

No. 2018- 5758

**OFFICIAL ORDER
of the
TEXAS COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**

Date: DEC 1 2 2018

Subject Considered:

SOCIUS INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.
301 Howard Street, Ste 1030
San Francisco, CA 94105

CONSENT ORDER
TDI ENFORCEMENT FILE NO. 17225

General remarks and official action taken:

The subject of this order is whether disciplinary action should be taken against Socius Insurance Services, Inc. (Socius).

WAIVER

Socius acknowledges that the Texas Insurance Code and other applicable law provide certain rights. Socius waives all of these rights, and any other applicable procedural rights, in consideration of the entry of this consent order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Socius, organization identification number 28790, holds a surplus lines license issued by the Texas Department of Insurance.
2. Pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 981.105(a), a surplus lines insurance agent must file with the Surplus Lines Stamping Office of Texas either:
 - a. a copy of the policy issued, or
 - b. if the policy has not yet been issued, a copy of the certificate, cover note, or other confirmation of insurance delivered to the insured.

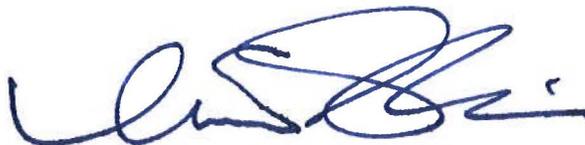
This information is due not later than the 60th day after the later of the effective date or the issue date of new or renewal surplus lines insurance.

3. In 2017, Socius filed surplus lines policies late.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The commissioner of insurance has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 84.021-84.044, and 981.105.
2. The commissioner of insurance has authority to informally dispose of this matter under TEX. INS. CODE § 82.055, TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056, and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.47.
3. Socius has knowingly and voluntarily waived all procedural rights to which it may have been entitled regarding the entry of this order, including, but not limited to, issuance and service of notice of intention to institute disciplinary action, notice of hearing, a public hearing, a proposal for decision, rehearing by the commissioner, and judicial review.
4. Socius violated TEX. INS. CODE § 981.105(a) by failing to timely file new or renewal surplus lines policies and related documents.

It is ordered that Socius Insurance Services, Inc. must pay an administrative penalty of \$4,400.00. The administrative penalty must be paid within 30 days from the date of this order. The administrative penalty must be paid by cashier's check or money order made payable to the "State of Texas." Mail the administrative penalty to the Texas Department of Insurance, Attn: Enforcement Section, Division 60851, MC 9999, P.O. Box 149104, Austin, Texas 78714-9104.



Kent C. Sullivan
Commissioner of Insurance

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For the Department:



Amanda Atkinson Cagle, Staff Attorney

Affidavit

THE STATE OF Florida §

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COUNTY OF Hillsborough §

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared the affiant, who being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is Chris A. Hook. I am of sound mind, capable of making this statement, and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.

I hold the office of Director of Operations and am the authorized representative of Socius Insurance Services, Inc. I am duly authorized by the organization to execute this statement.

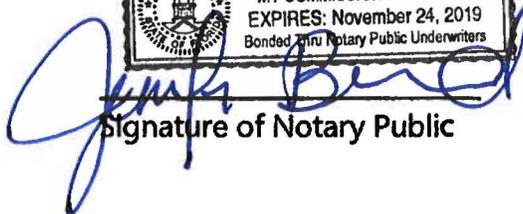
Socius Insurance Services, Inc. has knowingly and voluntarily entered into the foregoing consent order and agrees with and consents to the issuance and service of the same by the commissioner of insurance of the state of Texas."



Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on 10/11/2018, 2018.

(NOTARY STAMP)



Signature of Notary Public