STATE OF ARIZONA Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions FILED October 25, 2021 by AS

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STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

In the Matter of:

No. 21A-<u>083</u>-INS

COLOMA, CARMEN YESENIA (National Producer No. 6748740)

CONSENT ORDER

COLOMA & ASSOCIATES LLC (National Producer No. 17882342)

Respondents.

The Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions ("Department") has received evidence that Carman Yesenia Coloma and Coloma & Associates LLC ("the Respondents") violated provisions of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S"). Respondents wish to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, and admit the following Findings of Fact are true, and consent to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Carmen Yesenia Coloma ("Coloma") is, and was at all material times, licensed as an Arizona resident insurance producer, National Producer Number ("NPN") 6748740, with two (2) lines of authority in: property and casualty. The Department first licensed Coloma on April 12, 1999. The license last renewed effective June 1, 2020, and is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2024.

- 2. Coloma's business address of record with the Department: is 4150 West Northern Avenue, Suite 105, Phoenix, AZ 85051. Coloma's business email address with the Department is yclaytoninsurance@msn.com.
- Coloma's mailing address of record with the Department is: 15316 West Roma
 Avenue, Goodyear, AZ 85395.
- 4. Coloma & Associates LLC ("the Agency") is, and was at all material times, licensed as an Arizona resident insurance producer (business entity). The Agency license, NPN number 17882342, last renewed on April 1, 2020, and is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2024.
- 5. The Agency's business address of record with the Department is: 4150 West Northern Avenue, Suite 105, Phoenix, AZ 85051. The Agency's business email address with the Department is yclatoninsurance@msn.com.
- 6. The Agency's mailing address of record with the Department is: 10720 West Indian School #33, Phoenix, AZ 85037.
- 7. The Department received multiple complaints against the Respondents for failure to effectuate homeowners' policies and misappropriation of premium.

Complaint One

- 8. On or about December 18, 2020, the Department received a consumer complaint from J.Q., who alleged that Coloma failed to place his homeowners policy.
- 9. On or about July 14, 2020, J.Q. paid a \$457.00 annual premium to fund his homeowners policy at close of escrow.

- 10. American Title Services Agency, LLC ("American Title") subsequently issued a check at close of escrow to the Respondents for payment of J.Q.'s annual premium.
- 11. On or about July 24, 2020, Coloma cashed the check but failed to effectuate the policy with American Summit Insurance Company ("American Summit"). Coloma misappropriated J.Q.'s premium and withheld the funds for approximately six (6) months.
- 12. On or about January 9, 2021, Coloma returned the premium to West Star Pacific Mortgage ("West Star"), the mortgage note servicing company.

Complaint Two

- 13. On or about March 1, 2021, the Department received a consumer complaint from S.N., who alleged that Coloma failed to place her homeowners policy.
- 14. On or about March 30, 2020, S.N. paid a \$631.81 annual premium to fund her homeowners policy with American Summit.
- 15. Driggs Title Agency, Inc. ("Driggs") subsequently issued a check at close of escrow to the Respondents for payment of S.N.'s annual premium.
- 16. On or about April 2, 2020, Coloma cashed the check but failed to effectuate the policy with American Summit.
- 17. Coloma misappropriated S.N.'s premium and withheld the funds for approximately one (1) year.
- 18. On or about March 16, 2021, Coloma issued a payment to Foremost Insurance Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan ("Foremost") to effectuate a homeowners policy for S.N. without her knowledge or consent. To fully fund the Foremost policy, Coloma added \$393.19 of her own funds to pay the higher premium.

Complaint Three

- 19. On or about May 27, 2021, the Department received a consumer complaint directly from West Star.
- 20. On or about November 1, 2019, E.A paid \$990.00 to fund his homeowners policy with Encompass Property and Casualty Company ("Encompass").
- 21. WFG National Title Insurance Company ("WFG") subsequently issued a check at close of escrow to the Respondents for payment of E.A.'s annual premium.
- 22. On or about November 1, 2019, Coloma cashed the check but failed to effectuate the policy with Encompass. Coloma misappropriated E.A.'s premium and withheld the funds for approximately one (1) year.
- 23. In two (2) separate payments, on or about January 11, 2021 and January 19, 2021, respectively, Coloma refunded the premium to West Star.

Complaint Four

- 24. On or about May 27, 2021, the Department received a consumer complaint directly from West Star.
- 25. On or about December 10, 2019, D.B. paid \$792.00 to fund her homeowners policy with Encompass.
- 26. Empire West Title Agency ("Empire") subsequently issued a check at close of escrow to the Respondents for payment of D.B.'s annual premium.
- 27. On or about December 16, 2019, Coloma cashed the check but failed to effectuate the policy with Encompass. Coloma misappropriated D.B's premium and withheld the funds for approximately eighteen months.

38. In two separate payments, on or about April 6, 2021 and April 14, 2021, respectively, Coloma issued a payment to Stillwater Insurance Company ("Stillwater") to effectuate a homeowner's policy for M.J. To fully fund the Stillwater policy, Coloma added \$455.67 of her own funds to pay the higher premium.

Complaint Seven

- 39. On or about May 28, 2021, the Department received a consumer complaint directly from West Star.
- 40. On or about May 6, 2020, J.L paid \$504.00 to fund a homeowners policy with American Summit.
- 41. WFG subsequently issued a check at close of escrow to the Respondents for payment of J.L's annual premium.
- 42. On or about May 21, 2020, Coloma cashed the check but failed to effectuate the policy with American Summit. Coloma misappropriated J.L.'s premium and withheld the funds for approximately one (1) year.
 - 43. On or about May 13, 2021, Coloma returned the premium to West Star.

Complaint Eight

- 44. On or about June 7, 2021, the Department received a consumer complaint directly from West Star.
- 45. On or about August 16, 2020, I.G paid \$992.00 to fund a homeowners with American Summit.
- 46. American Title subsequently issued a check at close of escrow to the Respondents for payment of I.G.'s annual premium.

- 47. On or about April 19, 2020, Coloma cashed the check but failed to effectuate the policy with American Summit. Coloma misappropriated I.G.'s premium and withheld the funds for approximately one (1) year.
 - 48. On or about June 10, 2021, Coloma returned premium to West Star.

Complaint Nine

- 49. On or about June 7, 2021, the Department received a consumer complaint directly from West Star.
- 50. On or about August 16, 2020, E.C. paid \$643.00 to fund a homeowners policy with American Summit.
- 51. Great American Title Agency, Inc. ("Great American") subsequently issued a check at close of escrow to the Respondents for payment of E.C.'s annual premium.
- 52. On or about August 3, 2020, Coloma cashed the check but failed to effectuate the policy with American Summit. Coloma misappropriated E.C.'s premium and withheld the funds for approximately ten (10) months.
- 53. On or about June 10, 2021, Coloma issued a payment to Stillwater to effectuate a homeowners policy for E.C. To fully fund the Stillwater policy, Coloma added \$4.41 of her own funds to pay the higher premium.

Failure to Report Address Change

54. On or about June 30, 2021, the Department mailed a subpoena by USPS certified mail, return receipt requested, to Coloma's business and mailing addresses of record.

- 55. On or about July 2, 2021, via USPS online tracking, the subpoena sent to Coloma's mailing address with the Department was forwarded to an address in Goodyear, AZ and subsequently delivered to a Phoenix, AZ address. During her interview, Coloma stated that the subpoena had been forwarded to her daughter's address (Bloomfield Road).
- 56. On July 16, 2021, during an investigational interview, Coloma confirmed her mailing address (Roma Avenue). Coloma provided a new email address, eaicinsurance@gmail.com, as well as a new business address on Colter Street. Coloma stated the change in her business address occurred approximately two (2) years prior. Coloma failed to timely notify the Department of the changes in her contact information.
- 57. Coloma failed to notify the director of any change of addresses within the statutorily-mandated thirty (30) days as required by A.R.S. §20-286(C)(1).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondents' conduct, as described above, constitutes a violation of Title 20 or any rule, subpoena or order of the Director, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(2).
- 3. Respondents' conduct as described above, constitutes improperly withholding and misappropriation of monies within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20- 295(A)(4).
- 4. Respondents' conduct as described above, constitutes using fraudulent and dishonest practices, and demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness, and financial responsibility, in violation of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(8).

1	5. Respondents conduct as described above, constitutes failing to inform the
2	Director within thirty days of any change in the licensee's residential, business or email
3	address within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-286(C)(1).
4	ORDER
5	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:
6	1. Carmen Yesenia Coloma's Arizona resident insurance producer license, NPN
7	6748740, is revoked, effective immediately upon entry of this Order.
8	2. Coloma & Associates' Arizona resident insurance producer license (business
9	entity), NPN 17882342, is revoked, effective immediately upon entry of this Order.
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11	Effective this 25th day of October 2021.
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13	Evan G. Daniels, Director
14	Arizona Department of Insurance and
	Financial Institutions
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17	CONSENT TO ORDER
18	1. Respondents have reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of
19	Law and Order.
20	2. Respondents admit to the jurisdiction of the Director of the Arizona
21	Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions and admit to the foregoing Findings of
22	Fact and consent to the entry of the foregoing Conclusions of Law and Order.

- 3. Respondents are aware of their right to notice and to a hearing, at which they may be represented by counsel, present evidence and examine witnesses.
- 4. Respondents irrevocably waive their right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals relating to this Consent Order.
- 5. Respondents state that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to induce them to enter into this Consent Order and that they have entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 6. Respondents acknowledge that the acceptance of this Consent Order by the Director is solely to settle the matter against them and does not preclude any other agency. officer, or subdivision of this state including the Department, from instituting civil or criminal proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future not related to this matter.
- 7. Respondents acknowledge that this Consent Order is an administrative action that the Department will report to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Respondents further acknowledge that they must report this administrative action to any and all states in which they hold an insurance license and must disclose this administrative action on any license application.

Date 10 (22) 1021

Date

(NPN License No. 6748740)

Coloma & Associates (NPN License No. 17882342)

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1	COPY of the foregoing delivered by E-mail
2	this _26th_ day of _October, 2021, to:
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4	Phoenix, AZ 85051 yclaytoninsurance@msn.com Respondent
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7	Respondent
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9	Phoenix, AZ 85051
10	yclaytoninsuance@msn.com Respondent
11	Coloma & Associates LLC
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13	Respondent
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