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DIVISION OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of:

AMELY FELDER

Alaska License # 3002215413

Division of Insurance Case No. D25-11

## STIPULATED AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Insurance (Division) and AMELY FELDER (FELDER) Alaska License 3002215413, National Producer Number 20475776, the producer in this case, stipulate and agree to the following:

## **BACKGROUND**

A. On or about October 20, 2022, FELDER obtained Alaska Insurance Producer license 3002215413, with a Life and Health Insurance line of authority with a current expiration date of April 30, 2026. Soon after obtaining her Alaska producer license, FELDER joined an independent

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marketing organization (IMO) named Family First Life (FFL). A life insurance carrier used by FFL was United of Omaha (Omaha). In September 2024, FELDER, working in concert with a "live transfer" lead generator entity, wrote Omaha life insurance policies for two consumers living in New Jersey and Maine. Following these sales, Omaha received complaints from both consumers that they had not purchased the Omaha policies and Omaha investigated the complaints. Omaha discovered that the IP addresses for the electronic signatures of the New Jersey and Maine consumers matched the IP address for FELDER's electronic signature located to Anchorage, Alaska, where neither consumer resides. Electronic signatures with the same IP address signed at proximate times is an indicator the signatures were effected on the same device. Omaha asked FELDER to explain the IP address anomalies and on October 25 and 28, 2024, FELDER wrote email messages to Omaha in which she stated, "At no point did I, nor a third party, sign on behalf of Ms. Hickman and Ms. Caswell" and "At no point did I, nor a third party, sign on behalf of Ms. Caswell" respectively.

B. On November 5, 2024, Omaha terminated FELDER "For Cause" for the improper practice of electronically signing applications for consumers and thereafter notified the Division of FELDER's termination. Omaha told the Division that as a company policy they do not consider a signature, whether a wet ink signature or an electronic signature, from anyone other than the applicant to be a valid signature. The Division requested

FELDER's Omaha book of business and found two Alaska consumers who also said FELDER electronically signed their Omaha insurance applications. One consumer said she gave FELDER her consent to electronically sign on her behalf and that she did want the life insurance policy. The other consumer, like the two out-of-state consumers, said he had not intended to purchase life insurance from FELDER Omaha even though he had become aware he had a policy. Based on records provided by Omaha, with the exception of one insurance policy, the Division noted that every policy FELDER sold or attempted to sell in Alaska had electronic signatures with the same IP address from FELDER and the consumer.

- C. On May 22, 2025, Division investigators interviewed FELDER about her use of electronic signatures on Omaha life insurance applications.
  FELDER stated she had sold and attempted to sell a number of policies in Alaska, in addition to the two referenced out-of-state consumers, and had electronically signed the applications on behalf of all of the consumers; however, she had only signed the applications with the permission and consent of the consumers. This statement contradicts her written statements to Omaha, in which she stated "at no point" did she or a third-party electronically sign on behalf of the consumers.
- D. The Division's investigation revealed that FELDER had misused the electronic signature feature of Omaha life insurance policy applications in violation of Omaha's company policy and in at least three cases this

misuse had resulted in the issuance of policies for consumers who denied applying for insurance. The Division's investigation also revealed that **FELDER** gave conflicting accounts of her use of the electronic signatures, by telling Omaha that neither she nor a third party had signed on behalf of the consumers and then telling the Division that she did electronically sign for the consumers but did so with their permission.

- E. **FELDER** acknowledges she electronically signed the Omaha policy applications on her laptop computer in Anchorage, Alaska.
- F. FELDER's actions described in paragraph D are violations of
  - (i) Alaska Statute (AS) 21.27.020(b)(4), which requires a licensee to be a "trustworthy" person to qualify for the issuance or renewal of an individual license and AS 21.27.410(a)(1), which provides that the director may suspend a license for "a cause for which issuance of the license or its renewal could have been denied had it then existed and been known to the director[.]"
  - (ii) AS 21.27.410(a)(8), which provides that the director may suspend a license for "the conduct of affairs under a license if the licensee exhibits conduct considered by the director to reflect incompetence or untrustworthiness, or to be a source of potential injury and loss to the public;"
- G. Based on the conduct described above, Omaha terminated FELDER for cause and notified the Division.

- A. FELDER agrees her conduct described in paragraph D above constitutes violations of AS 21.27.020(b)(4) provides grounds to suspend or revoke her license under AS 21.27.410(a)(1) & (8).
- B. FELDER agrees to a two-year suspension of her Alaska producer license 3002215413 with the suspension suspended.
- C. FELDER agrees to a fine of \$1,000 pursuant to AS 21.27.440(a) with all\$1,000 suspended.
- D. FELDER agrees that in the event she violates Alaska insurance law or regulation during the suspended portion of her license suspension, the unsuspended portion of her license suspension and fine will be reinstated and will be grounds to revoke, suspend or not renew Alaska Insurance Producer License 3002215413.
- E. FELDER waives her right to a hearing and enters into this agreement voluntarily with full knowledge of all rights she may have in this matter.
- F. FELDER understands that this agreement is not binding on the parties unless and until the director signs the order adopting this agreement.
- G. FELDER further understands that this agreement resolves the civil liability issues between the parties to this agreement related to her violation of the state's insurance statutes, but she may still be subject to criminal liability. The terms of this agreement will remain in effect starting on the date this agreement is adopted by the director.

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8	DATED: 07/16/2025	Amely/FELDER
9		Licensee
10		TREG TAYLOR
11		ATTORNEY GENERAL
12	Approved as to form and content:	Signed by:
13	DATED:	By: Kevin Higgins
14		Kevin Higgins Assistant Attorney General
15		Assistant Attorney General
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17	<u>ORDER</u>	
18	IT IS ORDERED that this Stipulated Agreement and Order is	
19	adopted in full resolution of the civil liability issues between the parties to this agreement in	
20	these cases and shall constitute the final order in these matters.	
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29	AMELY FELDER Stipulated Agreement and Order	

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4	I hereby certify that, on the 28th day of July, 2025, I mailed copies of the
5	Stipulated Agreement and Order to:
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