

**BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**

ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,)
Petitioner)
)
vs.)
)
STAFFORD SHOFNER,)
Respondent)

A.I.D. NO. 2014- 155

LICENSE DENIAL ORDER

On this day, the matter of Stafford Shofner (“Respondent”) came before Jay Bradford, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”). The Arkansas Insurance Department (“Department”) is represented by Ava Franks, Associate Counsel, in this matter. From the facts and law before the Commissioner, he finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about February 19, 2014, Respondent submitted an Application for Arkansas Individual Non-Resident Insurance Producer License (“application”) to the Arkansas Insurance Department.
2. On or about September 28, 2010, the Kansas Insurance Department took administrative action on Respondent’s Non-Resident License.
3. Respondent did not disclose an administrative action on his application.
4. On or about March 27, 2014, the Department declined Respondent’s application for non-disclosure.

5. On or about April 15, 2014, Respondent submitted an appeal of the Department's decision to the Department.

6. A hearing was scheduled for and held June 2, 2014.

7. Respondent did not appear at this hearing to present evidence or contest the allegations of non-disclosure.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 23-61-103.

9. In order to obtain a producer's license in Arkansas, an individual must be deemed by the Commissioner to be competent, trustworthy, financially responsible, and of good personal and business reputation. Ark. Code Ann. 23-64-202.

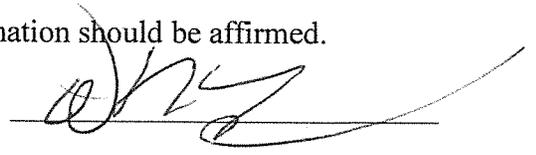
10. The Commissioner may refuse to issue an insurance producer's license for any one (1) or more of the following causes: providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially untrue information in the license application, violating a law, and demonstrating a lack of good personal and business reputation. Ark. Code Ann. §23-64-512.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and other matters before him, the Hearing Officer recommends:

11. Based upon the administrative action taken against Respondent's Kansas Non-Resident License and the Respondent's lack of appearance to contest the nondisclosure allegations and present evidence, I recommend that the decision of the Director of the License

Division to deny Respondent's Application for an Individual Non-Resident Insurance Producer License and a permit to sit for the Arkansas Producer's Examination should be affirmed.

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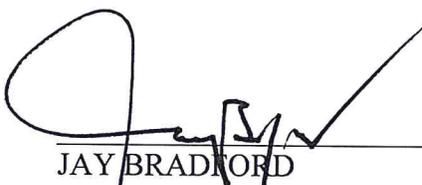
WILLIAM R. LACY
GENERAL COUNSEL,
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
and HEARING OFFICER

CERTIFICATION

I, Jay Bradford, Insurance Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, do hereby certify the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations of the Hearing Officer were made by and under my authority and supervision by William R. Lacy, General Counsel, Deputy Commissioner, and Hearing Officer in this proceeding. I hereby adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation in full.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the Respondent's Application for an Individual Non-Resident Insurance Producer License and permit to sit for the Arkansas Producer's Examination is denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 24th DAY OF June, 2014.



JAY BRADFORD
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF ARKANSAS