# Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 02/02/2022

# **Subject Considered:**

Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC 3198 W. Parka Road, Suite 3110 Plano, Texas 75075

6800 Weiskopf Ave., Suite 150 McKinney, Texas 75070

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-21-0292.C TDI Enforcement File No. 18364

#### General remarks and official action taken:

This is a default order taken against Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC (Respondent) because it has engaged in dishonest and fraudulent conduct and has misappropriated, converted, or otherwise withheld money belonging to others. Respondent did not appear at the hearing on the merits. This order revokes Respondent's license.

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

## **Findings of Fact**

#### Failure to Appear at Hearing on the Merits

- 1. On October 2, 2020, the Texas Department of Insurance filed a Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit A, and an Original Petition, attached as Exhibit B, with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).
- 2. The department sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department, 3198 W. Parka Road,

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Suite 3110, Plano, Texas, 75075. The Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were also sent by electronic mail and to one additional address associated with Respondent: 3198 W. Parker Road, Suite 3110, Plano, Texas 75075.

- 3. Respondent contacted the department prior to the original hearing and requested a continuance. Respondent later filed a Motion to Appear by Telephone or Video by a Self-Represented Litigant with SOAH. Within the appearance, Respondent indicated its address was different from the last known address of record provided in writing to the department and provided a new address of 6800 Weiskopf Ave., Suite 150, McKinney, Texas 75070.
- 4. On December 29, 2021, the Texas Department of Insurance filed an Amended Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit C, and an Amended Petition, attached as Exhibit D, with SOAH, to clarify the allegations prior to the new trial setting of January 10, 2022.
- 5. The department sent the Amended Notice of Hearing and Amended Petition to the address Respondent provided in the electronic filing system for service to SOAH: 6800 Weiskopf Ave., Suite 150, McKinney, Texas 75070. The Amended Notice of Hearing and Amended Petition were also sent by electronic mail to three addresses associated with Respondent or used in its electronic filings with SOAH.
- 6. The department's factual allegations set out in the attached Amended Notice of Hearing and Amended Petition are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.
- 7. After receiving proper notice of the date, time and location of the hearing on the merits, Respondent failed to appear for the hearing on January 10, 2022, as shown in the record in SOAH Docket No. 454-21-0292.C.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction under Texas law, including Tex. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4001.105, 4005.101-4005.105, and 4051.051; and Tex. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally under Tex. Gov'T CODE § 2001.056; Tex. Ins. CODE § 82.055; and 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.47, 1.88, and 1.89.

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- 3. The department provided proper notice of the hearing under 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 appear in person or by legal representative at the hearing, the department is entitled to disposition by default under 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 and 1.89.
- 5. The department's factual and legal allegations set out in the attached Amened Notice of Hearing and Amended Petition are incorporated in this order and deemed admitted as true under 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.89.

#### Order

It is ordered that Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC's license is revoked. A copy of this order will be provided to law enforcement or other appropriate administrative agencies for further investigation as may be warranted.

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Cassie Brown
Commissioner of Insurance

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Prepared and reviewed by:

Whitney Fraser, Litigation Director

**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 Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC, is W. 3198 Parka Rd., Suite 3110, Plano, Texas 75075.
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated October 2, 2020, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On October 2, 2020, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC, were mailed first-class and certified, return receipt requested, to its last known address. On October 23, 2020, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC, were mailed first-class and certified, return receipt requested, to an additional address: 3198 W. Parker Road, Suite 3110, Plano, Texas 75075.
- d. Copies of the first-class mail log and certified mail log maintained by the Enforcement Division are attached as Exhibit E and Exhibit F, respectively.
- e. On December 29, 2021, the Amended Notice of Hearing and Amended Petition addressed to Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC, were served via the State Office of Administrative Hearings electronic filing system as shown in the record in SOAH Docket No. 454-21-0292.C.

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David Moreno	
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Affiant	

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by means of an interactive two-way audio and video communication on  $\frac{1/13/2022}{}$ . This notarial act was an online notarization.

#### **Notary Seal**



# **Digital Certificate**

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**Notary Public State of Texas** 

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#### SOAH DOCKET NO. 454-21-0292 TDI ENFORCEMENT FILE NO. 18364

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A public hearing will be held before an Administrative Law Judge on **Friday, December 18, 2020, 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.

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

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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:

- (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
  P.O. Box 149104, MC112-2A
  Austin, Texas 78714-9104
  (512) 490-1064 (Fax)
  chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) Whitney Ellis Fraser, 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) Whitney.Fraser@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, <a href="https://www.soah.texas.gov">www.soah.texas.gov</a>, click on the "E-Services" tab, then click the "eFiling" hyperlink, and follow the instructions.

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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 Administrative Review, MC107-1A

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Whitney Fraser, certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition* were sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, on this 2nd day of October, 2020 to:

Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC 3198 W. Parka Rd., Suite 3110 Plano, Texas 75075 Via CM/RRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8322 2568 04

Email: contactus@gtasinsur.com

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#### ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC's license as it has engaged in dishonest and fraudulent conduct including misappropriation of insurance premiums. 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 Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

# **Factual Allegations**

- 1. Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC (Qualitas), firm identification no. 102085, holds a general lines agency license with a property and casualty qualification originally issued on November 20, 2014.
- 2. Qualitas is owned by Joaquin Orlando Justinico Rodriguez, aka Orlando Justinico, who let his personal insurance license lapse in 2014. Mr. Justinico does not reside in the United States, and Qualitas is currently operated in Texas by licensed agent Juan Sebastian Borja (Borja).
- 3. Borja, individual identification no. 2020508, holds a general lines license with a property and casualty qualification originally issued on July 9, 2019.

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- 4. Based on information from a previous employee, Qualitas designates a licensed Texas agent as the responsible person on a rotating basis because the owners are not licensed and do not reside in this country. Qualitas has a call center in Columbia that provides insurance services and only has one registered location of business in Plano, Texas.
- 5. Qualitas engages in a pattern of conduct intended to misappropriate money from third parties and which leaves consumers without insurance.
- 6. Qualitas enters into premium finance agreements with US Premium Finance (US Premium) on behalf of insureds to fund the insured's insurance policy premium amounts.
- 7. US Premium issues the money directly to Qualitas, but Qualitas does not forward the money on to the insurer to bind the policy and/or only sends partial amounts and the insurance policy subsequently cancels. Qualitas keeps the money for its own benefit and use.
- 8. In other scenarios, the insured pays US Premium directly for the funded premium. Since the money is issued directly to Qualitas and Qualitas does not forward the money to the insurer, the balance owed to US Premium is reduced by the insured's payment and Qualitas receives the benefit of the balance reduction while keeping the entirety of the funded money.
- 9. Qualitas has also submitted falsified premium finance applications to US Premium without the purported insured's consent or knowledge by creating fictitious businesses to obtain funding with the intent of keeping the money.
- 10. US Premium notified the department that Qualitas has made only two payments to US Premium in the amount of \$33,739.20, on at least 11 policies that it has funded. Any payments made to US Premium are credited to the overall balance for Qualitas' business with US Premium. The current balance owed to US Premium Finance is \$57,292.12.
- 11. The following are examples of Qualitas' patten of misconduct.

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#### FG Trucking

- 12. Insured FG Trucking entered into a premium finance agreement with US Premium for policy #xxxxxxxxx4186 to fund an insurance policy with Lloyds of London. The policy was issued on October 23, 2018, and had a total premium of \$8,477.12.
- 13. US Premium issued the entire amount to Qualitas. US Premium was paid \$5,312.64 in a refund check from managing general agent All Risks Limited, and then the insured paid US Premium directly an amount of \$2,132.70, leaving a balance of \$1,031.78.
- 14. US Premium canceled the finance agreement for non-payment on March 15, 2019.
- 15. Qualitas has not paid the balance to US Premium and benefited in the balance reduction by payments from the managing general agent and the insured directly to US Premium.

#### **DLT Transportation LLC**

- 16. Insured DLT Transportation LLC entered into a premium finance agreement with US Premium for policy #xxxxxxx6416 to fund an insurance policy with National Liability & Fire Insurance. The policy was issued on December 12, 2018, and had a total premium of \$48,326.11.
- 17. US Premium paid \$14,004.00 directly to managing general agency MJ Kelly of Texas, and then \$32,322.11 directly to Qualitas. US Premium was paid \$9,440.01 by the insured, leaving a balance of \$24,882.10 that was owed on the agreement.
- 18. US Premium canceled the finance agreement due to non-payment on June 28, 2019, and National Liability canceled the insurance policy on April 12, 2019.
- 19. The insured had a loss on May 13, 2019; however, the claim was denied as the policy had already canceled.
- 20. Qualitas has not paid the balance to US Premium and benefited in the balance reduction by the payments made by the insured directly to US Premium.

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#### <u>L.H.</u>

- 21. Insured L.H. allegedly entered into a premium finance agreement with US Premium for policy #xxxxxxx5936 to fund an insurance policy with National Liability & Fire Insurance. The policy was issued on January 1, 2019, and had a total premium of \$12,390.40.
- 22. US Premium issued the entire premium amount to Qualitas. US Premium was paid \$6,396.91 on this finance agreement leaving a balance of \$5,993.49.
- 23. US Premium canceled the finance agreement on January 14, 2019, due to non-payment and National Liability cancelled the policy on January 3, 2019.
- 24. L.H. operates a business located at the address on the premium finance application, however the phone number is off by one digit. L.H. was not aware of this policy and has had coverage through Lloyds of London for the past three years for his business.
- 25. The premium finance application appears to be fake and submitted by Qualitas without the insured's consent or notice.

## Red Hill Transport LLC

- 26. Insured Red Hill Transport LLC, entered into a premium finance agreement with US Premium for policy #xxxxxxx 6982 to fund an insurance policy with National Liability & Fire Insurance. The policy was issued on January 5, 2019, and had a total premium of \$29,651.94.
- 27. US Premium paid \$12,771.94 directly to managing general agent MJ Kelly of Texas, and then \$16,880.00 directly to Qualitas. US Premium was paid \$4,894.30 from the insured via e-check, leaving a balance of \$11,985.70.
- 28. US Premium canceled the finance agreement on November 5, 2019, due to non-payment and National Liability canceled the policy June 5, 2019. Qualitas has not paid the balance to US Premium and benefited in the balance reduction by the payments made by the insured directly to US Premium.

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<u>A.D.</u>

- 29. Insured A.D. entered into a premium finance agreement with US Premium for policy #xxxxxxx7181 to fund an insurance policy with National Liability & Fire Insurance. The policy was issued on January 9, 2019, and had a total premium of \$7,522.40.
- 30. US Premium issued the entire amount directly to Qualitas. US Premium was paid \$2,917.10 from the insured via e-check, leaving a balance of \$4,605.30.
- 31. US Premium canceled the finance agreement on June 25, 2019, due to non-payment and National Liability canceled the policy on April 12, 2019. Qualitas has not paid the balance to US Premium and benefited in the balance reduction by the payments made by the insured directly to US Premium.

<u>V.L.</u>

- 32. Insured V.L. entered into a premium finance agreement with US Premium for policy #xxxxx6564-01 to fund an insurance policy with Hallmark Specialty Insurance. The policy was issued on January 31, 2019, and had a total premium of \$14,982.40.
- 33. US Premium issued the entire amount directly to Qualitas. US Premium was paid \$5,820.82 directly from the insured over several months, leaving a balance of \$9,161.58.
- 34. US Premium canceled the finance agreement on September 13, 2019. Qualitas has not paid the balance to US Premium and benefited in the balance reduction by the payments made by the insured directly to US Premium.

#### **Legal Allegations**

- 1. Qualitas committed acts for which a license holder may be disciplined under Tex. INS. CODE § 4005.101, as contemplated in Tex. INS. CODE § 4005.102.
- 2. Qualitas willfully violated an insurance law of this state, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(1).

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- 3. Qualitas misappropriated, converted to its own use, or illegally withheld money belonging to an insured or insurer, as contemplated by Tex. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(4).
- 4. Qualitas 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 Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC's license;
- 2. directing Qualitas to make restitution to victims under Tex. Ins. Code § 82.053; and
- 3. 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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CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION, DENIAL OF YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

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Sebastian Borja Orlando Justinico 6800 Weiskopf Avenue, Suite 150 McKinney, Texas 75070 Via Email: <a href="mailto:sebastianb@qtasinsur.com">sebastianb@qtasinsur.com</a>
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- 7. US Premium issues money directly to Qualitas, but Qualitas does not forward the money on to the insurer or managing general agent to bind the policy and/or only sends partial amounts and the insurance policy subsequently cancels. Qualitas keeps the money for its own benefit and use.
- 8. In other scenarios, the insured pays US Premium directly for the funded premium. Since the money is issued directly to Qualitas and Qualitas does not forward the money to the insurer or managing general agent, the balance owed to US Premium is reduced by the insured's payment and Qualitas receives the benefit of the balance reduction while keeping the entirety or portions of the funded money.
- 9. US Premium notified the department that Qualitas has made only a few payments to US Premium on multiple policies. Any payments made to US Premium are credited to the overall balance for Qualitas' business with US Premium. The current balance owed to US Premium Finance as of December 9, 2021, is \$27,936.82 for six overdue accounts.
- 10. The following four accounts are examples of Qualitas' patten of misconduct.

#### **DLT Transportation LLC**

11. Qualitas, on behalf of insured DLT Transportation LLC, entered into a premium finance agreement with US Premium to fund policy #xxxxxxx6416 with National Liability & Fire Insurance. The policy was issued on December 12, 2018, and had

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- an amount financed of \$48,326.11, representing premium for the policy and endorsements.
- 12. US Premium paid \$14,004.00 directly to managing general agency MJ Kelly of Texas, and then \$34,322.11 directly to Qualitas.
- 13. US Premium was paid amounts directly from the insured and received premium amounts in return after the policy canceled, leaving a balance of \$5,495.12, which represents the balance plus fees, late charges and interest.
- 14. National Liability canceled the policy on April 12, 2019, for nonpayment of premium.
- 15. The insured had a loss on May 13, 2019; however, the claim was denied as the policy had already canceled.
- 16. This loss has yet to be paid and is part of ongoing private litigation.
- 17. Qualitas has not paid US Premium the \$5,495.12 balance owed.

#### L.H., HDZ Transport

- 18. Qualitas, on behalf of insured L.H., HDZ Transport, entered into a premium finance agreement with US Premium to fund policy #xxxxxxx5936 with National Liability & Fire Insurance. The policy was issued on November 28, 2018, and had a total amount financed of \$12,390.40.
- 19. US Premium paid \$12,390.40 directly to Qualitas.
- 20. US Premium received premium amounts in return after the policy canceled, leaving a balance of \$6,189.94, which represents the balance plus fees, late charges and interest.
- 21. National Liability canceled the policy on January 3, 2019, for failure to meet underwriting criteria.
- 22. Qualitas has not paid US Premium the \$6,189.94 balance owed.

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#### Red Hill Transport LLC

- 23. Qualitas, on behalf of insured Red Hill Transport LLC, entered into a premium finance agreement with US Premium to fund policy #xxxxxxx 6982 with National Liability & Fire Insurance. The policy was issued on January 4, 2019, and had a total amount financed of \$29,651.94, representing premium for the policy and an endorsement.
- 24. US Premium paid \$12,771.94 directly to managing general agent MJ Kelly of Texas, and then \$16,880.00 directly to Qualitas.
- 25. US Premium was paid amounts directly from the insured, and a few payments were made by Qualitas, leaving a balance of \$1,514.04, which represents the balance plus fees, late charges and interest.
- 26. National Liability originally canceled the policy April 12, 2019, for nonpayment. However, MJ Kelley of Texas notified National Liability that Qualitas had made payment prior to the cancellation. MJ Kelley of Texas later notified National Liability that Qualitas' payment was returned for insufficient funds, therefore the policy should be canceled.
- 27. National Liability canceled the policy on June 5, 2019, for nonpayment of premium.
- 28. Qualitas has not paid US Premium the \$1,514.04 balance owed.

#### <u>A.D.</u>

- 29. Qualitas, on behalf of insured A.D., entered into a premium finance agreement with US Premium to fund policy #xxxxxxx7181 with National Liability & Fire Insurance. The policy was issued on January 8, 2019, and had a total amount financed of \$7,522.40.
- 30. US Premium issued the entire amount directly to Qualitas.
- 31. US Premium was paid directly from the insured, leaving a balance of \$4,820.76, which represents the balance plus fees, late charges and interest.

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- 32. National Liability canceled the policy on April 12, 2019, for nonpayment of premium.
- 33. Qualitas has not paid US Premium the \$4,820.76 balance owed.

#### **Legal Allegations**

- 1. Qualitas committed acts for which a license holder may be disciplined under TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101, as contemplated in TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.102.
- 2. Qualitas willfully violated an insurance law of this state, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(1).
- 3. Qualitas misappropriated, converted to its own use, or illegally withheld money belonging to an insured or insurer, as contemplated by Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.101(b)(4).
- 4. Qualitas 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 Qualitas Insurance Agency, LLC's license and
- 2. any other just and appropriate relief to which the department may be entitled to by law, including any combination of the above actions.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Whitney Ellis Fraser State Bar No. 24057835 Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC110-1A P.O. Box 149104 Austin, Texas 78714-9104 (512) 676-6341 (Direct) (512) 490-1020 (Fax) Whitney.Fraser@tdi.texas.gov

ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Whitney Fraser, certify that a copy of this *Amended Original Petition* was served via the SOAH efile system, and by the following methods shown, on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, to:

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