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James M. Hardesty
402 Woodcrest
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Re: Request for License

Dear Mr. Hardesty:

This letter is in response to your request to obtain a license. The Division of Insurance received your resident insurance producer application on July 12, 2004. A copy of your validated application is enclosed with this letter. Section 500-30 of the Illinois Insurance Code (215 ILCS 5/500-30) requires, in part, "...before approving the application, the Director must find that the individual...has not committed any act that is ground for denial, suspension, or revocation set forth in Section 500-70 of the Illinois Insurance Code (215 ILCS 5/500-70)."

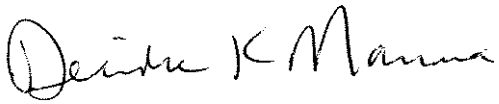
On February 24, 2000, in the United States District Court, Central District of Illinois, you were convicted of Mail Fraud, Case No. 99-10070. You devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises. You sold and issued construction bond products to contractors and failed to remit payments for those bond products to the intended insurance company. Additionally, you deposited funds from the sale of the bond products into the insurance business account owned and operated by you and did not notify the insurance company that the constructions bonds had been sold. In addition, for the purpose of executing the scheme to defraud and to obtain money and property by false and fraudulent pretenses, you placed mail through the U.S. Postal Service. Therefore, you have been convicted of a felony, which is a ground for denial pursuant to Section 500-70(a)(6) of the Illinois Insurance Code (215 ILCS 5/500-70(a)(6)).

Your request for a license is being denied based upon the information previously stated.

If you wish a refund of your application fee, return the copy of the validated application with a letter asking for a refund to the Division to the attention of David Murphy, Licensing Supervisor, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Insurance, 320 West Washington Street, Springfield, Illinois 62767-0001.

You have the right to a formal hearing on this matter if your written request is filed with the Division within 30 days of the date of mailing of this correspondence.

Sincerely,



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