

3. In violation of § 10-106 (b), Respondents have had no DRLP replacing Bell and, therefore, are not qualified to be licensed as insurance producers.

II. Violations

In addition to all other relevant sections of the Insurance Article, the Administration relies on the following pertinent sections in finding that Respondents violated Maryland's insurance laws:

4. **§ 10-106.**

(b) To qualify for a license as an insurance producer, a business entity must designate a licensed insurance producer to act as the business entity's principal contact with the Administration.

5. **§ 10-126.**

(b)(1) The Commissioner may deny a license to an applicant business entity under §§ 2-210 through 2-214 of this article, or suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew or reinstate a license of a business entity after notice and opportunity for hearing under §§ 2-210 through 2-214 of this article, if an individual listed in paragraph (2) of this subsection has:

(i) violated any provision of this subtitle;

(ii) been convicted of a felony, a crime of moral turpitude, or any criminal offense involving dishonesty or breach of trust; or

(iii) had any professional license suspended or revoked for a fraudulent or dishonest practice.

(2) This subsection applies in any case that involves a business entity if the violation was committed by an individual who is:

(i) an insurance producer;

(ii) 1. in the case of a limited liability company, an officer, director, member, or manager;

2. in the case of a partnership, a partner; and

3. in the case of a corporation, a director, officer, or owner; or

(iii) an individual with direct control over the fiscal management of the business entity.

6. By the conduct described herein, Respondents violated §§ 10-106 (b) and 10-126(b). As such, Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under the Insurance Article.

III. Sanctions

7. By the facts and violations stated above, Respondents' licenses to act as insurance producers in the State of Maryland are subject to suspension or revocation. In this case,

revocation is the appropriate disciplinary action.

8. This Order does not preclude any potential or pending action by the Insurance Fraud Division of the Administration or prosecution by any other person, entity or governmental authority regarding any conduct by Respondents including the conduct that is the subject of this Order.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, and subject to your right to request a hearing, it is this 21st day of August, 2014, **ORDERED** that the producer licenses of Respondents are **REVOKED**.

THERESE M. GOLDSMITH
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Signature on Original

By:


Victoria August
Associate Commissioner
Compliance & Enforcement

RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

Pursuant to § 2-210 of the Insurance Article and COMAR 31.02.01.03, a person aggrieved by this Order may request a hearing on this Order. This request must be in writing and be received by the Commissioner within thirty (30) days of the date of the letter accompanying this Order.

Pursuant to § 2-212 of the Insurance Article, however, the Order shall be stayed pending a hearing only if a demand for hearing is received by the Commissioner within ten (10) days after the Order is served.

The request for hearing must be made in writing and must state the facts and grounds for the relief to be demanded. *See* § 2-210(b)(1) and COMAR 31.02.01.03D(2). The request must be addressed to the Maryland Insurance Administration, 200 St. Paul Place, Suite 2700, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, Attn: Sharon Kraus, Appeals Clerk. Failure to timely request a hearing or to appear at a scheduled hearing will result in a waiver of your rights to contest this Order and the Order shall be final on its effective date.