

IN THE MATTER OF

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BEFORE THE

THE MARYLAND INSURANCE
ADMINISTRATION

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MARYLAND INSURANCE

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ADMINISTRATION

v.

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THE UNAUTHORIZED ENTITIES:

MIA CASE No.: MIA-2004-08-024

UNIMED INSURANCE COMPANY;

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PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

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INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD;

LEDEE AND ASSOCIATES, LLC;

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PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

INSURANCE CORPORATION;

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PLIC CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, INC;

CROWNE GLOBAL GROUP, LTD;

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MEDICAL RISK ASSOCIATES,

RPG, LTD;

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PHYSICIANS MALPRACTICE

ANALYSTS, INC.;

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AND THEIR PRINCIPALS:

WILLIAM A. LEDEE, III;

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IGNATIUS ANGELO "IGGY" DeBLASI;

JAMES REYNOLDS;

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MATTHEW REED;

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MISHIMA MURASAKI;

BERTHA LOUISE LEDEE;

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JUDY FRESE;

JENNIFER ANDERSON

aka "BROOKE HARRIS";

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ROBERT EDWARD LEDEE;

SUZANNE SUHRIE;

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CHARLES BAILEY, MD;

"LAURI"/"LORI" LAST NAME UNKNOWN*

"ELIZABETH" LAST NAME UNKNOWN

ORDER

Pursuant to Maryland Insurance Article, § 2-204, §§ 4-101 *et seq.*, §§ 4-201 *et seq.*, and §§ 10-101 *et seq.* the Maryland Insurance Commissioner (the "Maryland Commissioner") orders the following unauthorized entities: Unimed Insurance Company;

Professional Liability Insurance Company, Ltd.; Ledee and Associates, LLC.; Professional Liability Insurance Corporation; PLIC Claims Management, Inc.; Crowne Global Group, Ltd.; Medical Risk Associates, RPG, Ltd.; Physicians Malpractice Analysts, Inc. (referred to hereinafter collectively as the "Unauthorized Insurers") and the following principles of the Unauthorized Insurers: William A. Ledee, III; Ignatius Angelo "Iggy" Deblasi; James Reynolds; Mathew Reed; Mishima Murasaki; Bertha Louise Ledee; Judy Frese; Jennifer Anderson, aka "Brooke Harris"; Robert Edward Ledee; Suzanne Suhrie; Charles Bailey, MD; "Lauri"/"Lori" (Last Name Unknown); and "Elizabeth" (Last Name Unknown) and their officers, directors, trustees, agents, employees and affiliates (referred to hereinafter collectively as the "Unauthorized Individuals") to CEASE AND DESIST from engaging in the business of insurance and from acting as insurance producers in the State of Maryland. The Unauthorized Insurance and the Unauthorized Individuals are sometimes referred to herein collectively as the "Respondents."

I. Summary of Conduct

The Respondents have been conducting, and continue to conduct, insurance business in the State of Maryland without authority to do so. By operating illegally and without appropriate regulatory oversight, the Respondents pose an immediate and ongoing threat to the safety and well being of Maryland citizens.

The Respondents, individually and collectively, have engaged in (and conspired to engage in) a comprehensive and national scheme of medical malpractice insurance fraud, targeted particularly at women's clinics, by, *inter alia*, a) engaging in the business of insurance without a certificate of authority from the Commissioner; b) issuing contracts of indemnity that have not been filed with or approved by the Administration; c) charging

premium at rates that have not been filed with or approved by the Administration; and d) soliciting, negotiating, and selling contracts of indemnity in the State without being licensed or authorized to do so.

II. Findings and Conclusions

The Respondents have solicited and sold insurance products in the State of Maryland without first obtaining the required authority to act as either insurers or as insurance producers. The insurance products sold by the Respondents have not been authorized for use in the State of Maryland as required by the Insurance Article. The premium charged has not been approved by the State of Maryland as required by the Insurance Article.

Since at least January, 2003, and on a continuing basis, the Respondents have solicited, negotiated, and sold contracts of medical malpractice indemnity to Maryland-based, women's health clinics (the "Clinics") and their attending physicians ("the Physicians"). Since January, 2003, the Respondents have collected premiums and fees in excess of \$150,000 from the Clinics and Physicians. The Respondents have provided the Clinics and Physicians with documentation evidencing the existence of medical malpractice insurance policies, including declarations pages, insurance policy contracts, and payment schedules. The Respondents also have accepted, adjusted and, in some cases, paid claims filed by the Clinics and Physicians.

Since at least January, 2004 and on a continuing basis, the Respondents have solicited, negotiated, and sold contracts of medical malpractice indemnity to Maryland based plastic surgeons (the "Surgeons") and have collected premiums and fees from the Surgeons. The Respondents have provided the Surgeons with documentation evidencing

the existence of medical malpractice insurance policies, including declaration pages, insurance policy contracts, and payment schedules.

The Respondents are not authorized to conduct insurance business in the State of Maryland, the insurance products sold by the Respondents have not been reviewed or authorized by the Commissioner, and the rates charged for the coverage promised have not been approved by the Commissioner. The Respondents misrepresented to the Clinics, Physicians and Surgeons that the Respondents were authorized insurers in the State of Maryland and that the products offered by the Respondents were either authorized by the Commissioner for sale in Maryland or exempted from the requirements for such authorization.

The Respondents have been ordered to Cease and Desist their unauthorized practice of the insurance business in the following states:

Alabama	Order No.: C-2002-11R
Florida	Order No.: 66366-03-CO
Illinois	Order No.: 4090
Mississippi	Order Issued February 25, 2003
Nevada	Order No.: 97.155
Pennsylvania	Order No: C001-08-019
Texas	Order Nos.: 95-0112 and 97-0533
Washington	Order No.: DO4-150

By acting and continuing to act as an insurer without the required certificates of authority, the Respondents have violated and continue to violate Insurance Article, §§ 4-101, 4-102, 4-113, 4-205.

By failing to pay taxes on the premiums for insurance sold in the State of Maryland, the Respondents have violated and continue to violate Insurance Article, §§ 4-113, 6-101 and 6-102.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency this 18th day of August, 2004.

Signature on file with original

Kathleen A. Birrane
Assistant Attorney General

RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

Pursuant to COMAR 31.01.01.03 and COMAR 31.02.02.03, you may request a hearing on this Order. This request must be in writing and be received by the Commissioner within thirty (30) days of the date of the letter accompanying this Order.

Pursuant to §2-212 of the Insurance Article, the Order shall be stayed pending a hearing only if a demand for hearing is received by the Commissioner within ten (10) days after the Order is issued.

The request for hearing must be made in writing. This request must be addressed to the Maryland Insurance Administration, 525 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, ATTN: Amy Stupi, Appeals Clerk. Failure to request a hearing timely or to appear at a scheduled hearing will result in a waiver of your rights to contest this Order and the Order shall be made final on its effective date.