

No. **2024-8826**

**Official Order  
of the  
Texas Commissioner of Insurance**

**Date: 9/16/2024**

**Subject Considered:**

North Star Title Company, LLC  
1305 Antoine Dr.  
Houston, Texas 77055-6942

Consent Order  
TDI Enforcement File No. 34122

**General remarks and official action taken:**

This is a consent order with North Star Title Company, LLC (North Star Title). North Star Title failed to timely submit its annual trust fund account audit report and its 2022 Title Insurance Agent Data Call statistical report. North Star Title has agreed to pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000.

**Waiver**

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

**Findings of Fact**

1. North Star Title, firm identification number 92658, holds a title insurance agency license issued by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) on July 2, 2008.

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2. TDI requires title agencies to file an annual trust fund account audit report prepared by a certified public accountant. The report is due before the 91st day after the end of the agency's fiscal year.
3. North Star Title's fiscal year ends on June 30 of each year.
4. North Star Title did not submit an annual trust fund account audit report for 2023, which was due by September 30, 2023.
5. On October 16, 2023, November 15, 2023, and December 15, 2023, warning notices were sent to North Star Title advising it that the violation could result in disciplinary action and the imposition of sanctions pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 84.021, and 84.022.
6. TDI received North Star Title's annual audit report on March 18, 2024, more than 260 days late.
7. On June 29, 2023, TDI issued Bulletin No. B-0007-23 to Texas title insurance agents regarding the 2022 Title Insurance Agent Data Call for the calendar year ending December 31, 2022. The bulletin required a response by August 21, 2023.
8. North Star Title did not submit its statistical report by August 21, 2023.
9. On October 3, 2023, and October 19, 2023, warning notices were sent to North Star Title advising it that the violation could result in disciplinary action and the imposition of sanctions.
10. On August 8, 2024, North Star Title filed its statistical report with TDI, more than 353 days late.
11. North Star Title was previously disciplined on April 7, 2022, in Commissioner's Order No. 2022-7289 for failing to timely file required documents and forms with TDI.

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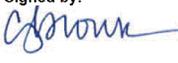
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## Conclusions of Law

1. The commissioner has jurisdiction over this matter under TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051–82.055, 84.021–84.044, 2551.001, 2551.003, 2651.151–2651.157, 2703.153, 4005.102–4005.104; and TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.051–2001.178.
2. The commissioner has the authority to informally dispose of this matter as set forth in TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056; TEX. INS. CODE §§ 36.104 and 82.055; and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.47.
3. North Star Title 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. North Star Title violated TEX. INS. CODE § 2651.151–2651.157 by failing to timely submit its 2023 annual trust fund account audit report.
5. North Star Title violated TEX. INS. CODE § 2703.153 by failing to timely submit its 2022 statistical report.

## Order

It is ordered that North Star Title Company, LLC pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000 within 30 days from the date of this order. The administrative penalty must be paid as instructed in the invoice, which TDI will send after entry of this order.

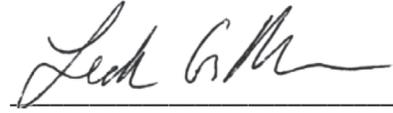
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Cassie Brown  
Commissioner of Insurance

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Recommended and reviewed by:



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Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner  
Fraud and Enforcement Division



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Whitney Fraser, Director  
Enforcement

**Affidavit**

STATE OF Texas §

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COUNTY OF Harris §

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

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

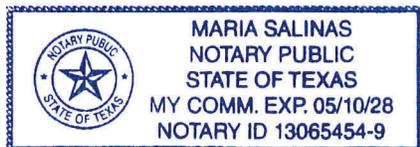
I hold the office of President and am the authorized representative of  
North Star Title Company, LLC. I am duly authorized by said organization to execute this  
statement.

North Star Title Company, LLC 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."

H Alan Holly  
Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on August 22, 2024.

(NOTARY SEAL)



Maria Salinas  
Signature of Notary Public

Maria Salinas  
Printed Name of Notary Public