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UTAH STATE
INSURANCE DEPT.

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF UTAH

COMPLAINANT:

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

RESPONDENT:

ARTISAN TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

6975 South Union Park #390 Cottonwood Heights, UT 84047 License No. 352917

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Docket No. 2013-030 PC

Enf. Case No. 3257

STIPULATION

- 1. Respondent, Artisan Title Insurance Agency, Inc. ("Agency"), is a licensed title insurance agency in the State of Utah, holding License No. 352917.
- 2. Respondent stipulates with the Complainant, Utah Insurance Department, as follows:
 - a. If a hearing were held, witnesses called by the Complainant could offer and introduce evidence that would support the Findings of Fact herein;
 - b. Respondent admits the Findings of Fact and Conclusions made therefrom;

 Respondent stipulates to the summary entry of the Order herein which shall be in lieu of other administrative proceedings by Complainant in this matter; and

d. Respondent and Complainant have negotiated the terms of the Order entered herein and Respondent agrees to its entry and further agrees to be bound by all its terms.

3. Respondent is aware of its right to a hearing at which it may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondent has irrevocably waived its right to such hearing and to any appeal related thereto.

4. Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the State of Utah Insurance Commissioner and Title and Escrow Commission as to all matters herein.

5. Respondent is acting herein free from any duress or coercion of any kind or nature, having been advised fully as to its rights set forth herein.

6. Respondent acknowledges that the issuance of this Order by the Title and Escrow Commission is solely for purpose of disposition of the matter entitled herein.

DATED this 19th day of February, 2013.

ARTISAN TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

David C. Delahunty, President

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

M. Gale Lemmon, Assistant Attorney General

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and information in the file, the Presiding Officer makes the following Findings of Fact:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On October 10, 2012, the Department created a list of all title producers who had renewed or reinstated their licenses during the month of September, 2012. After reviewing the list and SIRCON licensing, it was determinated that Respondent's license had lapsed on August 31, 2012, and was not reinstated until September 27, 2012.
- 2. Respondent's association with its title and escrow producers also terminated on August 31, 2012, when the licensed lapsed. The producers were re-associated with Respondent on September 27, 2012.
- 3. On November 5, 2012, a letter from the Department was sent to Respondent requesting a narrative statement regarding any title insurance business it conducted from August 31, 2012 through September 26, 2012.
- 4. On November 20, 2012, Respondent's president, David C. Delahunty, responded with a written reply stating that 82 closings/searches were conducted between August 31, 2012, and September 26, 2012, the time period during which Respondent's licensed was lapsed.
 - 5. Respondent's president was cooperative and forthcoming during the investigation.
- 6. On December 17, 2012, Respondent agreed to an administrative forfeiture in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and Findings of Fact, the Presiding Officer enters the following Conclusions of Law:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Utah Code Ann. Section 31A-23a-103 states as follows:
 - (1) (a) Unless exempted from the licensing requirement under Section <u>31A-23a-201</u> or <u>31A-23a-207</u>, a person may not perform, offer to perform, or advertise any service as a producer, limited line producer, customer service representative, consultant, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary in Utah, without a valid individual or agency license issued under this chapter.
 - (b) A valid license includes at least one license type and one line of authority pertaining to that license type.
 - (c) A person may not utilize the services of another as a producer, limited line producer, customer service representative, consultant, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary if that person knows or should know that the other does not have a license as required by law.
 - (2) This part may not be construed to require an insurer to obtain an insurance producer license.
 - (3) An insurance contract is not invalid as a result of a violation of this section.
- 2. Utah Code Ann. Section 31A-23a-302 (1) mandates the following:

An agency shall designate an individual that has an individual producer, limited line producer, customer service representative, consultant, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary license to act on the agency's behalf in order for the licensee to do business for the agency in this state.

- 3. Respondent violated of the above statutes when it conducted 82 closings/searches during the period its license was lapsed and its producers were not designated to it.
 - 4. An administrative forfeiture in the Amount of \$1,500 is appropriate in this matter.

Based on the forgoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the presiding officer not enters the following:

RECOMMENDED ORDER

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE TITLE AND ESCROW COMMISSION IMPOSE THE FOLLOWING PENALTY:

1. Respondent, Artisan Title Insurance Agency, Inc., be assessed an administrative forfeiture in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid to the Department within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order.

DATED this 26th day of February, 2013.

TODD E. KISER, Commissioner UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

MARK E. KLEINFÍELD Administrative Law Judge Utah Insurance Department

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDED ORDER AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTY

By a vote of ______ to _____, taken in open meeting on this date, the Title and Escrow Commission hereby adopts the recommended order of the presiding officer and imposes the penalty recommended herein above.

DATED this // day of // day of // arah ,2013.

LARRY TURNER BLAKE, Chairman
Title and Escrow Commission

NOTIFICATION

You are hereby notified that a failure to obey an Order of the Commissioner may subject

you to further penalties, including forfeitures of up to \$5,000 per violation and the suspension or revocation of your license and the filing of an action in district court, which may impose forfeitures of up to \$10,000 per day for continued violation.

You are further notified that other jurisdictions in which you may be licensed may require that you report this action to them.

CONCURRENCE WITH COMMISSION IMPOSED PENALTY

On behalf of the Commissioner of the Utah Insurance Department I hereby concur with the penalty imposed by the Utah Title and Escrow Commission in the above matter.

DATED this 11 day of faith, 2013.

TODD E. KISER, INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

MARK E. KLEINFIELD