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**BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**

**STATE OF IDAHO**

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,

Complainant,

vs.

BAILEY MERIWETHER BATTLE, an individual  
holding Idaho Non-Resident Producer License No.  
844834 and Idaho Non-Resident Surplus Lines  
Broker License No. 845023,

Respondent.

Docket No. 18-4142-22

**ORDER OF DEFAULT**

The Director of the Idaho Department of Insurance (“Director”) having reviewed the record herein; and Bailey Meriwether Battle (“Battle”) who currently holds Idaho Non-Resident Producer License No. 844834 and Idaho Non-Resident Surplus Lines Broker License No. 845023, having been lawfully served the Verified Complaint and Notice of Right to Hearing (“Complaint”), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein, and, as evident from the Affidavit of Michael Witry, having failed to file an answer thereto and having failed to request a

hearing regarding said Complaint; and the Director having found as a result thereof that Battle has waived her rights regarding the opportunity for hearing; and in consideration of the above;


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Idaho Non-Resident Producer License No. 844834 and Idaho Non--Resident Surplus Lines Broker License No. 845023 issued to Battle are REVOKED, effective immediately.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Battle shall not be issued a new non-resident producer license or a non-resident surplus lines broker license under title 41, Idaho Code, for a period of five (5) years from the date of this Order, after which time, in the event Battle seeks a new non-resident producer license or Idaho non-resident surplus lines broker license, Battle must petition and show good cause why the prior revocations should not be deemed a bar to the issuance of any new Idaho insurance license.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within thirty (30) days of the service date of this Order, Battle shall pay to the Idaho Department of Insurance an administrative penalty of *three thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars* (\$3,750).

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT  
OF INSURANCE

  
Dean L. Cameron,  
Director

### **NOTIFICATION REGARDING REPORTABLE PROCEEDINGS**

This is considered a reportable administrative proceeding. As such, it is a public record and is public information that may be disclosed to other states and reported to companies of which you are actively appointed. This information may be reported to other government agencies. Be aware that you may be required to disclose this proceeding on any license application, and you may be required to report this action to any and all states in which you hold a license.

### **NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS**

This constitutes a final order of the agency. Any party may file a motion for reconsideration of this final order within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this order. The agency will dispose of the petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law. *See Idaho Code § 67-5246(4).*

Pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 67-5270 and 67-5272, any party aggrieved by this final order may appeal it by filing a petition for judicial review in the district court of the county in which: (1) the hearing was held; or (2) the final agency action was taken; or (3) the aggrieved party resides or operates its principal place of business in Idaho; or (4) the real property or personal property that was the subject of the agency decision is located. An appeal must be filed within twenty-eight (28) days of: (a) the service date of this final order, or (b) an order denying a petition for reconsideration, or (c) the failure within twenty-one (21) days to grant or deny a petition for reconsideration, whichever is later. *See Idaho Code § 67-5273.* The filing of a petition for judicial review to the district court does not itself stay the effectiveness or enforcement of the order under appeal. Idaho Code § 67-5274.

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29 day of August 2022, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER OF DEFAULT to be served upon the following parties by the designated means:

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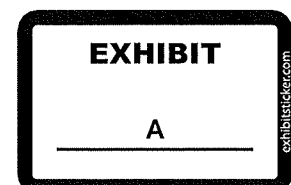
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**VERIFIED COMPLAINT AND  
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO HEARING**

COMES NOW the staff of the Idaho Department of Insurance (“Department”), by and through its undersigned counsel, Michael Witry, Deputy Attorney General, and does hereby give notice of verified allegations constituting violation(s) of Idaho law, notice that relief will be requested from the Director of the Department, and a notice of the right to contest the allegations and requested relief herein and right to hearing to:

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO HEARING - 1**



**BAILEY MERIWETHER BATTLE**  
**Idaho Non-Resident Producer License No. 844834**  
**Idaho Non-Resident Surplus Lines Broker License No. 845023**

The Department alleges the following facts and violations of title 41, Idaho Code, as itemized below. The Department will present an order seeking the relief described below upon twenty-one (21) days following service of this Verified Complaint, and BAILEY MERIWETHER BATTLE is further notified of her right to object to the requested relief, including the basis for any objection, and to request a hearing in writing.

**JURISDICTION**

1. Jurisdiction in this matter is founded in the Idaho Insurance Code, Idaho Code § 41-101 et seq., including Idaho Code § 41-210, which authorizes the Director of the Department of Insurance (“Director”) to enforce the provisions of title 41 of the Idaho Code, including those governing Respondent’s activities as an insurance producer.

2. Jurisdiction is further founded in Idaho Code § 41-213, which authorizes the Department to institute such proceedings as deemed necessary for the enforcement of any provision of the Idaho Insurance Code including, but not limited to, license revocation and the imposition of administrative penalties.

**RESPONDENT**

3. BAILEY MERIWETHER BATTLE (hereinafter “BATTLE”) was, upon information and belief, a Texas resident during all pertinent times as alleged herein. BATTLE carries Idaho Non-Resident Producer License No. 844834, which license is due to expire on October 31, 2023. BATTLE also carries Idaho Non-Resident Surplus Lines Broker License No. 845023, which license is due to expire on October 31, 2023.

## **CONTROLLING LAW**

4. Idaho Code § 41-1016(1) provides that the Director may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a producer's license and may impose an administrative penalty up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), if the Director finds that any of the causes or violations set forth in subsections 41-1016(1)(a) through (o) exist, including specifically subsection (b), which prohibits:

(b) Violating any provision of title 41, Idaho Code, department rule, subpoena or order of the director or of another state's insurance director;

5. IDAPA 18.06.06.012 provides that by March 1st of each year, each surplus lines broker will file an annual report of surplus line business transacted during the previous calendar year on an approved form.

6. Idaho Code § 41-1230 provides that if any broker fails to file her annual report prior to the first day of April after the tax is due, the broker shall be liable for a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each day of delinquency commencing with the second day of April.

7. Idaho Code § 41-117 provides that each instance of violation may be considered a separate offense.

8. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 41-1026(3), the Director shall not issue a license under title 41, Idaho Code, to any person whose license has been revoked until after the expiration of not less than one (1) year to a maximum of five (5) years and, upon a former licensee's application for re-licensure, the Director may require the former licensee "to show good cause why the prior revocation ... shall not be deemed a bar to the issuance of a new license."

## **COUNT I**

9. All of the foregoing paragraphs are realleged and incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

10. BATTLE did not file her annual report of surplus lines business by March 1, 2022.
11. The Department sent a notice of late filing to BATTLE on March 7, 2022.
12. The Department sent a second notice of late filing to BATTLE on May 10, 2022.
13. The Department sent a third notice of late filing to BATTLE on June 2, 2022.
14. The Department sent a fourth notice of late filing to BATTLE on July 12, 2022.
15. BATTLE has not yet filed her annual report of surplus lines business for 2021.
16. BATTLE violated Idaho Code § 41-1016(1)(b) by failing to file an annual report of surplus line business transacted during 2021 in violation of IDAPA 18.06.06.012.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Based on the foregoing facts and allegations, the Department prays for relief as follows:

1. For an Order revoking BAILEY MERIWETHER BATTLE's Idaho Non-Resident Producer License No. 844834, and providing that BATTLE shall not be issued a new license under title 41, Idaho Code, for a period of five (5) years after which time, in the event BATTLE seeks a new license, BATTLE must petition and show good cause why the prior revocation should not be deemed a bar to the issuance of a new license; and
2. For an Order revoking BAILEY MERIWETHER BATTLE's Idaho Non-Resident Surplus Lines Broker License No. 845023, and providing that BATTLE shall not be issued a new license under title 41, Idaho Code, for a period of five (5) years after which time, in the event BATTLE seeks a new license, BATTLE must petition and show good cause why the prior revocation should not be deemed a bar to the issuance of a new license; and
3. For an Order imposing a fine against BATTLE in the amount of \$25.00 for each day between April 2, 2022, and the date of the Order; and



4. For such other and further relief as the Director deems just and necessary under the circumstances.

### **NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS**

**TO: BAILEY MERIWETHER BATTLE, the above-named RESPONDENT:**

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 41-232A, you have the right to a hearing on this matter. In order to exercise this right, a written request for a hearing must be filed and served upon the Department within twenty-one (21) days after service of this Complaint. Failure to file and serve a written request for a hearing upon the Department within the 21-day time period shall be deemed a waiver of the opportunity for a hearing and to contest the allegations in the Complaint, pursuant to Idaho Code § 41-232A(2). If you fail to submit a timely written response to the allegations within 21 days of the service of this Complaint, a final order will be entered imposing the relief described above.

Any written request for a hearing shall be served on the Director of the Idaho Department of Insurance, addressed as follows:

Dean L. Cameron, Director  
Idaho Department of Insurance  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0043

A copy shall also be provided to the Department's counsel in this matter at the following address:

Michael Witry  
Deputy Attorney General  
Idaho Department of Insurance  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0043

In lieu of a hearing, this matter may be resolved by negotiation, stipulation, agreed settlement, or consent order, pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-5241(1)(c). Should you wish to discuss

these options, please contact the undersigned deputy attorney general.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2022.

STATE OF IDAHO  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Witry', is written over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL WITRY  
Deputy Attorney General  
Attorneys for Idaho Department of Insurance


VERIFICATION

STATE OF IDAHO                    )  
  : ss.  
County of Ada                    )

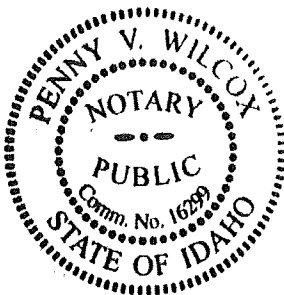
LYNN SHELTON, Premium Tax Specialist of the Department of Insurance, State of Idaho, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

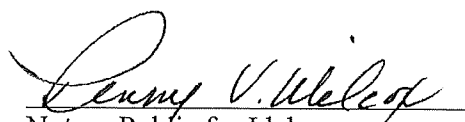
I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and Notice of Right to Hearing and know the contents thereof and the same are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated this 14 day of August, 2022.

  
LYNN SHELTON  
Acting Premium Tax Specialist  
Idaho Department of Insurance

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, the undersigned Notary Public of the State of Idaho on this 15 day of August, 2022.

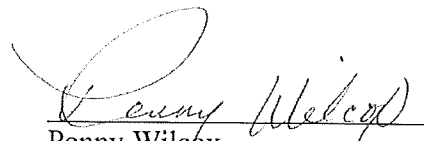


  
Notary Public for Idaho  
My Commission Expires 07/02/2027

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2nd day of August 2022, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing VERIFIED COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO HEARING to be served upon the following parties by the designated means:

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