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In the Matter of:

WIEDRICH, JEFFREY BLAINE (National Producer No. 6743119)

Respondent.

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## STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

No. 19A-109-INS

**CONSENT ORDER** 

The State of Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") has received evidence that **Jeffrey Blaine Wiedrich** ("Wiedrich" or "Respondent") violated provisions of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S."). Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, admits the following Findings of Fact are true and consents to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Wiedrich is, and was, at all material times, licensed as an Arizona resident insurance producer with two lines of authority: life, and accident and health or sickness. Wiedrich's license, number 6743119, was last renewed on April 25, 2017 and is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2021.
- 2. Wiedrich's business and mailing addresses of record are: 4747 East Elliot Road, Suite 29-201, Phoenix, Arizona 85044-1627 (business); 3312 East Cherokee Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85044-3512 (mailing). Wiedrich's business e-mail address of record with the Department is jeff@ocillc.net.

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### Fidelity and Guaranty Life Insurance Company Complaint

- 3. On or about April 17, 2018, the Department received a "Termination for Cause" letter for Wiedrich from Fidelity and Guaranty Life Insurance Company ("Company").
- 4. The Company alleged that Wiedrich did not disclose the existing annuity replacement on applications submitted for three Arizona consumers. The Company states that these three applications would have been declined had this information been disclosed.
- 5. On or about February 28, 2015, Wiedrich and Consumer AK ("AK") completed and signed an annuity application with the Company. On this application, the disclosure notice of surrendered annuity was marked "No" in two separate locations. AK confirmed that she was instructed by Wiedrich to surrender her existing annuity, place the received funds in her bank account and fund the new annuity by writing a personal check. AK advised that she sustained annuity surrender penalties.
- 6. On or about October 13, 2017, Wiedrich and Consumer SA ("SA") completed and signed an annuity application with the Company. On this application, the disclosure notice of surrendered annuity was marked "No" in two separate locations. SA confirmed he was instructed by Wiedrich to surrender his existing annuity, place the received funds in his bank account and fund the new annuity by writing a personal check. SA advised that he sustained no annuity surrender penalties due to pre-existing health conditions.
- 7. On or about November 10, 2017, Wiedrich and Consumer SL ("SL") completed and signed an annuity application with the Company. On this application, the disclosure notices of surrendered annuity was marked "No" in two separate locations. SL

confirmed he was instructed by Wiedrich to surrender the existing annuity, place the received funds in his bank account and fund the new annuity by writing a personal check. SL was uncertain of the amount of annuity surrender penalty he incurred.

- 8. On or about May 30, 2019, the Department conducted an Examination Under Oath ("EUO") of Wiedrich. During the EUO, Wiedrich admitted to knowingly submitting AK's and SL's annuity applications without properly disclosing the surrender of existing annuities to the Company.
- 9. Wiedrich admitted to learning, after the fact, that SA's annuity application was being funded with an existing annuity and admitted that he did not disclose this information to the Company upon discovery.
- 10. Wiedrich admitted to instructing all three consumers to surrender their existing annuity to their personal bank account to fund the new annuity with their surrendered annuity funds.
- 11. Wiedrich admitted to submitting SL's application with the intent of misleading the Company to collect a higher sales commission and to benefit the consumer.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes a violation of Title 20 or any rule, subpoena or order of the Director, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(2).
- 3. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes using fraudulent, coercive or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or

financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere, in violation of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(8).

- Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes knowingly presenting, 4. causing to be presented or preparing with the knowledge or belief that it will be presented, an oral or written statement, including computer generated documents, to an insurer that contains untrue statements of material fact or that fails to state any material fact with respect to the application for the issuance of an insurance policy, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-463(A)(1)(a).
- 5. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes failure to submit to the insurer, with or as part of an annuity application, a statement signed by both the applicant and the insurance producer as to whether the applicant has an existing policy or contract, within the meaning of A.R.S. §20-1241.03(A).
- 6. Grounds exist for the Director to deny, suspend for not more than twelve months, revoke or refuse to renew and insurance producer's license, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A).

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20 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Wiedrich's Arizona insurance producer license is surrendered.
- 2. Wiedrich shall not apply for an insurance producer license in this state for at

**ORDER** 

1	least twelve months from the effective date of this surrender.
2	Effective this 26 day of May, 2020.
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4	Scott Greenberg, Deputy Director
5	for Christina Corieri, Interim Director Arizona Department of Insurance
6	Alizona Department of Insurance
7	CONSENT TO ORDER
8	Respondent has reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law
9	and Order.
10	2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Director of the Arizona
11	Department of Insurance and admits the foregoing Findings of Fact and consent to the entry
12	of the foregoing Conclusions of Law and Order.
13	3. Respondent is aware of his right to notice and to a hearing, at which he may be
14	represented by counsel, present evidence and examine witnesses.
15	4. Respondent irrevocably waives his right to such notice and hearing and to any
16	court appeals relating to this Consent Order.
17	5. Respondent states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as
18	expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to induce him to enter into this Consent
19	Order and that he has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
20	6. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the acceptance of this Consent
21	Order by the Director is solely to settle this Department matter against him and does not

preclude the Department from instituting other proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.

- 7. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order does not preclude in any way any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent, including but not limited to violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Department, this Consent Order makes no representations, implied or otherwise, about the views of intended actions of any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of the state relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent.
- 8. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order is an administrative action that the Department will report to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Respondents further acknowledges that he must report this administrative action to any and all states in which he holds an insurance license and must disclose this administrative action on any license application.

Date

Jeff Wiedrich

Jeff Wiedrich (May 25, 2020 15:42 PDT)

Jeffrey Blaine Wiedrich (NPN License No. 6743119)

1	COPY of the foregoing delivered by E-Mail this <sup>26th</sup> day of <sup>May</sup> , 2020, to:
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