

**BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**

**ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,** )  
**Petitioner** )  
 )  
**vs.** )  
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**MICHAEL J. WATKINS,** )  
**Respondent** )  
 )

**A.I.D. NO. 2010- 102**

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**SUSPENSION ORDER**

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On this day, the matter of Michael J. Watkins (“Respondent”) came before Jay Bradford, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”). A hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. on December 21, 2010 in the Hearing Room of the Arkansas Insurance Department (“Department”) pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-216(e). The hearing was held before Chief Deputy Commissioner Lenita Blasingame (“Hearing Officer”) pursuant to her appointment by the Commissioner in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 23-61-103. The Department was represented by Amanda Capps Rose, Associate Counsel. Respondent was present and represented himself.

**GENERAL STIPULATIONS**

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

2. Respondent holds Arkansas Resident Producer License No. 353786 and resides in Little Rock, Arkansas.

3. On or about November 16, 2010, the Department received notice from the

Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement that the Respondent is three (3) or more months in arrearage on his child support obligation. At the time of the hearing, no written agreement had been executed between the Respondent and the Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement with regard to repayment of the arrearages.

4. Additional searches revealed a federal tax lien against the Respondent filed in 2006.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5. Under the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-512(a)(14), the failure to comply with an order imposing a child support obligation is grounds for suspension or revocation of a producer's license.

6. Absent a payment plan with the Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement to cure the arrearages, Ark. Code Ann. § 9-14-239(b) requires suspension of occupational and business licenses.

7. Demonstrating financial irresponsibility is grounds for suspension or revocation of a producer's license pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-512(a)(8).

#### **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

8. Respondent's Arkansas Resident Producer License No. 353786 is hereby **SUSPENDED**. Respondent shall not, during the term of this suspension, conduct the business of insurance in the State of Arkansas.

9. This suspension may be lifted upon receipt of written evidence that the Respondent has reached payment agreements with both the Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement and the Internal Revenue Service and evidence of compliance with both agreements for a period of not less than six (6) weeks.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2010.

  
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LENITA BLASINGAME  
CHIEF DEPUTY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
STATE OF ARKANSAS