

STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

In the Matter of:

Case No. INS-24-0022

KAYLIN M. LECHNER, aka KAY DARLING, aka KAYLIN MILLS,
Responde

FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND
DESIST AND FINAL ORDER
ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTIES,
ENTERED BY CONSENT

The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the State of Oregon (the “Director”), through the Division of Financial Regulation (the “Division”), investigated the business activities of Kaylin M. Lechner, aka Kay Darling, aka Kaylin Mills (“Lechner”) and determined that she violated certain provisions of the Oregon Revised Statutes (“ORS”) chapters 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 737, 742, 743, 743A, 743B, 744, 746, 748, and 750 and the rules promulgated thereunder (collectively, the “Insurance Code”).

Lechner cooperated with the Director's investigation and wishes to settle this matter.

Now, therefore, as evidenced by the signature(s) subscribed on this Order, Lechner hereby CONSENTS to entry of this Order upon the Director's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, as stated below.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Director FINDS that:

1. Lechner was first licensed in Oregon as a resident insurance producer on February 16, 2018. Her National Producer Number is 17172325.

2. Lechner's license expired on August 31, 2022.

2 3. Before Lechner's license expired, the Division sent her three renewal notices to
3 her email address of record informing her that her license was expiring on August 31, 2022,
4 and that she needed to renew her license to continue conducting insurance business in
5 Oregon. The notices were dated June 8, 2022, July 9, 2022, and August 9, 2022.

6 4. After her license expired, Lechner held herself out as a licensed insurance
7 producer and solicited insurance business via her work email signature block and a
8 Facebook post on June 2, 2023. There is no evidence, however, that she sold insurance
9 policies while her license was expired.

10 5. Lechner claimed that she did not receive the renewal notices and believed her
11 license was expiring in August 2023. Nonetheless, as the licensee, Lechner was responsible
12 for ensuring that her license was active.

13 6. While licensed, Lechner changed employment five times, but each time, she
14 did not update her work address of record.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Director CONCLUDES that:

18 7. By soliciting insurance business without a license as described in paragraph 4
19 of this Order, Lechner violated ORS 744.053.

20 8. By failing to notify the Director of the changes of address of her principal place
21 of business, Lechner violated ORS 744.068(4)(a), which requires that an insurance
22 producer to do so within 30 days of the date of change.

23 9. Because Lechner violated ORS 744.053 and ORS 744.068(4)(a), the Director
24 may, under ORS 731.252(1), order Lechner to cease and desist from violating those
25 statutes.

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10. ORS 731.988(1) authorizes the Director to assess a civil penalty against Lechner of up to \$1,000 per violation of the Insurance Code.

ORDERS

Now therefore, the Director issues the following Orders:

11. As authorized by ORS 731.252(1), the Director ORDERS Lechner to CEASE AND DESIST from violating ORS 744.053 and ORS 744.068(4)(a).

8 12. As authorized by ORS 731.988(1), the Director ORDERS Lechner to pay
9 \$1,500 in CIVIL PENALTIES, allocated as follows:

10 A. \$1,000 for soliciting insurance without being licensed, in violation of ORS
11 744.053; and

12 B. \$500 for failing to notify the Director of changes of address of her principal
13 place of business, in violation of ORS 744.068(4)(a).

13. The Director SUSPENDS \$750 of the civil penalties provided Lechner does not
14 violate the Insurance Code or the terms of this Order. If Lechner violates the Insurance
15 Code or the terms of this Order, then the \$750 suspended civil penalties becomes
16 immediately due and owing. Otherwise, the suspended civil penalties will be waived three
17 years from the date of this Order.

14. Along with this Order, Lechner shall submit to the Director \$750 as payment
for the non-suspended civil penalties.

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1 15. This Order is a “Final Order” under ORS 183.310(6)(b). Subject to this
2 provision, entry of this Order does not limit the Director’s authority to enforce this Order
3 or take action against Lechner for violations of this Order or violations not included in this
4 Order that are discovered after the date of this Order.

5 SO ORDERED this 9th day of July, 2024.
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ANDREW R. STOLFI, Director
Department of Consumer and Business Services

/s/ Dorothy Bean

Dorothy Bean, Chief of Enforcement
Division of Financial Regulation

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CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

2 I, Kaylin M. Lechner, aka Kay Darling, aka Kaylin Mills, state that I have read
3 the foregoing Order and that I know and fully understand the contents hereof. The factual
4 allegations stated herein are true and correct. I have been advised of my right to a hearing
5 and of the right to be represented by counsel in this matter. I voluntarily consent to the
6 entry of this Order without any force or duress, expressly waiving any right to a hearing in
7 this matter, as well as any rights to administrative or judicial review of this Order. I
8 understand that the Director reserves the right to take further action against me to enforce
9 this Order or to take appropriate action upon discovery that I have committed other
10 violations of the Insurance Code. I will fully comply with the terms and conditions stated
11 herein.

I understand that this Order is a public document.

/s/ Kaylin M. Lechner
Signature

State of Oregon

County of Lane

Signed or attested before me by Kaylin M. Lechner, aka Kay Darling, aka Kaylin Mills, on this 5th day of July, 2024.

/s/ *Leah Geocaris*

Notary Public