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June 30, 2025

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Kyle Norris Sweet, President U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. 8133 Baymeadows Way Jacksonville, FL 32256

RE: Report of Examination as of December 31, 2023

Dear Mr. Sweet:

In accordance with <u>Miss. Code Ann.</u> §§ 83-5-201 et seq. and 83-41-337(1) (Rev. 2011), an examination of your Company has been completed. Enclosed herewith is the Order adopting the report and a copy of the final report as adopted.

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-209(6)(a) (Rev. 2011), the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall continue to hold the content of said report as private and confidential for a period of ten (10) days from the date of the Order. After the expiration of the aforementioned 10-day period, the Department of Insurance will open the report for public inspection.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

MIKE CHANEY COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

BY

Christina J. Kelsey General Counsel

MC/CK/bs
Encls. Order w/exhibit

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

RE: REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF

U.S. LEGAL SERVICES OF MISSISSIPPI, INC.

CAUSE NO. 25-8024

ORDER

THIS CAUSE came on for consideration before the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Mississippi ("Commissioner"), or his designated appointee, in the Offices of the Commissioner, 1001 Woolfolk Building, 501 North West Street, 10th Floor, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 83-5-201 et seq. and 83-41-337(1) (Rev. 2011). The Commissioner, having fully considered and reviewed the Report of Examination together with any submissions or rebuttals and any relevant portions of the examiner's work

JURISDICTION

papers, makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law, to-wit:

I.

That the Commissioner has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. §§ 83-5-201 et seq. and 83-41-337(1) (Rev. 2011).

II.

That U. S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. is a Mississippi-domiciled company licensed to write Legal coverage.

FINDINGS OF FACT

III.

That the Commissioner, or his appointee, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 83-5-201 et seq. and 83-41-337(1) (Rev. 2011), called for an examination of U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. and appointed R. Dale Miller, Examiner-In-Charge, to conduct said examination.

That on or about June 12, 2025, the draft Report of Examination concerning U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, was submitted to the Mississippi Department of Insurance by Examiner-In-Charge, R. Dale Miller.

That on or about June 13, 2025, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-209(2) (Rev. 2011), the Department forwarded to the Company a copy of the draft report and allowed the Company a 15-day period to submit any rebuttal to said draft. On or about June 16, 2025, the Company responded by email.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

VII.

The Commissioner, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-209(3) (Rev. 2011), must consider and review the report along with any submissions or rebuttals and all relevant portions of examiner work papers and enter an Order: (1) adopting the Report of Examination as final or with modifications or corrections; (2) rejecting the Report of Examination with directions to reopen; or (3) calling for an investigatory hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, after reviewing the draft Report of Examination and all relevant examiner work papers, that the draft Report of Examination of U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit "A", should be and same is hereby adopted as final.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the adopted Report of Examination, accompanied with this Order, shall be served upon the Company by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall continue to hold the content of this report as private and confidential information for a period of ten (10) days from the date of this Order, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-209(6)(a) (Rev. 2011).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-209(4) (Rev. 2011), that within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the adopted report, U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. shall file affidavits executed by each of its directors stating under oath that they have received a copy of the adopted report and related orders.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. take the necessary actions and implement the necessary procedures to ensure that all recommendations contained in the Report of Examination are properly and promptly complied with.

SO ORDERED, this the 30th day of June 2025.

DAVID BROWNING

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Order and a copy of the final Report of Examination, as adopted by the Mississippi Department of Insurance, was sent by certified mail, postage pre-paid, return receipt requested, on this the 300 day of June 2025, to:

Mr. Kyle Norris Sweet, President U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. 8133 Baymeadows Way Jacksonville, FL 32256

> Christina J. Kelsey General Counsel

Christina J. Kelsey General Counsel Counsel for the Mississippi Department of Insurance Post Office Box 79 Jackson, MS 39205-0079 (601) 359-3577 Miss. Bar No. 10816



Mississippi Insurance Department

Report of Examination

of

U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc.

as of

December 31, 2023

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EXAMINER'S AFFIDAVIT AS TO STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES USED IN AN EXAMINATION

State of Mississippi,

County of Madison,

R. Dale Miller, being duly sworn, states as follows:

- I have authority to represent the Mississippi Insurance Department in the examination of U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. as of December 31, 2023.
- 2. The Mississippi Insurance Department is accredited under the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Financial Regulation Standards and Accreditation.
- 3. I have reviewed the examination work papers and examination report, and the examination of U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. was performed in a manner consistent with the standards and procedures required by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the Mississippi Insurance Department.

The affiant says nothing further.

R. Dale Miller, CPA, CFE, CFF Examiner-in-Charge	
Subscribed and sworn before me by R. Dale June, 2025.	Miller on this 27th day of
(SEAL) Welney Smith Notary Public	* STATE OF MISSISSIPPI * WENDY SMITH, NOTARY PUBLIC HINDS COUNTY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCTOBER 27, 2028 COMMISSION NUMBER 118193
My commission expires October 27, 2028	[date]



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June 11, 2025

Honorable Mike Chaney Commissioner of Insurance Mississippi Insurance Department 1001 Woolfolk Building 501 North West Street Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Dear Commissioner Chaney:

Pursuant to your instructions and authorization and in compliance with statutory provisions, an examination has been conducted, as of December 31, 2023, of the affairs and financial condition of:

U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc.

190 E. Capital Street, Suite 8001 Jackson, MS 39201

License #	NAIC Group #	NAIC#	FEETS#	MATS#
0800022	4839	14670	14670-MS-2022-6	MS-MS099-67

This examination was commenced in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §83-5-201 et seq. & Miss. Code Ann. §83-49-27(2) and was performed in Ridgeland, MS. The report of examination is herewith submitted.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

We have performed a single-state financial examination of U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. (the "Company"). The last examination covered the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022. This examination covers the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

This examination was part of a coordinated examination with Tennessee domiciled U.S. Legal Services, Inc. Tennessee served as the lead state for this coordinated examination.

We conducted our examination in accordance with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") *Financial Condition Examiners Handbook* ("Handbook"). The Handbook requires that we plan and perform the examination to evaluate the financial condition, assess corporate governance, identify current and prospective risks of the Company and evaluate system controls and procedures used to mitigate those risks. An examination also includes identifying and evaluating significant risks that could cause an insurer's surplus to be materially misstated both currently and prospectively.

All accounts and activities of the company were considered in accordance with the risk-focused examination process. This may include assessing significant estimates made by management and evaluating management's compliance with Statutory Accounting Principles. The examination does not attest to the fair presentation of the financial statements included herein. If, during the course of the examination an adjustment is identified, the impact of such adjustment will be documented separately following the Company's financial statements.

This examination report includes significant findings of fact, as mentioned in the Miss. Code Ann. §83-5-201 & Miss. Code Ann. §83-49-27(4) and general information about the insurer and its financial condition. There may be other items identified during the examination that, due to their nature (e.g., subjective conclusions, proprietary information, etc.), are not included within the examination report but separately communicated to other regulators and/or the Company.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF PREVIOUS EXAMINATION

No findings were noted during the completion of the previous examination.

HISTORY OF THE COMPANY

On February 11, 2002, the Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Mississippi. The Company's principal office is located in Jacksonville, Florida. The Company was authorized to write business in the Legal line of business by the State of Mississippi on January 1, 2009, but was dormant until it began writing business in 2018.

CORPORATE RECORDS

The minutes of the meetings of Stockholders and Board of Directors ("Board"), regarding the Company's business affairs as recorded during the period covered by the examination, were reviewed and appeared to be complete and in order with regard to recording action on matters brought up at the meetings for deliberation.

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Capital Stock

As of December 31, 2023, the Company had 5,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$1 per share, authorized, issued, and outstanding in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §83-49-23(a). Marie M. Forbes Living Trust owned 100% of the shares issued and outstanding. In 2019, a \$40,000 capital contribution was contributed to gross paid in and contributed capital. No dividends to stockholders were declared or paid by the Company during the examination period.

Board of Directors

The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws vest the management and control of the Company's business affairs with the Board. The members of the duly elected Board, along with their place of residence, year elected/appointed and principal occupation, at December 31, 2023, were as follows:

Name and Residence	Year Elected/Appointed	Principal Occupation
Marie Mustakas Forbes Jacksonville, Florida	Since inception	President & Secretary
Julia Anne-Marie Lynn Jacksonville, Florida	Since inception	Treasurer
John Robert Forbes II Jacksonville, Florida	2020	Director

Committees

During the time period covered by this examination, the Company did not have Board appointed committees.

Officers

The officers of the Company as of December 31, 2023 were:

Name of Officer	Year Elected/ Appointed	Title
Marie Mustakas Forbes	Since inception	President & Secretary
Julia Anne-Marie Lynn	Since inception	Treasurer

Conflict of Interest

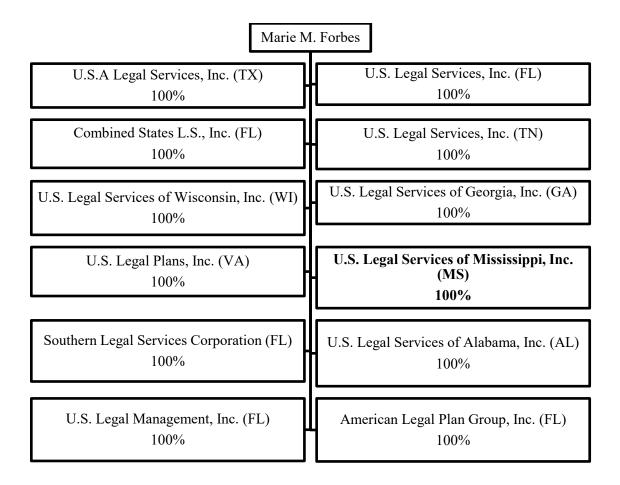
During the period under examination, the Company maintained a formal conflict of interest policy whereby disclosures were made to the Board of any material interest or affiliation on the part of any officer or director that was, or would likely be, a conflict with their official duties. These procedures were reviewed, and no conflicts or exceptions to the Company's policies were noted.

HOLDING COMPANY STRUCTURE

The Company was a member of an insurance holding company system as defined by <u>Miss. Code Ann.</u> §83-6-1. For each year under examination, Holding Company Registration Statements were filed with the MID in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §83-6-5 and §83-6-9.

Organizational Chart

An organizational chart as of December 31, 2023, reflecting the holding company system, is shown on the following page. Schedule Y of the Company's 2023 annual statement provides a list of all related companies of the holding company group.



Affiliated and Related Party Transactions

The following agreement was in effect between the Company and its affiliate:

Service Agreement

Effective January 1, 2015, the Company entered into an affiliated service agreement with U.S. Legal Management Inc. ("USLM"), whereby USLM shall provide for certain operations and administration services, including claims, premium, attorney, IT, regulatory, marketing and various other services to the Company. Pursuant to the agreement, fees for providing such services are based on a percentage of monthly premium revenue. Fees incurred by Company under this agreement during 2023 totaled \$46,505.

FIDELITY BOND

The Company had fidelity bond coverage that met the NAIC's suggested minimum amount of fidelity bond coverage.

PENSIONS, STOCK OWNERSHIP AND INSURANCE PLANS

The Company does not have direct employees and accordingly, there are no pension, stock ownership, or insurance plans maintained by the Company.

TERRITORY AND PLAN OF OPERATION

As of December 31, 2023, the Company was authorized to write business only in the State of Mississippi in the Legal line of business. The Company began writing business in 2018.

GROWTH OF COMPANY

The review of the growth of the Company was performed based on balances reported in the annual statements filed with the MID during the period under examination.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total admitted assets	\$ 208,022	\$ 171,964	\$ 138,613	\$ 110,040	\$ 76,643
Total liabilities	\$ 16,048	\$ 15,189	\$ 11,148	\$ 12,872	\$ 4,200
Total capital and surplus	\$ 191,973	\$ 156,775	\$ 127,465	\$ 97,168	\$ 72,443
Net cash from operations	\$ 33,797	\$ 30,981	\$ 27,708	\$ 25,592	\$ (8,224)
Premium income	\$ 123,506	\$ 102,649	\$ 102,865	\$ 90,799	\$ 20,202
Net underwriting gain (loss)	\$ 33,485	\$ 29,197	\$ 30,175	\$ 24,515	\$ (7,766)
Net investment income	\$ 1,714	\$ 113	\$ 122	\$ 211	\$ 278
Net income (loss)	\$ 35,199	\$ 29,309	\$ 30,297	\$ 24,726	\$ (7,488)
Net income (loss)/capital and surplus	18.3%	18.7%	23.8%	25.4%	-10.3%

REINSURANCE

As of December 31, 2023, the Company did not cede or assume any reinsurance.

ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

The Company's trial balance detail was traced to the December 31, 2023 annual statement filed with the MID. The Company does not have an annual independent audit and was not subject to the annual audit requirement during the period under examination.

STATUTORY DEPOSITS

As of December 31, 2023, the Company's statutory deposits for the benefit of policyholders, had a book/adjusted carrying value of \$25,000 and a fair value of \$25,000. Accordingly, the statutory deposits with the State of Mississippi complied with Miss. Code Ann. §83-49-23(b).

U.S. LEGAL SERVICES OF MISSISSIPPI, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EXAMINATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Introduction

The following includes the Company's statutory Statement of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds, statutory Statement of Income, and a statutory Reconciliation of Changes in Capital and Surplus for the year ended December 31, 2023. The financial statements are based on the statutory financial statements filed by the Company with the MID and present the financial condition of the Company for the period ended December 31, 2023. Due to rounding, column amounts may not add to the totals reflected in this report.

U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. Statement of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds December 31, 2023

Admitted Assets	
Cash and short term investments	\$ 185,137
Aggregate write-ins for invested assets	-
Subtotals, cash and invested assets	185,137
Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in the course of collection	10,431
Receivables from parent, subsidiaries, and affiliates	12,453
Total admitted assets	\$ 208,022
Liabilities, Capital and Surplus	
Losses	\$ 3,200
Commissions payable, contingent commissions and other similar charges	2,910
Other expenses (excluding taxes, licenses, and fees)	1,000
Taxes licenses and fees	869
Unearned premiums	419
Payable to parent, subsidiaries and affiliates	7,650
Total liabilities	16,048
Common capital stock	5,000
Gross paid in and contributed surplus	159,600
Unassigned funds	27,374
Total capital and surplus	191,973
Total liabilities, capital and surplus	\$ 208,022

U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. Statement of Income For the Examination Period Ended December 31, 2023

Underwriting Income Premiums earned	\$ 123,506
Deductions	
Losses incurred	6,502
Loss adjustment expenses incurred	2,275
Other underwriting expenses incurred	81,244
Total underwriting deductions	90,021
Net underwriting gain	33,485

Investment Income

Net income

Net investment gain

Net investment income earned

1,714

1,714

35,199

U.S. Legal Services of Mississippi, Inc. Reconciliation of Changes in Capital and Surplus For the Examination Period Ended December 31, 2023

For the examination period ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Surplus as regards policyholders,					
beginning of the year	\$ 156,775	\$ 127,465	\$ 97,168	\$ 72,442	\$ 39,930
Net income (loss)	35,199	29,309	30,297	24,726	(7,488)
Surplus adjustments:					
Paid in	-	-	-		40,000
Aggregate write-ins for gains and losses in surplus					
Change in surplus as regards policyholders	35,199	29,309	30,297	24,726	32,512
Surplus as regards policyholders,					
end of the year	\$ 191,973	\$ 156,775	\$ 127,465	\$ 97,168	\$ 72,442

As a result of this examination, there were no adjustments made to capital and surplus. The surplus as regards policyholders, which totaled \$191,973 as of the examination date, was determined to be reasonably stated and in compliance with Miss. Code Ann. §83-49-23(c).

MARKET CONDUCT ACTIVITIES

A full scope market conduct exam was not performed; however limited procedures were performed on certain areas of the Company's market conduct. The areas in which limited procedures were performed included operations/management, producer licensing, underwriting and rating, and advertising. No significant exceptions with regard to the limited procedures performed were noted.

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During and subsequent to the examination period, the Company was not involved in litigation or unreported commitments or contingent liabilities incurred through the examination date.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The following corporate, operational, and regulatory events occurred subsequent to the examination period:

In 2024, USLBuyer Holdco, LLC, was formed and filed a proposed plan of acquisition with the Mississippi Insurance Department ("MID") to acquire 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company. Per the plan to acquire document filed with the MID, the Company will continue to operate under its current name and conduct legal insurance business, and will continue to consent to compliance with certain standards applicable under Miss. Code Ann. § 83-49-1 et seq.

The MID reviewed the applicant's plan in conjunction with the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance.

The MID review of the acquisition confirmed and supported that:

- The Company will continue to satisfy all requirements for the issuance of a license to engage in the activities for which it is presently licensed,
- The effect of the acquisition will not substantially lessen competition in insurance or tend to create a monopoly in the State of Mississippi,
- The financial condition of the Company is not such that it would jeopardize the financial stability of the Company or prejudice its subscribers.
- The Company does not have plans or proposals to liquidate, sell its assets, or consolidate or merge with another company, or make any other material changes to its business or corporate structure or management that would unfair to its subscribers.
- The acquisition will not affect the ability or tendency of the Company to act as sponsor of prepaid legal services in the future.
- The terms and conditions of the acquisition are in compliance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, are reasonable and fair to the parties, and are in the public interest.
- The merger is not likely to be hazardous or prejudicial to the insurance buying public.
- The Applicant represents that sufficient information was provided to the Commissioner for

- issuance of an order approving the acquisition of 100% ownership interest in the Company. This information appeared to be sufficiently complete for the Commissioner to issue an order approving the acquisition, and
- The Managers of the Applicant and the Board of Directors of the Company approved this transaction.

In an order dated April 16, 2025, Cause No. 25-7997 and in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 83-49-1 *et seq.*, the Commissioner ordered that the plan of acquisition filed by USLBuyer Holdco, LLC to acquire the Company is approved.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

For the purposes of this examination report, there are no comments or recommendations.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The examiners representing the Mississippi Insurance Department and participating in this examination were:

Examiner-in-Charge:

R. Dale Miller, CPA, CFE, CFF

Supervising Examiner:

Joseph R. May, CPA, CMA, CFE, CIE

IT Examiner:

Francois Houde, CPA, CA, CFE, CISA, AES

Examiner:

Taylor Phillips, CPA, CFE

Examiner:

Sharon Stuber, CPA

Examiner:

Kaytlynn Bush

The courteous cooperation of the officers and employees responsible for assisting in the examination is hereby acknowledged and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Dale Miller, CPA, CFE, CFF

Examiner-in-Charge

Mark Cooley, CFE

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Mississippi Insurance Department Designee