No. 2021-6746

Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 03/25/2021

Subject Considered:

Boualiene L. Vo

Arlington, TX 76011

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-21-1345 TDI Enforcement File No. 18854

General remarks and official action taken:

This is a default order taken against Boualiene L. Vo (Respondent) because she engaged in fraudulent and dishonest practices by intentionally mis-rating policies to reduce the amount of premiums charged to customers. Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance. This order revokes Respondent's license.

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

Findings of Fact

Failure to Respond to Notice of Hearing

- 1. On February 5, 2021, the department filed a Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit A, and an Original Petition, attached as Exhibit B, with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 2. The department's factual allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.

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- The department sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department, Arlington, TX 76011. The Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were also sent by electronic mail.
- 4. Respondent failed to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing within 20 days of the date the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were mailed.

Conclusions of Law

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction pursuant to Texas law, including TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4001.102, 4001.105, 4005.101-4005.105, and 4101.051; TEX. OCC. CODE §§ 53.021-53.023; 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502; and TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 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 and Original Petition are incorporated in this order and deemed admitted as true pursuant to 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.89.

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Order

It is ordered that any licenses held by Boualiene L. Vo are revoked. A copy of this order will be provided to law enforcement and/or other appropriate administrative agencies for further investigation as may be warranted.

Commissioner of Insurance

DocuSigned by: By:

Doug Slape Chief Deputy Commissioner TEX. GOV'T CODE § 601.002 Commissioner's Order No. 2018-5528

Prepared and reviewed by:

L. Merida

Latoya Merida, Staff Attorney Enforcement Division

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Affidavit

STATE OF TEXAS	§
	§
COUNTY OF TRAVIS	§

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

"My name is David Moreno 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 Boualiene L. Vo. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Boualiene L. Vo is , Arlington, TX 76011.
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated February 5, 2021, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On February 5, 2021, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Boualiene L. Vo were mailed certified, return receipt requested, to her last known address.

Copies of the certified mail log maintained by the Enforcement Division is attached as Exhibit C."

DocuSigned by: David Moreno -11EF142C341343E... Affiant

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by means of an interactive two-way audio and video communication on 3/9/2021. This notarial act was an online notarization.

Notary Seal



Digital Certificate

DocuSigned by: Mary Ruiz -795DC4D59167489.

Notary Public State of Texas

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
Petitioner	
v.	OF
BOUALIENE L. VO,	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Respondent

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against you. This Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition, which is attached and incorporated for all purposes, states the allegations against you and the relief sought by the Department.

A public hearing will be held before an Administrative Law Judge on Tuesday, June 1, The hearing will take place via videoconference using a 2021, at 9:00 a.m. videoconference platform controlled by the State Office of Administrative Hearings, unless otherwise ordered to proceed in another manner by the Administrative Law Judge.

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. You have the right to appear at this hearing and to be represented by an attorney.

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.

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 TOI TO SEEK DISPOSITION BY DEFAULT PURSUANT TO 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 155.501 AND 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 AND 1.89.

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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 REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION, 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 REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

In accord with 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.90(e) and 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 155.101 and 155.103, you should send copies of your written response to:

- 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 P.O. Box 149104, MC112-2A Austin, Texas 78714-9104 (512) 490-1064 (Fax) chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- Latoya Merida, Staff Attorney Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC110-1A P.O. Box 149104 Austin, Texas 78714-9104

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> (512) 490-1020 (Fax) Latoya.merida@tdi.texas.gov

Receiving Documents

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) offers you the ability to receive service of orders and other documents issued by SOAH through email instead of by mail or fax. If you want to receive SOAH-issued documents by email, go to SOAH's website, www.soah.texas.gov, click on the "E-Services" tab, then click the hyperlink "Request Service by Email (only for use by self-represented litigants)," and follow the instructions.

NOTE: A request to receive SOAH-issued documents by email does not change the procedures you must follow to file documents with SOAH. The rules for filing documents and providing copies to all other parties in the case are described in SOAH's Procedural Rules, which are available on SOAH's website. Click the "Agency" tab, then click "Administrative Rules and Laws" to view SOAH's Procedural Rules.

Important Security Notice

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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L. Merida

Latoya Merida State Bar No. 24089625 Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC110-1A P.O. Box 149104 Austin, Texas 78714-9104 (512) 676-6344 (Direct) (512) 490-1020 (Fax) Latoya.merida@tdi.texas.gov

ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Enclosure: Original Petition

cc: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Division, MC-110-1A Whitney Fraser, Litigation Director, Enforcement Division, MC-110-1A Administrative Review, MC107-1A **2021-6746** Notice of Hearing Boualiene L. Vo SOAH Docket No. 454-21-1345 Page 5 of 5

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Latoya Merida, certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition* were sent by certified mail, return receipt requested and electronic mail, on this 5th day of February, 2021 to:

Boualiene L. Vo

Arlington, TX 76011 Respondent Pro Se CM/RRR: 9214 8901 9403 8331 6372 43

Via Email:

L. Merida

Latoya Merida

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,	
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BOUALIENE L. VO,	

OF

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

Respondent

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against Boualiene L. Vo. In support of this petition, the department makes the following allegations upon information and belief:

Jurisdiction

The Commissioner of Insurance has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, and 4051.051 and 4054.051, and TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

Factual Allegations

Licensure and Background

- 1. Boualiene L. Vo (Vo), individual identification number 699421, holds a general lines license with a life, accident, health and HMO qualification and a property and casualty qualification issued by the department on May 28, 1998.
- 1. On February 6, 2019, Farmers (Farmers) cancelled Vo's appointment for engaging in fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices.

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Fraudulent and Dishonest Conduct

- In July 2018, Farmers' Territory Office received a complaint from an agent after the agent quoted a household consisting of a husband, wife, son, and daughter with four vehicles. The customer went to the Vo Agency and received a quote for \$400.00 less. The agent subsequently reported the Vo Agency.
- 3. After further investigation, it was determined that Boualiene Vo, who was a producer at the Vo Agency at the time, rated the son and daughter with the relationship "other" and also rated each of them as "married."
- 4. The Territory Office notified the District Office of this complaint and the investigation revealed that the Vo Agency, owned by David Vo (Boualiene Vo's son), intentionally misrated policies to reduce the amount of premiums charged to customers.

Legal Allegations

1. Vo engaged in fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices, in violation of TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(5).

Relief Sought

If one or more of the above allegations is found to be true, the department asks the Administrative Law Judge to enter a Proposal for Decision recommending that the Commissioner of Insurance issue an order:

- 1. Revoking Boualiene L. Vo's license and
- 2. imposing any other just and appropriate relief to which the department may be entitled to by law, including any combination of the above actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. Merida

Latoya Merida State Bar No. 24089625

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