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Lee Michael Bolling 93 Beaver Road Hattiesburg, MS 39402 SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Also delivered via email to: leebolling@comcast.net

Re:

Denial of Application Mississippi Insurance Producer License Insurance Producer Applicant: Lee Michael Bolling Application ID 948914

Mr. Lee Michael Bolling:

This letter is to inform you that your Application for Mississippi Insurance Producer license has been **DENIED**. The basis for this denial is set forth as follows:

AUTHORITY

The Mississippi Department of Insurance is a duly constituted authority existing within the executive branch of the government of the State of Mississippi "charged with the execution of all laws (except as otherwise specifically provided by statute) now in force, or which may hereafter be enacted, relative to all insurance and all insurance companies, corporations, associations, or orders." See Miss. Code § 83-1-1 (Supp. 2023). The Commissioner of Insurance is the chief officer of the Mississippi Department of Insurance. See Miss. Code § 83-1-1.

Pursuant to *Miss. Code.* § 83-17-71(1), the Commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew an insurance producer's license or may levy a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation and such penalty shall be deposited into the special fund of the State Treasury designated as the "Insurance Department Fund" for any one or more of the following causes:

- (b) Violating any insurance laws, or violating any regulation, subpoena or order of the commissioner or of another state's commissioner;
- (e) Intentionally misrepresenting the terms of an actual or proposed insurance contract or

application for insurance;

- (g) Having admitted or been found to have committed any insurance unfair trade practice or fraud;
- (h) Using fraudulent, coercive or dishonest practices or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere;
- (j) Forging another's name to an application for insurance or to any document related to an insurance transaction;

Additionally, per *Miss. Code § 83-17-71(6)* "No licensee whose license has been revoked hereunder shall be entitled to file another application for a license as a producer within one (1) year from the effective date of such revocation . . . Such application, when filed may be refused by the commissioner unless the applicant shows good cause whey the revocation of his license shall not be deemed a bar to the issuance of a new license."

FACTS

- (1) Lee Michael Bolling (sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), is an adult resident citizen of the State of Mississippi, who has applied for an insurance producer's license to be issued by the Mississippi Department of Insurance. The application was received by the Mississippi Department of Insurance on or about October 22, 2024.
- (2) On or about 30 April 2014, the Respondent resolved allegations of misconduct with the Mississippi Department of Insurance through the entry into a Consent to Administrative Penalty that included the payment of a fine in the amount of \$1,000. The allegations of misconduct in that case involved an assertion that Respondent had committed forgery through his submission of a forged "agent of record" letter. The Mississippi Department of Insurance agreed to allow Respondent to maintain his insurance producer license upon payment of a \$1,000 administrative fine.
- (3) On or about September 11, 2023, the Mississippi Department of Insurance (MDOI) accepted the Voluntary Surrender of license from the Respondent in resolution of several outstanding charges that had been issued by the MDOI. The charges at issue involved allegations that the Respondent had committed fraudulent acts in his submission of applications for policies of insurance and associated documents, as well as having committed forgeries. The MDOI accepted the Respondent's Voluntary Surrender of his license to resolve these outstanding charges.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

The forgoing facts set forth above are hereby re-alleged in each of the following charges set forth as follows:

<u>THE CHARGE</u>: That the Mississippi Department of Insurance's prior revocation of Lee Michael Bolling's license through his submission of an Individual Voluntary Surrender Form on or about September 11, 2023, presents a bar to the issuance of a new license, and that good cause for the issuance of the license does not exist at this time.

DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

Based upon the foregoing, the application for licensure submitted by Lee Michael Bolling is hereby DENIED.

You may make written demand upon the Commissioner within ten (10) days for a hearing before the Commissioner, or his designee, to determine the reasonableness of the Commissioner's action. The hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written request. Your request for a hearing should be submitted through the undersigned.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at the following number: (601) 359-1074.

Respectfully,

MIKE CHANEY

Commissioner of Insurance

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