STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF THOMAS J. LENNON, JR. LICENSE NO. 0002027618

VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

**NOW COME**, Thomas J. Lennon, Jr. (hereinafter "Mr. Lennon") and the North Carolina Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Department"), and hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement").

WHEREAS, the Department has the authority and responsibility for enforcement of the insurance laws of this State, and for regulating and licensing insurance agents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lennon currently holds a non-resident producer's license with authority for Life, Variable Life, Accident & Health or Sickness, Property and Casualty lines of insurance and Variable Annuity contracts issued by the Department; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46a)(1) provides that the Commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued under Article 33 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes of North Carolina for providing materially incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially untrue information in the license application; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lennon entered into a Consent Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance effective July 16, 2007 in which he agreed to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$5000.00 with respect to irregularities involving brokers' fees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lennon entered into a Consent Agreement with the Delaware Department of Insurance effective October 6, 2008 in which he agreed to pay a monetary penalty in the amount of \$200.00 for failure to report other state's action; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lennon answered "No" to the question on his initial application for license as a non-resident producer dated May 24, 2017 to Question No. 4 thereon: "Have you ever been named or involved as a party in an administrative proceeding, including FINRA

sanction or arbitration proceeding regarding any professional or occupational license or registration?"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lennon admits to this violation of North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46a)(1); and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46(a)(2) provides that the Commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew any license issued under Article 58 of the General Statutes of North Carolina for violating any insurance law of this or any other state, violating any administrative rule, subpoena, or order of the Commissioner or of another state's regulator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lennon has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matter referenced in this Agreement on behalf of himself, and the Department has agreed not to pursue additional penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on these matters against Mr. Lennon; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement mutually wish to resolve this matter by consent before the Department initiates an administrative hearing, and have reached a mutually agreeable resolution of this matter as set out in this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in exchange for the consideration and promises and agreements set out herein, Mr. Lennon and the Department hereby agree to the following:

- 1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, Mr. Lennon shall pay a civil penalty of \$250.00 to the Department. The form of payment shall be by certified check, cashier's check or money order. The check or money order for the payment of this civil penalty shall be payable to the "North Carolina Department of Insurance." Mr. Lennon shall remit the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department along with a copy of this signed Agreement. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the Department no later than **December 11, 2017**. The civil penalty shall be subject to disbursement in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 7 of the North Carolina Constitution for the benefit of public schools.
- 2. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Department's disciplinary power in any future examination of Mr. Lennon or in any other complaints involving Mr. Lennon.
- 3. Mr. Lennon enters into this Agreement, on behalf of himself, freely and voluntarily and with the knowledge of his right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Mr. Lennon understands he may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.

- 4. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Mr. Lennon understands that N.C.G.S. § 58-33-46(a)(2) provides that a producer's license may be revoked for violating an Order of the Commissioner.
- 5. This Agreement, when finalized, will be a public record and will <u>not</u> be held confidential by the Department. Following the execution of this Agreement, any and all licenses issued by the Department to Mr. Lennon shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against him. The Department is free to disclose the contents of this Agreement with third parties upon request or pursuant to any law or policy providing for such disclosure. The Department routinely provides copies of voluntary settlement agreement to all companies that have appointed the licensee.
- 6. The parties have read and understand this Agreement and agree to abide by the terms and conditions stated herein.
- 7. Be aware that if a state or federal regulator other than the N. C. Department of Insurance has issued an occupational or professional license to you, that regulator may require you to report this administrative action to it. The N.C. Department of Insurance cannot give you legal advice as to the specific reporting requirements of other state or federal regulators.

This the 14 day of 2017, 2017.

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N.C. Department of Insurance

By: Thomas J. Lennon, Jr. License No. 0002027618 By: Hasije P. Harris

Senior Deputy Commissioner Producers & Products Group