



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Market Conduct Report

of

Life Insurance Company of the Southwest

April 7, 2025

The Market Conduct Division of the Connecticut Insurance Department examined by survey the market conduct practices of Life Insurance Company of the Southwest using a sample period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. The examination survey was limited to Connecticut life, annuity, and accident & health insurance business.

Life Insurance Company of the Southwest has its home office in the State of Texas. By authority granted under §38a-15 of the Connecticut General Statutes, this examination survey was conducted by Market Conduct examiners of the State of Connecticut Insurance Department (the Department) at the Department offices in Hartford, Connecticut.

The purpose of the examination survey was to evaluate the Company's market conduct practices in the State of Connecticut. The examiners reviewed the Company's survey response, which included new business, claims, complaints and underwriting information requested for the examination period.

The Department's findings are as follows:

- Eight (8) producers acting as agent of Respondent without required appointment.

As it relates to the issues listed above, the Company was not in compliance with applicable Connecticut Statutes and Regulations.



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IN THE MATTER OF:
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF THE SOUTHWEST:
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DOCKET MC 25-34

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

It is hereby stipulated and agreed between Life Insurance Company of the Southwest and the State of Connecticut Insurance Department by and through Andrew N. Mais, Insurance Commissioner, to wit:

I

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Market Conduct examination, the Insurance Commissioner alleges the following with respect to Life Insurance Company of the Southwest:

1. Life Insurance Company of the Southwest, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, is domiciled in the State of Texas and is licensed to transact life and health insurance in the State of Connecticut. The NAIC company code number is 65528.
2. From January 15, 2025, through April 7, 2025, the Department conducted an examination of Respondent's market conduct practices in the State of Connecticut covering the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.
3. During the period under examination, Respondent failed to follow established practices and procedures to ensure compliance with statutory requirements, resulting in the instances of:
 - a. Eight (8) producers acting as agent of Respondent without required appointment.
4. The conduct as described above violates §38a-702m of the Connecticut General Statutes, and constitutes cause for the imposition of a fine or other administrative penalty under §38a-2 and §38a-774 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

II

1. WHEREAS, Respondent admits to the allegations contained in paragraphs three and four of Article I of this Stipulation; and
2. WHEREAS, Respondent agrees to undertake a complete review of its practices and procedures to enhance compliance with Connecticut statutes in the areas of concern, as described in the Market Conduct Report and this Stipulation; and
3. WHEREAS, Respondent agrees to provide the Insurance Commissioner with a summary of actions taken to comply with the recommendations in the Market Conduct Report within ninety (90) days of the date of this document; and
4. WHEREAS, Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of \$12,000 for the violations described herein; and
5. WHEREAS, Respondent, being desirous of terminating this proceeding without the necessity of a formal proceeding or further litigation, does consent to the making of this Consent Order and voluntarily waives:
 - a. any right to a hearing; and
 - b. any requirement that the Insurance Commissioner's decision contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law; and
 - c. any and all rights to object to or challenge before the Insurance Commissioner or in any judicial proceeding any aspect, provision or requirement of this Stipulation.

NOW THEREFORE, upon the consent of the parties, it is hereby ordered and adjudged:

1. That the Insurance Commissioner has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this administrative proceeding.
2. That Respondent is fined the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) Dollars for the violations herein above described.

Life Insurance Company of the Southwest

By: Michael Dargatzis
(Representative of Insurance Company)

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned deposes and says that he/she has duly executed this Stipulation and Consent Order on this 8th day of May 2025 for and on behalf of Life Insurance Company of the Southwest, that he/she is the Chief Compliance Officer of such company, and he/she has authority to execute and file such instrument.

By: Michèle Durgworth

State of Vermont

County of Washington

Personally appeared on this 8th day of May 2025 Michèle Durgworth signer and sealer of the foregoing Stipulation and Consent Order, acknowledged same to be his/her free act and deed before me.

[Signature]
Notary Public/Commissioner of the Superior Court



Section Below To Be Completed by State of Connecticut Insurance Department

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 27th day of May 2025.

[Signature]
Andrew N. Mais
Insurance Commissioner