

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

**In Re: Thomas F. DeSteph d/b/a The DeSteph Agency**

**INS No. 11-023-EP**

**ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO CONTINUE ADJUDICATIVE HEARING**

The New Hampshire Insurance Department (“NHID”) moves that the adjudicative hearing presently scheduled in this matter for November 16, 2011 be continued and rescheduled for December 12, 2011. In support of the Motion, the NHID states as follows:

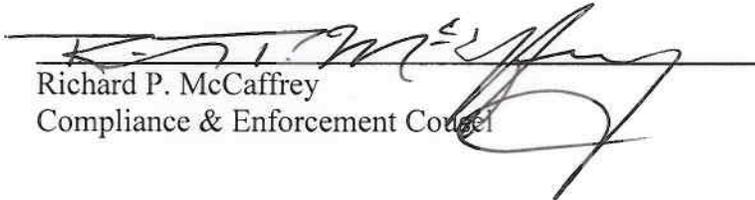
1. The NHID issued an Order to Show Cause and Notice of Hearing against the Respondent, Thomas F. DeSteph (“Respondent”), on October 24, 2011.
2. The Respondent is being represented, *pro bono*, in this matter by Richard A. Samuels, Esq.
3. Shortly after reviewing the Order to Show Cause, Attorney Samuels contacted the NHID to advise the November 16, 2011 hearing date conflicted with another matter in his calendar. Specifically, Attorney Samuels advised that he represents a corporation as both counsel and secretary, and that the corporation had previously scheduled a shareholder meeting for the November 16th. Because the scheduling of the shareholder meeting involves formal notification of shareholders, as well as notification of brokers, rescheduling the shareholder meeting would be, in practical terms, impossible.
4. Based on the reasons offered by Attorney Samuels, the NHID requests that the Hearing Officer continue the hearing presently scheduled for November 16, 2011.

5. Neither the NHID nor New Hampshire consumers whom we protect will be unfairly prejudiced by a brief continuance of the hearing.
6. Attorney Samuels advises that he has discussed this Motion with the Respondent, and that the Respondent assents to the hearing relief requested herein.

**WHEREFORE**, the NHID requests that the Hearing Officer:

- A. Grant this Motion;
- B. Order that the adjudicative hearing presently scheduled for November 16, 2011 be continued; and
- C. Order that the adjudicative hearing presently scheduled for November 16, 2011 be rescheduled for December 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of the New Hampshire Insurance Department in Concord, New Hampshire.

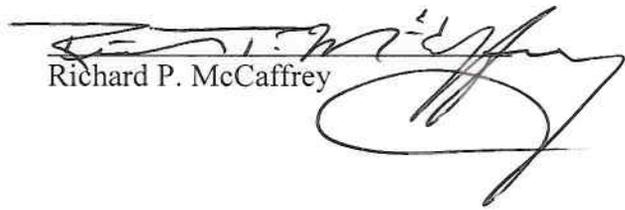
Date: 10/31/2011

  
Richard P. McCaffrey  
Compliance & Enforcement Counsel

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Assented-To Motion to Continue Adjudicative Hearing was sent this day, October 31, 2011, to Richard A. Samuels, Esq., Thomas F. DeSteph's counsel, electronically and by first-class mail, postage prepaid.

Date 10/31/2011

  
Richard P. McCaffrey