

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF:

AID ORDER NO. 2017- 061

TRAVIS TRIBBLE
PETITIONER

ORDER

On this day, the matter of the application for a producer license of Travis Tribble (“Petitioner”) came before Allen Kerr, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”). A hearing was held on June 20, 2017, in the First Floor Hearing Room of the Arkansas Insurance Department (“Department”) pursuant to the Notice of Hearing dated June 7, 2017. The hearing was held before Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel Suzanne Tipton (“Hearing Officer”) pursuant to her appointment by the Commissioner in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 23-61-103(e)(1). The Department was represented by Gray Allen Turner, Associate Counsel. The Petitioner was present and participated in the hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commissioner of Insurance has jurisdiction pursuant to the Arkansas Insurance Code, specifically Ark. Code Ann. §§ 23-60-101, *et seq.*
2. Petitioner received notice of the hearing and participated in the hearing..
3. Petitioner resides in Faulkner County, Arkansas.

4. Petitioner submitted an Arkansas resident producer application and request for a 18 U.S.C. 1033 Waiver to the Arkansas Insurance Department on March 3, 2017,. His application was denied on April 18, 2017. Petitioner filed a timely request for hearing on May 14, 2017..

5. Petitioner was convicted of Filing False Tax Returns, a felony, on January 19, 1999, in the U.S. District Court of Arkansas, Case 214-001. Petitioner was placed on probation and ordered to pay restitution. Since the conviction, he successfully completed probation and made all restitution payments.

6. Petitioner has several pending civil suits and past judgments. Specifically, Petitioner has a default judgment Faulkner County District Court case CV17-160 in the amount of \$999.00 which is unsatisfied at this time. Petitioner has a second judgment from small claims court for a debt connected to his business that he has not paid. Petitioner has been in foreclosure proceedings since 2014 in Faulkner County case CV14-830. Petitioner has not made any mortgage payments in several years during the pendency of the lawsuit.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-512(a)(12) authorizes the Department to deny an application for an insurance producer's license if the applicant has been convicted of a felony crime. Petitioner was convicted of Filing False Tax Returns in 1999.

2. To obtain a insurance producer license an applicant must be "deemed

by the commissioner to be competent, trustworthy, financially responsible, and of good personal and business reputation, and these qualifications must continue in order to remain licensed." Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-202(a)(2)(C)(i). Petitioner's recent civil suits and judgments demonstrate that he is not sufficiently financially responsible to be granted an insurance producer license.

RECOMMENDATION OF HEARING OFFICER

WHEREFORE, upon consideration of the evidence of record and the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing officer recommends the following:

1. That the Arkansas Insurance Resident Producer license application of Petitioner be denied.
2. That the Petitioner's 18 U.S.C. 1033 Waiver request be denied.



Suzanne Tipton
General Counsel and Deputy Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

I, Allen Kerr, Insurance Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, do hereby certify that the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation of the Hearing Officer were made by and under my authority and supervision by Suzanne Tipton, Deputy Commissioner and Hearing Officer in this proceeding. I

hereby adopt the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation in full, as set forth herein.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the Arkansas producer license application of Travis Neal Tribble and the request for a 18 U.S.C. 1033 Waiver are denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 29th DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.



ALLEN KERR
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF ARKANSAS