

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN  
AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA, ex. rel.,  
The Department of Insurance,  
Relator,

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 92-0683

vs.

CHARTER AMERICAN CASUALTY  
INSURANCE COMPANY, a  
Florida corporation,  
Respondent.

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ORDER OF LIQUIDATION, INJUNCTION  
AND NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC STAY

THIS CAUSE was considered on the Petition of the Florida Department of Insurance for an Order of Liquidation of Charter American Casualty Insurance Company (herein "Respondent"), and the Court being fully advised in the premises, finds:

1. This Court found on March 30, 1992 that respondent was insolvent and that grounds for the entry of an order of liquidation existed at that time.

2. The Court entered an order of rehabilitation for the sole purpose of allowing time for Mssrs. Thompson and Dutschke to file an application for acquisition and to obtain the approval of the Department. The Court ordered on March 30 that if the acquisition had not progressed to a satisfactory point before April 29, an order of liquidation would be entered. At the hearing on March 30, 1992, the respondent consented to the entry of an order of liquidation if the acquisition was not completed before April 29, 1992, and waived its rights to appeal this order of liquidation.

3. As of this date, April 29, 1992, no application for acquisition of Charter American Casualty Insurance Company has been filed with the Department of Insurance. The acquisition by Thompson and Dutschke has not progressed to a point where there is a sufficient likelihood that the proposed acquisition would be successfully completed in a time and manner that is in the best interests of the policyholders, creditors, and the public.

4. Further efforts to rehabilitate the respondent would be useless.

5. Liquidation of Respondent is in the best interest of the policyholders, creditors, and the public, who are affected by these proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ADJUDGED and ORDERED as follows:

The Petition of the Department of Insurance for the entry of an Order of Liquidation of Respondent is GRANTED, and the Department as Receiver is hereby directed to:

1. Take immediate possession of all the property, assets, and estate, and all other property of every kind whatsoever and wherever located belonging to Respondent pursuant to Sections 631.111 and 631.141, Florida Statutes, including but not limited to, offices maintained by the Respondent, rights of action, books, papers, evidences of debt, bonds, debentures and other securities, mortgages, furniture, fixtures, office supplies and equipment, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, debentures, mortgages, furniture, fixtures, and office equipment, and all real property of said

Respondent, whether in the possession of said Respondent or its officers, directors, employees, consultants, attorneys, or agents.

2. Liquidate the assets of Respondent, including but not limited to, funds held by Respondent's agents, subagents, producing agents, brokers, solicitors, service representatives or others under agency contracts or otherwise which are due and unpaid to Respondent, including premiums, unearned commissions, agents' balances, agents' reserve funds, and subrogation recoveries.

3. Employ and authorize the compensation of legal counsel, accountants, clerks, and such assistants as it deems necessary, and authorize the payment of the expenses of these proceedings and the necessary incidents thereof, as approved by the Court, to be paid out of the funds or assets of the Respondent in the possession of the Receiver or coming into its possession.

4. Reimburse such employees, from the funds of this receivership, for their actual necessary and reasonable expenses incurred while traveling on the business of this receivership.

5. Not defend legal actions wherein the Respondent or the Receiver is a party defendant, commenced either prior to or subsequent to this order, without authorization of this Court; except, however, in actions where Respondent is a nominal party, as in certain foreclosure actions and the action does not effect a claim against or adversely affect the assets of Respondent, the Receiver may file appropriate pleadings in its discretion.

6. Commence and maintain all legal actions necessary,

wherever necessary, for the proper administration of this receivership proceeding.

7. Collect all debts which are economically feasible to collect and which are due and owing to the Respondent.

8. Take possession of all of Respondent's securities and certificates of deposit on deposit with the Treasurer of Florida, if any, and convert to cash so much of the same as may be necessary, in its judgment, to pay the expenses of administration of this receivership.

9. Publish notice specifying the time and place fixed for the filing of claims with the Receiver once each week for three consecutive weeks in the Florida Administrative Weekly published by the Secretary of State, and at least once in the Florida Bar News.

10. Negotiate and settle subrogation claims and Final Judgments up to and including the sum of \$15,000.00 without further Order of this Court.

11. Sell any salvage recovered having value of not more than \$15,000.00 without further Order of this Court.

12. Coordinate the operation of the receivership with the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association pursuant to Part II of Chapter 631, Florida Statutes. The Receiver may, in its discretion, contract with the guaranty association to provide services as are necessary to carry out the purposes of Chapter 631.

13. Give notice of this proceeding to Respondent's agents pursuant to Section 631.341, Florida Statutes, and to its insureds.

IT IS FURTHER ADJUDGED and ORDERED that:

14. All officers, directors, agents and employees and all other persons representing Respondent or currently employed by Respondent in connection with the conduct of its business are discharged forthwith.

15. Any officer, director, manager, trustee, agent or adjuster of Respondent and any other person who possesses or possessed any executive authority over, or who exercises or exercised any control over any segment of Respondent's affairs is required to cooperate fully with the Receiver, pursuant to Section 631.391, Florida Statutes, notwithstanding their dismissal pursuant to this order.

16. Title to all property real or personal, all contracts, rights of action and all books and records of Respondent, wheresoever located, are vested in the Receiver pursuant to Sections 631.111 and 631.141, Florida Statutes.

17. All affiliated companies and members of the Charter American Group, including, but not limited to American Underwriting Group, Inc., Imperial Budget Corporation, and Charter American Holding Corp., Inc., are hereby directed to make all of their books and records available to the Receiver for inspection or examination and to turn over copies of any records requested by the Receiver whether or not such records are related to Charter American Casualty Insurance Company. The Receiver has title to all policy files and other files relating to Charter American Casualty

Insurance Company, whether such documents are kept in the offices of American Underwriting Group, Inc., Imperial Budget Corp., Charter American Holding Corp., or any other person or corporation. The Receiver is authorized to take possession of any such files or documents, including policy files or any other files relating to Charter American Casualty Insurance Company, and to remove them to any location in the Receiver's discretion.

18. The Receiver shall have complete access to all computer records of the Respondent at all times.

19. All attorneys employed by Respondent as of this date shall, within 30 days notice of this Order, report to the Receiver on the name, company claim number and status of each file they are handling on behalf of the Respondent. Said report shall also include an accounting of any funds received from or on behalf of the Respondent. All attorneys described herein are hereby discharged as of the date of this Order unless their services are retained by the Receiver or unless earlier discharged pursuant to an order of rehabilitation. All attorneys employed by Respondent are hereby advised that pursuant to Section 631.011 (15), Florida Statutes, a claim based on mere possession does not create a secured claim and all attorneys employed by Respondent, pursuant to In Re the Receivership of Syndicate Two, Inc., 538 So.2d 945 (Fla. 1st DCA 1989), who are in possession of litigation files or other material, documents or records belonging to or relating to work performed by the attorney on behalf of Respondent shall deliver

such litigation files, material, documents or records intact and without purging to the Receiver notwithstanding any claim of a retaining lien which, if otherwise valid, shall not be extinguished by such turn over of documents.

20. All agents, brokers or other persons having sold policies of insurance and/or collected premiums on behalf of the Respondent shall account for and pay all premiums and commissions unearned due to cancellation of policies by this Order or in the normal course of business owed to the Respondent directly to the Receiver within 30 days of demand by the Receiver or appear before this Court to show cause, if any they may have, as to why they should not be required to account to the Receiver or be held in contempt of Court for violation of the provisions of this Order. No agent, broker or other person shall use premium monies owed to the Respondent for refund of unearned premium or for any purpose other than payment to the Receiver.

21. Any premium finance company which has entered into a contract to finance a premium for a policy which has been issued by the Respondent shall pay any premium owed to the Respondent directly to the Receiver.

22. Reinsurance premiums due to or payable by the Respondent shall be remitted to, or disbursed by, the Receiver. Reinsurance losses recoverable or payable by the Respondent shall be handled by the Receiver. All correspondence concerning reinsurance shall be between the Receiver and the reinsuring

company or intermediary.

23. Upon request by the Receiver, any company providing telephonic services to the Respondent shall provide a reference of calls from the number presently assigned to the Respondent to any such number designated by the Receiver or perform any other services or changes necessary to the conduct of the receivership.

24. Any bank, savings and loan association, financial institution or other person, including but not limited to Carney Bank, and any other bank, savings and loan association or other financial institution which has on deposit, in its possession, custody or control any funds, accounts and any other assets of the Respondent, shall immediately transfer title, custody and control of all such funds, accounts, or assets to the Receiver, and are hereby instructed that the Receiver has absolute control over such funds, accounts and other assets. The Receiver may change the name of such accounts and other assets, withdraw them from such bank, savings and loan association or other financial institution, or take any lesser action necessary for the proper conduct of this receivership. No bank, savings and loan association or other financial institution shall exercise any form of set-off, alleged set-off, lien, any form of self-help whatsoever, or refuse to transfer any funds or assets to the Receiver's control without the permission of this Court.

25. Any entity furnishing telephone, water, electric, sewage, garbage or trash removal services to the Respondent shall

maintain such service and transfer any such accounts to the Receiver as of the date of this order, unless instructed to the contrary by the Receiver.

26. Any data processing service which has custody or control of any data processing information and records including but not limited to source documents, data processing cards, input tapes, all types of storage information, master tapes, backup disks, any data stored on any magnetic or optical medium, or any other recorded information relating to the Respondent shall transfer custody and control of such records to the Receiver. The Receiver shall compensate any such entity for the actual use of hardware and software which the Receiver finds to be necessary to this proceeding. Compensation shall be based upon the monthly rate provided for in contracts or leases with Respondent which were in effect when this proceeding was instituted, or based upon such contract as may be negotiated by the Receiver, for the actual time such equipment and software is used by the Receiver.

27. The United States Postal Service is directed to provide any information requested by the Receiver regarding the Respondent and to handle future deliveries of Respondent's mail as directed by the Receiver.

28. All claims shall be filed with the Receiver on or before November 1, 1992, or be forever barred, and all such claims should be filed on proof of claim forms prepared by the Receiver.

29. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 631.252, Florida

Statutes, other than policies covered by Part III of Chapter 631, Florida Statutes, all insurance policies, bonds or similar contracts of coverage of the Respondent issued in Florida and now in force shall continue in force until 30 days from the date of the entry of this Order of Liquidation and shall be determined cancelled as of 11:59 P.M., May 29, 1992; except that those policies or contracts of coverage with normal expiration dates prior thereto and policies terminated by insureds or lawfully cancelled by the insurer before such date, shall stand cancelled as of such earlier date.

30. Except for contracts of insurance, all executory contracts to which the Respondent was a party are hereby cancelled and will stand cancelled unless specifically adopted by the Receiver within 30 days of the date of this Order. The rights of the parties to any such contracts are fixed as of the date of this Order and any cancellation under this provision shall not be treated as an anticipatory breach of such contracts.

31. Any person, firm, corporation or other entity having notice of this order that fails to abide by its terms shall be directed to appear before this Court to show good cause, if any they may have, as to why they should not be held in contempt of Court for violation of the provisions of this Order.

32. The Florida Department of Insurance is hereby authorized to cancel and render null and void any certificate of authority issued by the Department of Insurance and required by the

Florida Insurance Code in order for Respondent to do business in the State of Florida.

33. Pursuant to Sections 631.041(3) and (4), Florida Statutes (1991), all persons, firms, corporations and associations within the jurisdiction of this Court, including, but not limited to, Respondent and its officers, directors, stockholders, affiliates, members, subscribers, agents, and employees, are enjoined and restrained from the further transaction of the insurance business of the Respondent; from doing, doing through omission, or permitting to be done any action which might waste or dispose of the books, records and assets of the Respondent; from in any means interfering with the Receiver or these proceedings; from the transfer of property and assets of Respondent without the consent of the Receiver; from the removal, concealment, or other disposition of Respondent's property, books, records, and accounts; from the commencement or prosecution of any actions against the Respondent or the Receiver, or the obtaining of preferences, judgments, writs of attachment or garnishment or other liens; and from the making of any levy or execution against Respondent or any of its property or assets.

34. All Sheriffs and all law enforcement officials of the state shall cooperate with and assist the Receiver in the implementation of this Order.

NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC STAY

35. Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 631.041(1), Florida Statutes, the filing of the Department's initial petition herein operates as an automatic stay applicable to all persons and entities, other than the Receiver, which shall be permanent and survive the entry of this order, and which prohibits:

a. The commencement or continuation of judicial, administrative or other action or proceeding against the insurer or against its assets or any part thereof;

b. The enforcement of judgment against the insurer or an affiliate obtained either before or after the commencement of the delinquency proceeding;

c. Any act to obtain possession of property of the insurer;

d. Any act to create, perfect or enforce a lien against property of the insurer, except a secured claim as defined in Section 631.011(15), Florida Statutes;

e. Any action to collect, assess, or recover a claim against the insurer, except claims as provided for under Chapter 631;

f. The set-off or offset of any debt owing to the insurer except offsets as provided in Section 631.281, Florida Statutes.

36. This Court retains jurisdiction of this cause for the purpose of granting such other and further relief as from time to time shall be deemed appropriate.

ORDERED in Chambers at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida,  
this 29th day of April, 1992.

*L. Ralph Smith Jr.*

L. RALPH SMITH, CIRCUIT JUDGE

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF LEON  
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing  
is a true and correct copy of an instrument recorded  
in the official records of Leon County, Florida.  
WITNESS my hand and seal of office this 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of April, 1992.

PAUL F. HARTSFIELD  
Clerk of Circuit Court

*Paul F. Hartsfield* D.C.