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## **Insurance Commissioner Issues Fine of over \$5.9 million for Operating Insurance Company Illegally**

Connecticut Insurance Commissioner Thomas R. Sullivan announced today his issuance of an Order for Default Judgment that provides for a \$5.9 million fine against Kevin Kolenda, Hole-in-Won Worldwide and Golf Marketing Worldwide for allegations that Mr. Kolenda has been operating an insurance company in violation of Section 38a-272 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

An investigation produced evidence that Mr. Kolenda, operating under the name Hole-in-One Worldwide and Golf Marketing Worldwide, has been conducting an insurance business in Connecticut by providing hole-in-one insurance and prize coverage for various sporting events as well as providing prize coverage for other advertising promotions.

“Operating an illegal insurance company cannot be tolerated,” said Thomas R. Sullivan, Insurance Commissioner of the State of Connecticut’s Insurance Department.

Commissioner Sullivan issued a Complaint on October 31, 2008 accusing Mr. Kolenda of (1) engaging in the business of insurance without a license; (2) falsely representing that he is authorized to engage in the business of insurance; and (3) engaging in various unfair insurance practices. As of today, Mr. Kolenda has failed to respond to the allegations which prompted the Commissioner to issue the Order for Default Judgment and the \$5.9 million fine.

“Not only does it appear that Mr. Kolenda has been operating an illegal insurance business but he has also failed to respond to any of the allegations in the Department’s Complaint. As a result, Connecticut consumers continue to be scammed by Mr. Kolenda. I’m appealing to all citizens who may have been duped by Mr. Kolenda and his sham organizations, to call my office at (860) 297-3900 if you have any information related to Mr. Kolenda, Hole-in-Won Worldwide and Gold Marketing Worldwide,” said the Commissioner.

Mr. Kolenda has the right to request that the Insurance Commissioner reopen the order within 60 days, upon a showing of good cause or he can also appeal to the courts.

Click on the link to view copy of the [Order for Default Judgment](#), and the [Complaint](#) (Docket No. 08-111).

## **ABOUT THE CONNECTICUT INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

The mission of the Connecticut Insurance Department is to serve consumers in a professional and timely manner by providing assistance and information to the public and to policy makers, by regulating the insurance industry in a fair and efficient manner which promotes a competitive and financially sound insurance market for consumers, and by enforcing the insurance laws to ensure that consumers are treated fairly and are protected from unfair practices. For more information, visit the Connecticut Insurance Department at [www.ct.gov/cid](http://www.ct.gov/cid).

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