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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - ESSEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO. ESX-DC-22489-18

MARLENE CARIDE,
COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
BANKING & INSURANCE,
Plaintiff,

v.

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

Defendant.

WHEREAS Plaintiff Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance ("Commissioner") and Defendant Denise Warren ("Defendant") (collectively "Parties") have reached an amicable agreement resolving the issues in controversy, and consented to the entry of the within Stipulation of Settlement ("Settlement").

WHEREAS the Parties have determined and hereby agree that settlement is in each of their best interests, and for good cause shown.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations of the Settlement, the Parties agree fully and finally to settle this matter pursuant to the terms and conditions below.

- 1. Defendant admits that she violated the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act"), specifically N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1) by presenting a false invoice to New Jersey Manufacturers Company in support of a claim for payment under her homeowner's insurance policy knowing that the invoice contained false information concerning material facts.
- 2. Defendant's aforementioned conduct constitutes one violation of the Fraud Act, and any future violation of the Fraud Act shall be considered second and subsequent violations.
- 3. Defendant agrees that she shall not engage in any future violations of the Fraud Act.
- 4. Defendant shall pay a total judgment of \$7,250.00 to the Commissioner ("Settlement Amount"). This Settlement Amount consists of \$5,000.00 in civil penalties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:53A-5(b): \$2,000.00 in autorneys' fees, pursuant to N.J.S.A.

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- 17:33A-5(b); and \$250.00 in statutory surcharge, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1.
- 5. Defendant shall satisfy the judgment upon the following terms and conditions:
- a. Immediately upon execution of this Stipulation of Settlement by Defendant, Defendant shall remit to the attorney for the Commissioner payment in the amount of \$2,416.66 by certified check, official bank check, or money order made payable to the "Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance" and sent to:

Garen Gazaryan, Deputy Attorney General Banking and Insurance Section R.J. Hughes Justice Complex 25 Market Street P.O. Box 117 Trenton, New Jersey 08625

b. Defendant shall remit the remaining balance of \$4,833.34 in two monthly installment payments of \$2,416.67 each, to be paid on or by the first day of each month, beginning June 1, 2019, until the full Settlement Amount has been paid, by certified check, official bank check, or money order made payable to the "Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance" and sent to:

Rose V. McGill Collections Department New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance 20 West State Street, 10th Floor P.O. Box 325. Trenton, New Jersey 08625

- 6. No representation, inducement, promise, understanding, condition, or warranty not set forth in this Settlement has been made to or relied upon by Defendant in agreeing to this Settlement. Defendant represents that this Settlement is freely and voluntary entered into without any degree of duress or compulsion.
- 7. The Parties agree that each Party shall bear its own legal and other costs incurred in connection with this matter, and no additional attorneys' fees or costs shall be due.
- 8. For purposes of construction, this Settlement shall be deemed drafted by all Parties to this Settlement and therefore shall not be construed against any Party for that reason in any subsequent dispute.
- 9. The undersigned counsel and any other signatories represent and warrant that they are fully authorized to execute this Settlement on behalf of the persons indicated below.
- 10. This Settlement constitutes the complete agreement between the Parties, and may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of all the Farties to this Settlement.

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11. All communications from any party concerning the subject matter of this Settlement shall be addressed as follows:

If to the Department: Garen Gazaryan, Deputy Attorney General

Banking and Insurance Section R.J. Hughes Justice Complex

25 Market Street P.O. Box 117

Trenton, New Jersey 08625

If to Denise Warren: 52 Ingraham Place Newark, NJ 07108

- 12. This Settlement may be executed in counterparts, each of which constitutes an original and all of which constitutes one and the same agreement.
- 13. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-10(c), a copy of this Stipulation of Settlement shall be provided to any appropriate licensing authority.
- 14. This Settlement can be used in any subsequent civil or criminal proceeding.
- 15. The penalties of this Settlement are imposed pursuant to the police powers of the State of New Jersey for the enforcement of the law and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and are not intended to constitute debts which may be limited or discharged in a bankruptcy proceeding.

CONSENTED AS TO FORM, CONTENT, AND ENTRY:

GURBIR S. GREWAL ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY Attorney for Plaintiff

Dated: 5/10/2019

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Garen Gazaryan

Deputy Attorney General

Dated: 4. Ste. Solq

Denise Warren

Defendant

Dated: 4/26/19

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Defense counsel

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