# STATE OF MAINE BUREAU OF INSURANCE

#### Docket No. INS-08-220

# **CONSENT AGREEMENT**

This document is a Consent Agreement authorized by Title 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5), entered into among Craig A. Martin, a resident of Rhode Island; the Maine Superintendent of Insurance; and the Maine Department of the Attorney General. Its purpose is to resolve, in lieu of an adjudicatory proceeding, issues implicating Title 24-A M.R.S.A. §1417(1), §1419, and §1420-K(1).

# **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

- 1. The Superintendent of Insurance is the official charged with administering and enforcing Maine's insurance laws and regulations, and the Bureau of Insurance is the administrative agency with such jurisdiction.
- 2. Craig A. Martin applied for a Maine Nonresident Adjuster License in March, 2008.
- 3. Item 2 of the background questions on the application form filed in connection with Mr. Martin's application required a response to the following question:

"Have you or any business in which you are or were an owner, partner, officer or director ever been involved in an administrative proceeding regarding any professional or occupational license?"

- 4. Mr. Martin answered "No" to Item (2).
- 5. The application included Mr. Martin's dated signature under the statement:

"I hereby certify that, under penalty of perjury, all of the information submitted in this application and attachments is true and complete. I am aware that submitting false information or omitting pertinent or material information in connection with this application is grounds for license revocation or denial of the license and may subject me to civil or criminal penalties."

- 6. Staff of the Maine Bureau of Insurance discovered, through its application review process, that Mr. Martin had been the subject of a 2002 consent order involving a payment of \$3,000 in the State of Rhode Island.
- 7. A member of the Licensing staff for the Maine Bureau of Insurance requested, by letter dated April 14, 2008, an explanation for Mr. Martin's failure to disclose the Rhode Island consent order, and requested relevant documentation.
- 8. Mr. Martin's response provided documentation of the action, and stated the following in explanation of the failure to disclose the matter in his Maine application:

"I know it was my sole responsibility to fill out the application or at least review what had been filled out by one of our employees, which I did not do. I signed the application without review. I am responsible for this error and can only leave the decision of my license application in your hands."

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 9. The application form's disclosure questions specifically require disclosure of administrative matters.
- 10. Mr. Martin provided incorrect, misleading, incomplete or materially untrue information in his Maine application for nonresident adjuster licensing by failing to disclose the 2002 Rhode Island consent order when he applied, and certifying through the "Certification and Attestation" on the application that the information was true and complete, and he has not provided an adequate legal explanation for his failure to provide accurate information in the application.
- The provision of incorrect, misleading, incomplete or materially untrue information in the license application constitutes grounds for denial of the license application or other appropriate action, including the imposition of a civil penalty, under 24-A M.R.S.A. §1420-K(1)(A).

#### COVENANTS

- 12. Craig A. Martin, the Maine Bureau of Insurance, and the Maine Department of the Attorney General agree to the following.
- 13. This Consent Agreement is entered into in accordance with 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B) and is not subject to review or appeal. This Consent Agreement is enforceable by an action in the Superior Court.
- 14. At the time of executing this Consent Agreement, Mr. Martin will remit to the Maine Bureau of Insurance a civil penalty in the amount of \$100.00, payable to the Treasurer of the State of Maine.
- 15. Mr. Martin will promptly report any matters to the Maine Bureau of Insurance during all times as he is licensed through the Bureau, to the extent such reporting is required under the Maine Insurance Code, and will comply in all other respects with the provisions of the Maine Insurance Code, as applicable.
- 16. In consideration of the applicant's execution of this Consent Agreement, the State of Maine Bureau of Insurance shall issue the Nonresident Adjuster License for which he has applied.
- 17. Mr. Martin understands and acknowledges that this Agreement will constitute a public record within the meaning of 1 MRSA § 402, and will be available for public inspection and copying as provided for by 1 MRSA § 408, and will be reported to the NAIC "RIRS" database.
- 18. In consideration of the applicant's execution of and compliance with the terms of this Consent Agreement, the Superintendent of Insurance, Bureau of Insurance, and Department of the Attorney General agree to forgo pursuing further disciplinary measures or other civil or administrative sanction for the actions described in this Consent Agreement, other than those agreed to herein. However, should Mr. Martin violate this Consent Agreement, he may be subject to any available legal remedy for the

violation, including without limitation the suspension or revocation of all licenses issued under the Maine Insurance Code.

19. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the rights or interests of any person who is not a party to this Agreement.

# **Craig A. Martin**

Dated: August 12, 2008

Craig A. Martin

State of Rhode Island, \_\_\_\_\_, ss

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_.

Notary Public

(printed name)

# THE MAINE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE

Dated: September 29, 2008

Mila Kofman, Superintendent

## FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dated: August 28, 2008

Assistant Attorney General

(printed name)