

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT)
PETITIONER)
)
VS.)
)
DENNIS LEONARDO)
RESPONDENT)
NPN 17862485)

A.I.D. NO. 2019- 35

REVOCATION ORDER

On this day, the matter of the producer’s license of Dennis Leonardo (“Respondent”) came before Allen Kerr, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”). A hearing was held on March 21, 2019, in the First Floor Hearing Room of the Arkansas Insurance Department (“Department”) pursuant to the Notice of Hearing dated February 14, 2019. 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 Respondent did not appear.

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. Respondent is a resident of Massachusetts.
3. Respondent holds an Arkansas non-resident producer license, NPN 17862485.
4. Respondent was sent notice of hearing by regular and certified mail to her last known address provided to the Department.

5. The Department sent Respondent a request for information on November 16, 2018, and December 17, 2018, after Respondent was terminated for cause from an insurance company. Respondent failed to respond to all of the Department's requests for information about the circumstances that led to his termination.

6. Respondent has failed to cooperate with the Department in that he failed to respond to an official request for information from the Department.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

From the Findings of Fact contained herein, the Commissioner concludes as follows:

1. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-61-103.

2. Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-512(a)(17) authorizes the Department to revoke an insurance producer's license for "[f]ailing to cooperate with the commissioner in an investigation when required by the commissioner." Respondent's actions were a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-512(a)(17).

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 non-resident insurance producer license of the Respondent be revoked.



Suzanne Tipton
Hearing Officer

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, 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 of Dennis Leonardo, NPN 17862485, is revoked.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 6th DAY OF June, 2019.



ALLEN KERR
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF ARKANSAS