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2024 Executive Summary

During 2024, OSD serviced 17 receivership estates and 6 confidential supervisions for the Director, marshaling and overseeing the distribution of approximately \$164 million to consumers and other estate creditors. OSD also facilitated an additional \$81.7 million in benefits paid to consumers by state insurance guaranty associations for a total of estate and guaranty association distributions to consumers in 2024 of \$245.7 million. OSD's 2024 administrative expenses totaled \$10.049 million, excluding the direct expenses incurred by estates where legacy offices and staff are maintained, for a total distribution to expense ratio of 4.1%. OSD's "all-in" average hourly professional services rate, including payroll, benefits, taxes, rent, insurance, and information technology costs was \$125 per hour. The 2024 distributions brought OSD's consumer distribution total since 2008 to \$3.83 billion.

At the enterprise level, OSD accomplished several important strategic initiatives in furtherance of its corporate mission in 2024. New risk-focused analytic measures were implemented, technology platforms were modernized, ongoing cybersecurity protocols were enhanced, office space was optimized to achieve annual operating cost savings, and new technologies were developed to modernize early access reporting and distribution processes for guaranty associations. Staff training in finance, estate cost allocation, and Risk Based Capital analysis were also completed. Salary-graduated employee healthcare premium contributions were implemented, along with a Flexible Savings Account program for health benefits, and the OSD Employee Handbook was updated.

Readiness and the ability to assume the supervision and management of financially troubled insurers is a critical function for state insurance regulators, as is the ability to reform and improve the financial and consumer-oriented results of troubled insurers, preventing against insolvency and providing consumer protection. The OSD assisted the Director in discharging these responsibilities in 2024 by placing two companies into rehabilitation, one into liquidation, and servicing six companies placed in enhanced supervision. OSD also made final distributions and closed four estates during 2024, including one estate that was re-opened to make a supplemental distribution of newly acquired assets to consumers and creditors.

OSD Background & Mission

Under Article XIII of the Illinois Insurance Code, the Illinois Director of Insurance ("Director") serves as the statutory conservator, rehabilitator, and liquidator of financially impaired and insolvent Illinois domestic insurers, of unauthorized insurers, and as ancillary receiver of certain foreign or alien insurers doing business in the State of Illinois. In accordance with Section 202 of the Insurance Code, Illinois' Office of the Special Deputy Deceiver ("OSD") assists the Director in performing her duties under Article XIII and serves as the statutory employer of receivership personnel.

Achieving consumer protection through receivership resolution expertise and the execution of a resolution strategy appropriate to the unique circumstances of each troubled company or receivership estate is the core mission of the OSD. Since the creation of the office in 1991, OSD has served the Director in administering the resolution of 193 Illinois domestic insurance receivership estates and insurance supervisions of insurers and their affiliates, completing, and closing 174 estates as of December 31, 2024. These assignments have included receiverships and supervisions of the following types of insurance entities:

Property & Casualty Insurers
Group Workers' Comp Pools
Religious & Charitable Risk Pooling
Trusts
Farm Mutual Insurers
Insurance Exchange Syndicate
Unauthorized Insurers
Mutual Holding Companies

Burial Societies
Mortgage Guaranty Insurers
Captive Insurers
Life Insurers
Health Insurers
HMOs
Accident & Health Insurers
Fraternal Benefit Societies

2024 Accomplishments

OSD currently has 42 full-time employees. In addition to OSD staff, through the utilization of OSD's scalable and flexible staffing model, two receivership estates, Triad and Lumbermens, continue to employ legacy personnel in key disciplines who assist the OSD in winding down their former company's operations. In addition to the \$245.7 million in estate and guaranty association distributions to policyholders and creditors paid out during 2024, OSD staff directly handled 9,271 consumer telephone inquiries, registered 1,370 new proofs of claim, distributed 35,546 consumer

notices, reviewed 23,869 policyholder and third-party claims, processed the collection of \$28.3 million in reinsurance cessions, and managed the assets, legal affairs, court proceedings, financial statement and income tax return preparation for all pending receivership estates. OSD also achieved its annual corporate goal of maintaining a chargeability ratio of 75% (percentage of employee time devoted to estate specific tasks) and a utilization ratio of 66% (percentage of total employee hours, including time off, devoted to estate specific tasks), with those metrics reaching 78.5% and 67.8%, respectively.

Quarterly statutory financial reports for all pending receivership estates were prepared and filed with the Supervising Court, published on OSD's website, and prepared for independent audit. Annual financial statements for each estate were also reported to the NAIC's Global Receivership Information Database.

OSD assisted the Director at the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") through participation in the work of the NAIC's Financial Analysis Working Group, Receivership & Insolvency Task Force, Receivership Financial Analysis Working Group, and the Receivership Model Law Working Group.

Excluding confidential conservations and supervisions, the following receivership estates were serviced by the Director during 2024:

- 1. Affirmative Insurance Co., In Liquidation
- 2. American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Co., In Liquidation
- 3. American Motorists Insurance Co., In Liquidation
- 4. American Country Insurance Co., In Liquidation
- 5. American Service Insurance Co., In Liquidation
- 6. Columbian Life Insurance Co., In Rehabilitation
- 7. Gateway Insurance Co., In Liquidation
- 8. Gateway Insurance Co. 2.0, In Rehabilitation
- 9. Illinois Movers & Warehousemen's Risk Mgmt. Group, In Liquidation
- 10. Land of Lincoln Mutual Health Insurance Co., In Liquidation
- 11. Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Co., In Liquidation
- 12. Life Services Network Trust, In Rehabilitation-reopened
- 13. Millers First Insurance Co., In Liquidation
- 14. National Heritage Insurance Co., In Liquidation
- 15. Public Service Insurance Co., In Rehabilitation
- 16. Triad Guaranty Assurance Corp., In Rehabilitation-merged with parent
- 17. Triad Guaranty Insurance Corp., In Rehabilitation

State insurance guaranty associations serve as a vital component of the resolution process for insolvent insurers, providing consumer protection and replacement benefits for certain covered insurance lines. Eight of the receivership estates administered during 2024 triggered guaranty association protection for consumers in Illinois and other states. The OSD effectively coordinated with the guaranty associations in each state, as well as their national organizations, the National Organization of Life & Health Insurance Guaranty Associations, and the National Conference of Insurance Guaranty Funds- where appropriate. OSD completed the preparation and transfer of

electronic policyholder and claim records in the data formats required by the guaranty associations to assure immediate protection to consumers in the 50 states that have been impacted by the liquidations of their former companies. Claim payment and information sharing technology established between the OSD and the guaranty associations is in place in each of the pending liquidations to facilitate accurate financial reporting, reinsurance recovery, guaranty association claim reimbursement, and large deductible collateral need establishment, release, recovery, and reimbursement.

The OSD and the pending receivership estates are subject to an annual statutory audit by an independent outside certified public accountant engaged in the conduct of audits under the State Auditing Act. The Auditor General of the State of Illinois, pursuant to an agreed-upon procedure, further reviews the audit work papers of OSD's outside auditor and approves the audit for adequacy. The OSD and the receivership estates it administered on behalf of the Director were audited in 2024 for the year ending December 31, 2023 by the audit firm of Kerber Eck & Braeckel ("KEB"). Copies of KEB's annual audit report for the OSD as well as each pending receivership estate are posted on the OSD website at www.osdchi.com

A summary of the status of each of the pending receivership estates administered by OSD on behalf of the Director, excluding confidential conservations and supervisions, and additional estate information, including the Receiver's court filings and other pleadings, can be found on OSD's website at: www.osdchi.com.