

New York State Department of Financial Services

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AGAINST COMPANIES, AGENTS, BROKERS & ADJUSTERS

The New York State Department of Financial Services has taken disciplinary action against the following licensees. Those categorized as stipulations have been agreed to by the licensee. Department actions that result from Department hearings are subject to judicial review and possible stay of enforcement.

STIPULATIONS

Region: Binghamton

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Immobiliare Endicott LLC (Agent)	201 Oakdale Road Johnson City, NY 13790	\$3,000 fine
Deborah J. Sbarra (Sublicensee)	Same as above	
Respondent acted as an insurance producer in the State of New York without having authority to do so by virtue of a license issued and in force pursuant to the provisions of the Insurance Law. [Stipulation approved November 27, 2017.]		

Region: Buffalo

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Erich S. Weyand (Title Insurance Agent)	22 South Chapel Street Gowanda, NY 14070	\$850 fine
Respondent acted as an insurance producer in the State of New York without having authority to do so by virtue of a license issued and in force pursuant to the provisions of the Insurance Law. [Stipulation approved November 27, 2017.]		

Region: Mid-Island

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Robert C. Chiarello (Public Adjuster)	169 Commack Road Commack, NY 11725	\$3,750 fine
Respondent acted as an insurance adjuster in the State of New York without having authority to do so by virtue of a license issued and in force pursuant to the provisions of the Insurance Law. Respondent also used an unapproved name in conducting business as an insurance adjuster. [Stipulation approved November 21, 2017.]		

Region: Nassau

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
International Benefits Administrators LLC (Agent)	100 Garden City Plaza Garden City, NY 11530	\$3,000 fine
Michael H. Sonnenberg (Agent and Sublicensee)	Same as above	
Respondents failed to report to the Superintendent within 30 days of the final disposition of the matter that Respondent International Benefits Administrators LLC was fined by the State of South Dakota in 2011, by the State of Wisconsin in 2012, by the State of Louisiana in 2013 and 2016 and by the State of Utah in 2015. Respondents also failed to disclose the 2011 South Dakota fine in the 2013 license renewal application of Respondent International Benefits Administrators LLC, and failed to disclose the 2013 Louisiana fine in the 2015 license renewal application of Respondent International Benefits Administrators LLC. [Stipulation approved November 21, 2017.]		

Region: New York

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Supreme Travel LLC (Agent)	4403 15th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11219	\$750 fine
Menachem Dachner (Agent and Sublicensee)	Same as above	
Respondents acted as insurance producers in the name of Respondent Supreme Travel LLC while Respondent Supreme Travel LLC had no license issued and in force pursuant to the provisions of the Insurance Law. [Stipulation approved December 8, 2017.]		

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Leon J. Keith (Agent)	1043 Morris Avenue Bronx, NY 10456	\$250 fine
Respondent failed to disclose on his original application for an agent's license that he was convicted of crimes. [Stipulation approved December 8, 2017.]		

Region: Rockland

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Provest Services Corp. II (Agent – License Pending)	400 Rella Blvd. Montebello, NY 10901	\$310,000 fine
Respondent acted as an insurance producer in the State of New York without having authority to do so by virtue of a license issued and in force pursuant to the provisions of the Insurance Law. [Stipulation approved December 8, 2017.]		

Region: Out of State

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of Northern California Inc. (Broker and Excess Line Broker)	650 California Street San Francisco, CA 94108	\$3,500 fine
Gregory Taft Crouse (Broker and Sublicensee)	Same as above	
Respondents failed to report to the Superintendent within 30 days of the final disposition of the matter that the State of Florida, the State of Missouri, the State of North Carolina, the State of Wisconsin and the Commonwealth of Virginia took administrative actions against Respondent Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of Northern California Inc. Respondents also failed to disclose the Florida and Missouri actions in license renewal applications of Respondent Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of Northern California Inc. [Stipulation approved November 21, 2017]		

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Paul Peter Curran (Agent)	6 Holly Mews Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922	\$750 fine
Respondent failed to disclose in his original application for an agent's license that at the time of the submission of said application, he had pending criminal charges in Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County. [Stipulation approved December 4, 2017.]		

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Charmaine Heath (Agent)	2016 Amherst Road Hyattsville, MD 20783	\$1,000 fine
Respondent failed to disclose on her renewal application for her agent's license that she was the subject of an administrative action by the State of Wisconsin. Respondent also failed to notify the Department of the above administrative action within thirty days, as required. [Stipulation approved December 8, 2017.]		

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Kara Ann Hernandez (Agent)	250 E. Araphao Road Richardson, TX 75081	License Revoked
Respondent failed to disclose on her original application for an agent's license that she pled guilty to a crime and had judgement withheld or deferred. [Stipulation approved November 27, 2017.]		

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Robert Kaslander (Agent-Relicensing application pending)	43 Afterglow Avenue Verona, NJ 07044	\$750 fine
Respondent failed to disclose on his relicensing application that he had a business relationship with an insurance company terminated for cause. [Stipulation approved December 14, 2017.]		

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Heidi E. Manivong (Agent)	2560 62nd Ave North Saint Petersburg, FL 33702	License Revoked
Respondent failed to notify the Department within thirty days that she was the subject of administrative actions by the States of Georgia, Washington and Massachusetts; and Respondent failed to disclose on her license renewal application that she was charged with a crime in Florida and adjudication was withheld. [Stipulation approved November 27, 2017.]		

LICENSEE	ADDRESS	PENALTY
Anna-Marie Samona (Agent)	2618 Tepee Avenue SE Palm Bay, FL 32909	\$2,500 fine
Respondent failed to disclose in her original application for an agent's license that: (a) she was convicted of a crime in District Court, Jefferson County, Colorado; (b) in the County Court of Orange County, Florida, Respondent pled nolo contendere to crimes and said Court withheld judgment of guilt and placed Respondent on supervised probation; (c) Respondent's applications for licensure were denied by the North Carolina Department of Insurance and the Kentucky Department of Insurance; and (d) Respondent was fined by the Florida Department of Financial Services. [Stipulation approved December 4, 2017.]		

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United Marine Underwriters Agency (Agent)	1309 Bluegrass Parkway La Grange, KY 40031	\$2,000 fine
Randall D. Troutman (Agent and Sublicensee)	Same as above	
Respondent acted as an insurance producer in the State of New York without having authority to do so by virtue of a license issued and in force pursuant to the provisions of the Insurance Law. [Stipulation approved December 8, 2017.]		

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IBI Insurance Brokerage (Agent and Broker)	300 North State Street Chicago, IL 60654	\$1,750 fine
Herbert S. Witter (Agent and Sublicensee)	Same as above	
Respondents failed to notify the Superintendent within thirty days that they were the subject of administrative action by the State of Illinois and failed to disclose the aforementioned administrative action on license renewal applications. [Stipulation approved December 14, 2017.]		