Before the State of South Carolina
Department of Insurance

In the matter of:	SCDOI File Number 126950
Michael Segal, dba, Near North Insurance Brokerage, Inc. 1040 N. Lake Shore Drive #32-A Chicago, IL 60611.	**Default Order Revoking All Licensing Privileges**

This matter comes before me pursuant to a Letter of Allegation and Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing served, as required within S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-170 (Supp. 2005), by the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance upon the above named respondent, a licensed South Carolina non-resident insurance producer, by both certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail on or about December 22, 2005.

That letter informed Michael Segal, dba, Near North Insurance Brokerage, Inc., of his right to request a public hearing upon the allegations of impropriety contained within the letters against him. The letter further warned that his failure to make a timely, written request would result in my summary revocation of his license to do business as a non-resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina. Despite those warnings, respondent has failed to respond. On February 3, 2006, therefore, counsel for the Department filed an Affidavit of Default, and submitted the entire matter directly to me for my summary decision based solely on the record.

The letter alleged, and I now find as fact, that while licensed to do business as a non-resident insurance producer within the State of South Carolina, Michael Segal's producer license was revoked in his home state of Illinois, as well as in other states, such as: MA, CA, OH, NV, NE, NH, GA, IA, WI, CT, VA, VT, PA, KY, based upon a conviction of Fraud, Racketeering and mishandling more than $30 million in funds. These acts, as alleged, are direct violations of S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-130 (Supp. 2005). That Code section provides that "the Director or his designee may revoke or suspend a producer's license after ten day's notice...when it appears that a producer...has willfully deceived or dealt unjustly with the citizens of this State." This Code section goes on in Subsection (C)(6) to include "having been convicted of a felony." Similarly, §38-43-70(A) addresses: "not being licensed as a resident and in good standing in his home state", and §38-43-247(A): "failure to report administrative actions taken by another governmental agency within 30 days of the final disposition"; (B) "failure to report any criminal prosecution taken in any jurisdiction."

In accordance with my findings of fact, and considering Mr. Seagal's complete refusal to avail himself of his opportunity to be heard, I now conclude, as a matter of law, that he willfully deceived and dealt unjustly with the citizens of South Carolina, thereby violating S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-130(C)(6); §38-43-70(A), and §38-43-247(A),(B) (Supp. 2005), and that his licensing privileges should be revoked.

This administrative disciplinary order is a public record subject to the disclosure requirements of the State of South Carolina's *Freedom of Information Act*, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10, *et seq*. (1991 and Supp. 2005). Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit or to deprive any person of any private right of action under the law. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit, in any manner, the criminal jurisdiction of any law enforcement or judicial officer. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit the statutory duty of the Director of Insurance, exercised either directly or through the Department of Insurance, to "report to the Attorney General or other appropriate law enforcement officials criminal violations of the law relative to the business of insurance or the provisions of this title which he considers necessary to report." S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-110 (4) (Supp. 2005).

It is therefore ordered that Michael Segal, dba, Near North Insurance Brokerage, Inc.'s license to transact business as non-resident insurance producer within the State of South Carolina be, and is hereby, revoked, and that no license, issued through the State of South Carolina's Department of Insurance is to be issued to him.

It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be transmitted to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for distribution to its current member states and to each insurer for which the respondent is currently licensed, through the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance, as a non-resident insurance producer within the State of South Carolina.

This order becomes effective as of the date of my signature below.

Eleanor Kitzman
Director

Feb 6, 2006, at
Columbia, South Carolina

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Affidavit of Default

Personally appeared before me Jeffrey Jacobs, who, being duly sworn, stated that at all times relevant to this Affidavit of Default he was an attorney representing the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance in this administrative action. He further stated the following:

The Department served notice on Michael Segal at the address detailed above, by a Letter of Allegation and Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing that the Department would request the Director of Insurance to summarily revoke his license to act as a non-resident insurance producer within the State of South Carolina in thirty days. The Department served the Notice, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-170 (Supp. 2005), by "depositing it in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last known address of the person and registered with the return receipt requested." That Notice further informed the respondent of his opportunity, within thirty days, to request in writing a public hearing.

The United States Postal Services effected service of the Notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, at the last known address, on or about December 22, 2005. Mr. Segal has made no request for a public hearing or any other response to the Notice. The time in which to do so has expired. He is now in default.

Jeffrey Jacobs
Chief Legal Counsel

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Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 6 day of Feb, 2006.

Christiline Lewis
Notary Public for the State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires November 20, 2006.