the company unless escorted by Rashid Sindhu.

Very truly yours,

RMS SERVICE GROUP, INC.

By: Rashid Sindhu, President

cc: David J. Schwab



IN THE MATTER OF THE REVOCATION OF LICENSING AUTHORITY OF:

RMS SERVICE GROUP, INC. d/b/a/Alliance Insurance Agency

And

OWEN G. COSTANZA

HEARING NO. 14-HR-0482

## ORDER OF DISMISSAL

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2014, an Order of Revocation was issued by the former Director of Insurance, Andrew Boron ("Director"), to Owen Costanza ("Respondent") and RMS Service Group Inc., d/b/a/Alliance Insurance agency ("RMS") (collectively, "Respondents"), revoking the Illinois insurance producer license of the Respondent and business entity license of RMS;

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2014, pursuant to Ms. Gabriella Moretti of Ziccardi Law Offices request for a hearing on behalf of the Respondents, a Notice of Hearing was issued by the Director setting an original hearing date of August 27, 2014;

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2014, the Respondents submitted a Motion for Continuance;

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2014, an Order was issued by the appointed Hearing Officer continuing this matter generally;

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2015, the Respondents and the Acting Director of Insurance, James A. Stephens, entered into a Stipulation and Consent Order (attached) for purposes of resolving all matters pertaining to the previously issued Order of Revocation;

WHEREAS, the Acting Director of Insurance being otherwise fully advised in the premises.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Hearing No. 14-HR-0482 is dismissed.

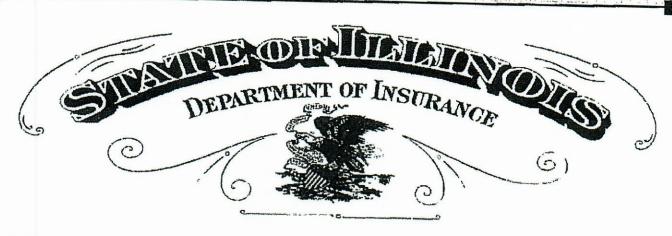
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF ILLINOIS

DATE: \_\_\_

March 4, 2015

James A. Stephens

Acting Director of Insurance



IN THE MATTER OF: THE REVOCATION OF LICENSING AUTHORITY OF:

RMS Service Group, Inc. d/b/a Alliance Insurance Agency 13532 Julie Drive Poplar Grove, IL 61065

And

14-HR-0482

Owen G. Costanza 199 Edson Street Poplar Grove, IL 61065

# STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Owen Costanza (Licensee), is a licensed producer in the State of Illinois and RMS Service Group, Inc. d/b/a Alliance Insurance Agency (Business Entity) was a licensed business entity in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee and Business Entity are aware that Section 5/500-70(e) [215 ILCS 5/500-70(e)] states the following: "The Director has the authority to enforce the provisions of and impose any penalty or remedy authorized by this Article against any person who is under investigation for or charged with a violation of this Code or rules even if the person's license or registration has been surrendered or has lapsed by operation of law;" and

WHEREAS, the Licensee and Business Entity are aware of the actions, steps and remedies which the Director of Insurance is authorized to take under Section 5/500-70 of the Illinois Insurance Code (215 ILCS 5/500-70); and

WHEREAS, the Licensee and Business Entity are advised that the Department of Insurance has caused an investigation to be commenced to determine whether or not such causes and conditions exist as would authorize the Director of Insurance to take such actions and steps or pursue such remedies as are

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provided in Section 5/500-70 of the Illinois Insurance Code; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee and Business Entity are aware of and understand the nature of this investigation and the charges and their various rights in connection therewith, including the right to counsel, notice, hearing and appeal under Section 5/500-70 of the Illinois Insurance Code and 50 Ill. Adm. Code 2402; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee and Business Entity, for the purpose of resolving all matters raised by the investigation without the necessity of an administrative hearing, enters into this Stipulation and Consent Order.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED by and between the Licensee and Business Entity and the Director of Insurance as follows:

- To waive the Notice and Hearing as required under Section 5/500-70 of the Illinois Insurance Code.
- II. To stipulate that the Director of Insurance alleges the following:
  - A. A fiduciary review revealed that for the time period of August 31, 2010 through January 14, 2011, the Business Entity and Licensee's PFTA was deficient in respect to those premium monies under examination on 117 days during that time period. The review pertained to premiums collected from 17 consumers.

During the 117 days in which the PFTA was deficient, the deficiency differences ranged from \$200.14 to \$24,574.16 with an average of \$15,240.35.

- B. From August 2, 2010 through October 21, 2010, the Business Entity and Licensee collected insurance premiums from three (3) consumers but failed to forward the premiums to the insurer within the required timeframe.
- C. The examination revealed the Business Entity and Licensee failed to return four (4) return premiums to insureds within 15 days of receipt from the insurer or other licensee.

On those four (4) occasions, the Business Entity and Licensee failed to obtain written authorization from the insured to hold credit balances.

Of the four (4) return premiums not returned timely, the average return premium was \$611.32. Furthermore, the Business Entity and Licensee held the four (4) return premiums for an average of 301 days.

- D. During March 2010, the Business Entity and Licensee made unlawful withdrawals that totaled \$9,400.00 from the PFTA, \$10,733.97 from the Main Account and \$16,385.66 from the Operating Account, all held at National City Bank.
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From May 31, 2008 through February 28, 2011, the Business Entity and Licensee's bank accounts held at National City/PNC Bank had a combined negative balance on thirty-two (32) separate dates.

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- III. The Licensee and Business Entity does consent to entry of the following Order based upon the above stipulations.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the undersigned Director of Insurance, Department of Insurance, pursuant to Section 5/500-70 of the Illinois Insurance Code that Licensee and

#### Business Entity:

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Owen G. Costanza, Licensee and as representative of RMS Service Group, Inc., Business Entity

Date: 2/18/11

State of Illinois

County of Linge Dago

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, this 18 day of Feb. 2015

Michael Notary Public

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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE of the State of Illinois;

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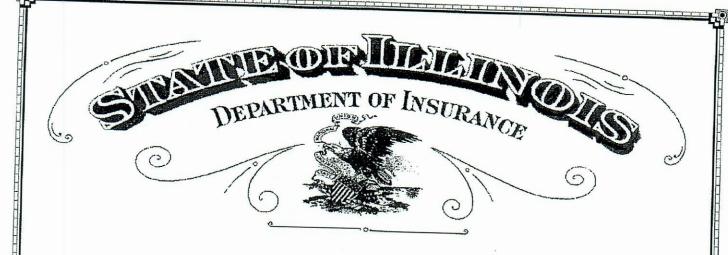
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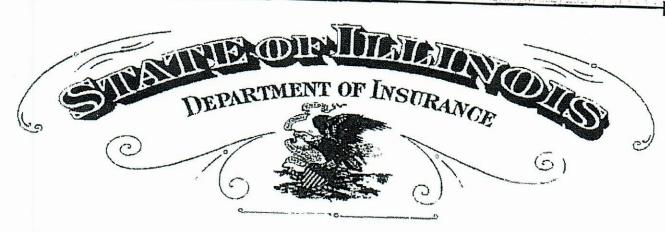
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Owen G. Costanza, Licensee and as representative of RMS Service Group, Inc., Business Entity

Date: 2/18/15

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Notary Public

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE of the State of Illinois;

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James A. Stephens Acting Director

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on of the foregoing instrument to be served to captioned matter, by the designated mean	upon the Attorneys of Record or Parties to the above	
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