

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE**

**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER
OF INSURANCE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE
OF SEAN K. HELMS
LICENSE NO. 0006606593**

**VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT**

NOW COME, Sean K. Helms (hereinafter "Mr. Helms") and the North Carolina Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Department"), and hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement").

WHEREAS, the Department has the authority and responsibility for enforcement of the insurance laws of this State, and for regulating and licensing insurance agents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Helms currently holds a resident producer's license with the Department with authority for Life and Accident & Health or Sickness, and Medicare Supplement/Long Term Care insurance; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-32(k) requires producers to report to the Commissioner any administrative action taken against the producer in another state or by another governmental agency in this State within 30 days after the final disposition of the matter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Helms was the subject of a Final Cease and Desist Order dated September 29, 2008 issued by the North Carolina Secretary of State's Office, Securities Division, which addressed two (2) violations: (1) selling unregistered securities, and (2) being unlicensed to sell securities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Helms failed to disclose this action to the Department within 30 days after final disposition of the matter, a violation of North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-32(k); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Helms admits to this violation; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46(a)(2) provides that the Commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew any license issued under

Article 58 of the General Statutes of North Carolina for violating any insurance law of this or any other state, violating any administrative rule, subpoena, or order of the Commissioner or of another state's regulator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Helms has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matters referenced in this Agreement on behalf of himself and his agency, and the Department has agreed not to pursue additional penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on these matters against Mr. Helms; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement mutually wish to resolve this matter by consent before the Department initiates an administrative hearing, and have reached a mutually agreeable resolution of this matter as set out in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for the consideration and promises and agreements set out herein, Mr. Helms and the Department hereby agree to the following:

1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, Mr. Helms shall pay a civil penalty of **\$250.00** to the Department. The form of payment shall be by certified check, cashier's check or money order. The check or money order for the payment of this civil penalty shall be payable to the "North Carolina Department of Insurance." Mr. Helms shall remit the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department along with a copy of this signed Agreement. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the Department no later than March 30, 2012. The civil penalty shall be subject to disbursement in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 7 of the North Carolina Constitution for the benefit of public schools.
2. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Department's disciplinary power in any future examination of Mr. Helms or in any other complaints involving Mr. Helms.
3. Mr. Helms enters into this Agreement, on behalf of himself, freely and voluntarily and with the knowledge of his right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Mr. Helms understands he may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.
4. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Mr. Helms understands that N.C.G.S. § 58-33-46(a)(2) provides that a producer's license may be revoked for violating an Order of the Commissioner.
5. This Agreement, when finalized, will be a public record and will not be held confidential by the Department. Following the execution of this Agreement, any and all licenses issued by the Department to Mr. Helms shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against him. The Department is free to disclose the contents of this Agreement with third parties upon request or pursuant to any law or policy providing for such disclosure. The Department routinely provides copies of voluntary settlement agreement to all companies that have appointed the licensee.

6. The parties have read and understand this Agreement and agree to abide by the terms and conditions stated herein.

This the 9th day of April, 2012.

North Carolina Department of

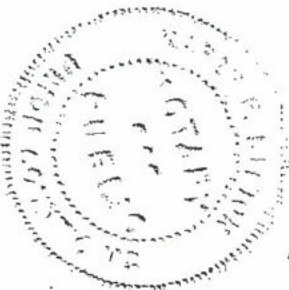
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By: Sean K. Helms
License No. 0006606593

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By: Angela Ford
Senior Deputy Commissioner

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Date: April 9, 2012

Notary Public: [Redacted]

Expires: June 13, 2015