# No. 2021-6922

# Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

#### Date: 07/15/2021

#### **Subject Considered:**

Gregory Charles Diedrich

Las Vegas, NV 89107-1061

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-21-2581 TDI Enforcement File No. 27293

#### General remarks and official action taken:

This is a default order taken against Gregory Charles Diedrich (Respondent) because he does not hold a license in good standing as an agent in his home state of residence and did not notify the Texas Department of Insurance of the administrative action taken against him. 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**

- 1. On June 9, 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.
- The department sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department, Las Vegas, NV 89107-1061.

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, and 4056.052; 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 Gregory Charles Diedrich 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

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

Prepared and reviewed by:

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Nancy Williams, Staff Attorney Enforcement Division

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#### Affidavit

STATE OF TEXAS	§
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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 Gregory Charles Diedrich. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Gregory Charles Diedrich is , Las Vegas, NV 89107-1061.
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated June 9, 2021, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On June 9, 2021, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Gregory Charles Diedrich were sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to his last known address.

A copy of the certified mail log maintained by the Enforcement Division is attached as Exhibit C.

DocuSigned by: David Moreno -5230D3C38C3746E..

Affiant

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by means of an interactive two-way audio and video communication on  $\frac{7/1/2021}{2021}$ . This notarial act was an online notarization.

#### **Notary Seal**



# **Digital Certificate**

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Notary Public State of Texas

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**BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE** 

Petitioner

v.

OF

**GREGORY CHARLES DIEDRICH,** 

Respondents

#### ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

## **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, September 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.** The hearing will take place via videoconference using a 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 TDI 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, 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, 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 12030, MC GC-CCO
   Austin, Texas 78711-2030
   (512) 490-1064 (Fax)
   chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- Nancy Williams, Staff Attorney Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC ENF P.O. Box 12030 Austin, Texas 78711-2030 (512) 490-1020 (Fax) Nancy.Williams@tdi.texas.gov

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#### **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.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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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

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Nancy Williams, certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition* were sent by electronic mail and by certified mail, return receipt requested, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021 to:

Gregory Charles Diedrich

Via Email: Via CMRRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8341 9364 04

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## **GREGORY CHARLES DIEDRICH,**

Respondents

## ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

## **ORIGINAL PETITION**

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against Gregory Charles Diedrich. 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, 4056.053, and TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

- 1. Gregory Charles Diedrich (Diedrich), individual identification number 2254823, holds a non-resident general lines agent license with a qualification in life, accident, health, and HMO, originally issued by the Texas Department of Insurance on September 9, 2020.
- 2. Diedrich has a Texas non-resident license because Diedrich lives in Nevada. A nonresident license requires that the holder have a resident license in good standing in the home state.
- 3. Diedrich surrendered his license in a *Stipulated Consent Agreement and Order* on March 9, 2021, in Cause No. 20.0105. Diedrich failed to notify TDI of his change in license status.

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### Legal Allegations

- Diedrich no longer holds a home state license in good standing, as required by TEX. INS. CODE § 4056.052, and is no longer eligible to hold a non-resident license in Texas.
- 2. Diedrich did not notify TDI of the administrative action taken against him, in violation of TEX. INS. CODE § 4001.252.

#### **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 Diedrich'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,

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