

No. **2022-7550**

**Official Order  
of the  
Texas Commissioner of Insurance**

**Date: 10/11/2022**

**Subject Considered:**

Socius Insurance Services, Inc.  
99 Osgood Pl Ste 200  
San Francisco, California 94133

Consent Order  
TDI Enforcement File No. 30649

**General remarks and official action taken:**

This is a consent order with Socius Insurance Services, Inc. (Socius). Socius failed to timely file surplus lines policies and related documents. Socius has agreed to pay an administrative penalty of \$5,950.00 for these violations.

**Waiver**

Socius acknowledges that the Texas Insurance Code and other applicable law provide certain rights. Socius waives all of these rights, and any other applicable procedural rights, in consideration of the entry of this consent order.

**Findings of Fact**

1. Socius, organization identification number 28790, holds a surplus lines license issued by the Texas Department of Insurance.
2. Pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 981.105(a), a surplus lines insurance agent must file with the Surplus Lines Stamping Office of Texas either:
  - a. a copy of the policy issued or
  - b. if the policy has not yet been issued, a copy of the certificate, cover note, or other confirmation of insurance delivered to the insured.

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This information is due not later than the 60<sup>th</sup> day after the later of the effective date or the issue date of new or renewal surplus lines insurance.

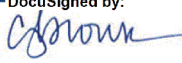
3. In 2021, Socius filed surplus lines policies late.
4. The commissioner previously disciplined Socius for violating TEX. INS. CODE § 981.105(a) in Official Order No. 2018-5758, entered on December 12, 2018.

## Conclusions of Law

1. The commissioner of insurance has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051–82.055, 84.021–84.044, and 981.105.
2. The commissioner of insurance has authority to informally dispose of this matter under TEX. INS. CODE § 82.055, TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056, and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.47.
3. Socius has knowingly and voluntarily waived all procedural rights to which it may have been entitled regarding the entry of this order, including, but not limited to, issuance and service of notice of intention to institute disciplinary action, notice of hearing, a public hearing, a proposal for decision, rehearing by the commissioner, and judicial review.
4. Socius violated TEX. INS. CODE § 981.105(a) by failing to timely file new or renewal surplus lines policies and related documents.

## Order

It is ordered that Socius Insurance Services, Inc. must pay an administrative penalty of \$5,950.00 within 30 days from the date of this order. The administrative penalty must be paid as instructed in the invoice, which the department will send after entry of this order.

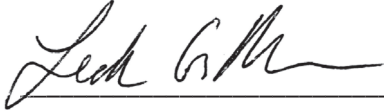
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Cassie Brown  
Commissioner of Insurance

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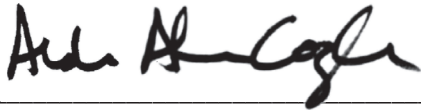
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Recommended and reviewed by:



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Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner  
Fraud and Enforcement Division



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Amanda Atkinson Cagle, Attorney  
Enforcement

Affidavit


THE STATE OF CA §  
§  
COUNTY OF San Mateo §

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared the affiant, who being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is Gena DeBartolo. I am of sound mind, capable of making this statement, and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.

I hold the office of VP of Operations and am the authorized representative of Socius Insurance Services, Inc. I am duly authorized by the organization to execute this statement.

Socius Insurance Services, Inc. has knowingly and voluntarily entered into the foregoing consent order and agrees with and consents to the issuance and service of the same by the commissioner of insurance of the state of Texas."

  
Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on Sept 29th, 2022.

(NOTARY SEAL)

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California County of  
SAN MATEO  
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed)  
before me on this 29 day of SEPT, 2022, by  
GENA DEBARTOLO  
proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence  
to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Signature Mandit  
(Seal)

Mandit  
Signature of Notary Public

MAULIK ANIL PANDIT  
Printed Name of Notary Public

