

No. 2019-5899

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

**Date:** MAR 15 2019

**Subject Considered:**

FEM Partners, Inc.  
1300 Post Oak Blvd Ste 600  
Houston, Texas 77056-3090

Default Order  
SOAH Docket No. 454-19-1320.C  
TDI Enforcement File No. 15315

**General remarks and official action taken:**

The subject of this order is whether disciplinary action should be taken against FEM Partners, Inc. (Respondent).

The following findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted:

**Findings of Fact**

Failure to Appear at Hearing on the Merits

1. On November 26, 2018, the Texas Department of Insurance filed a Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit A, with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
2. The department's factual allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.
3. The department sent the Notice of Hearing to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department, 1300 Post Oak Blvd Ste 600, Houston, Texas 77056-3090. Notice was also sent to one additional address associated with Respondent: 4899 Montrose Blvd. Apt. 1208, Houston, Texas 77006-6168.

4. After receiving proper notice of the date, time and location of the hearing on the merits, Respondent failed to appear for the hearing on February 19, 2019, as reflected in the record in SOAH Docket No. 454-19-1320.C.

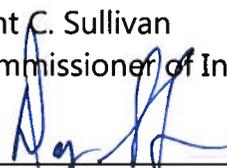
**Conclusions of Law**

1. The commissioner has jurisdiction pursuant to Texas law, including TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4151.051, 4151.056, 4151.205, 4151.206, 4151.212, 4151.301-4151.309; TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178; and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 7.1601, 7.1603, and 7.1609.
2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056; TEX. INS. CODE § 82.055; and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.47, 1.88, and 1.89.
3. The department provided proper notice of the hearing pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051, 2001.052, and 2001.054, and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.28, 1.88, 1.89, and 19.906.
4. Based on Respondent's failure to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing, the department is entitled to disposition by default pursuant to 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 and 1.89.
5. The department's factual and legal allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing are incorporated in this order and deemed admitted as true pursuant to 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §1.89.

**Order**

It is ordered that FEM Partners, Inc.'s third-party administrator certificate of authority is revoked.

Kent C. Sullivan  
Commissioner of Insurance

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Doug Slape  
Chief Deputy Commissioner  
Commissioner's Order No. 2018-5528

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Commissioner's Order

FEM Partners, Inc.

SOAH Docket No. 454-19-1320.C

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Prepared and reviewed by:

  
Jeannie Ricketts

Jeannie Ricketts, Staff Attorney

Enforcement Section

**Affidavit**

**STATE OF TEXAS**           §  
  §  
**COUNTY OF TRAVIS**       §

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

"My name is Mary Ruiz and I am employed by the Texas Department of Insurance. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.

I have reviewed TDI's records concerning FEM Partners, Inc. I have confirmed that:

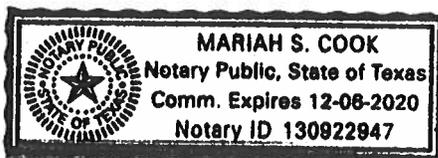
- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by FEM Partners, Inc. is 1300 Post Oak Blvd Ste 600, Houston, TX 77056-3090.
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Section of the Legal and Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing dated November 26, 2018, which was filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On November 26, 2018, a Notice of Hearing addressed to FEM Partners, Inc. was mailed first-class and certified, return receipt requested, to its last known address, its email addresses, and one additional address: 4899 Montrose Blvd. Apt. 1208, Houston, Texas 77006-6168.

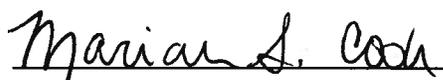
Copies of the first-class mail log and certified mail log maintained by the Enforcement Section are attached as Exhibit B and Exhibit C, respectively."

  
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Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on February 21, 2019.

(NOTARY SEAL)



  
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Signature of Notary Public

MARIAH S. COOK  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Notary Public

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**SOAH DOCKET NO. 454-19-1320.C  
TDI ENFORCEMENT FILE NO. 15315**

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,**

**Petitioner**

**v.**

**FEM PARTNERS, INC.,**

**Respondent**

**BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE**

**OF**

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

**Notice of Hearing**

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) is seeking disciplinary action against you. A public hearing will be held before an Administrative Law Judge on Tuesday, February 19, at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will take place at the State Office of Administrative Hearings, located in the William P. Clements Building, 300 W. 15th Street, 4th Floor, Austin, Texas 78701.

The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE, ch. 2001 and 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE, ch. 155. Unless otherwise directed by the Administrative Law Judge, the hearing shall continue from day to day in the offices of the State Office of Administrative Hearings until concluded.

**PARTIES THAT ARE NOT REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY MAY OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS ON THE PUBLIC WEBSITE OF THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AT WWW.SOAH.TEXAS.GOV, OR IN PRINTED FORMAT UPON REQUEST TO SOAH.**

The commissioner of insurance has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4151.051, 4151.056, 4151.205, 4151.206, 4151.212, 4151.301-4151.309; TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178; and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 7.1601, 7.1603, and 7.1609.

**YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF HEARING WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF HEARING WAS MAILED. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BY THIS DEADLINE SHALL ENTITLE TDI TO SEEK DISPOSITION BY DEFAULT PURSUANT TO 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 155.501 AND 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 AND 1.89.**



**IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE, THE SCHEDULED HEARING CAN BE CANCELED AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING DENIAL OF YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.**

**IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BUT THEN FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SET FOR HEARING, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING DENIAL OF YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.**

Pursuant to 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.90(e) and 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 155.101 and 155.103, send copies of your written response to:

- (1) Docketing Division  
State Office of Administrative Hearings  
300 West 15th Street, Room 504  
P. O. Box 13025  
Austin, Texas 78711-3025  
(512) 322-2061 (Fax);
- (2) Chief Clerk  
Texas Department of Insurance, MC113-2A  
P. O. Box 149104  
Austin, Texas 78714-9104  
(512) 490-1064 (Fax)  
chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) Jeannie Ricketts, Staff Attorney  
Texas Department of Insurance  
Enforcement Section, MC110-1A  
P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, Texas 78714-9104  
(512) 490-1020  
jeannie.ricketts@tdi.texas.gov.

### **Factual Allegations**

1. On April 29, 1998, TDI issued FEM Partners, Inc. third party administrator (TPA) certificate of authority no. 94811.
2. FEM Partners, Inc. failed to file its annual TPA reports with TDI and pay the associated \$200 filing fees by June 30<sup>th</sup> for the years 2013 to 2017.
3. On February 9, 2018, TDI sent FEM Partners, Inc. a notice of intention to institute disciplinary action. Partners did not respond.

### **Legal Allegations**

1. FEM Partners, Inc. failed to timely file annual TPA reports by June 30<sup>th</sup> on a form prescribed by the commissioner, in violation of TEX. INS. CODE §§ 4151.205 and 4151.301(14), and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 7.1609.
2. FEM Partners, Inc. failed to pay the annual \$200 TPA filing fee in violation of TEX. INS. CODE § 4151.206(a)(3) and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 7.1609(a).
3. FEM Partners, Inc. failed to maintain at all times the qualifications for a certificate of authority, as required by TEX. INS. CODE § 4151.212 and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 7.1607(e).
4. FEM Partners, Inc. has willfully violated an insurance law of this state, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4151.301(1).
5. FEM Partners, Inc. has willfully violated a commissioner rule, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4151.301(10).

### **Relief Sought**

If one or more of the above allegations is found to be true, the commissioner may enter an order revoking your certificate of authority. You have the right to appear at this hearing and be represented by an attorney. Please address any questions and correspondence to the undersigned counsel at the address or telephone number below.

**Important Security Notice**

**ALL VISITORS TO THE WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS BUILDING WITHOUT AN AGENCY OR DPS ISSUED ID CARD MUST PROVIDE THE BUILDING SECURITY OFFICER WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DOCKET NUMBER AND RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE HEARING ROOM. INDIVIDUALS SHOULD ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME TO GO THROUGH THE SECURITY PROCESS.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at the address or telephone number shown below.

Sincerely,



Jeannie Ricketts

Staff Attorney

State Bar No. 24041774

Texas Department of Insurance

Legal and Enforcement Division – Enforcement Section, MC110-1A

P.O. Box 149104

Austin, Texas 78714-9104.

(512) 676-6339 (Direct)

(512) 490-1020 (Fax)

jeannie.ricketts@tdi.texas.gov

cc: Elaine Cabrera, Program Specialist, Company Licensing and Registration Office  
Christian Hertzberg, Assist. Director, Company Licensing and Registration Office  
Beverly Rosendahl, Director, Life, Health Litigation Office

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Jeannie Ricketts, certify that a true and correct copy of this *Notice of Hearing* was served by regular, first-class mail and by certified mail, return receipt requested, on this 26th day of November 2018, as follows:

FEM Partners, Inc.  
Mr. Jack T. Thompson, CEO  
Mr. J.R. Stevens, Jr. V.P.  
1300 Post Oak Blvd Ste. 600  
Houston, Texas 77056-3090

Via CM/RRR No.:#####

Jack T. Thompson, Jr.  
4899 Montrose Blvd. Apt. 1208  
Houston, Texas 77006-6168

Via CM/RRR No.:#####

  
Jeannie Ricketts

**Name and Address of Sender**  
 Texas Dept of Insurance  
 Mail Code 110-1A  
 333 Guadalupe St  
 Austin TX 78701  
 Mary Ruiz  
 November 26, 2018

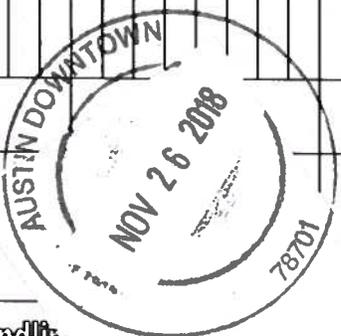
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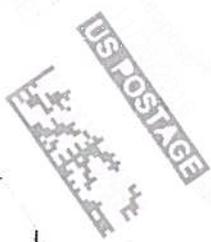
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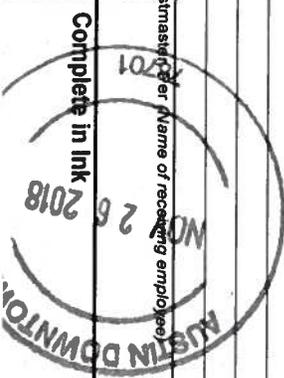
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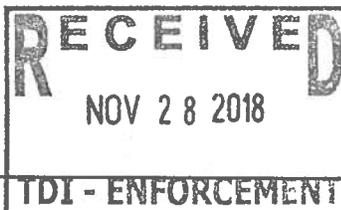
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