

IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

WCC No. 2001-0300

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CASSANDRA SCHMILL

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Petitioner

OFFICE OF
WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE
HELENA, MONTANA

Vs.

LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE CORPORATION

Respondent/Insurer

MONTANA STATE FUND

Intervenor.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF INDIANA)
 :ss.
County of Allen)

¶1 I, Michael J. Allison, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say:

¶2 I, Michael J. Allison, am the Corporate Secretary of Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company (Brotherhood Mutual).

¶3 In my capacity as Corporate Secretary of Brotherhood Mutual, I am authorized to make the statements set forth in this affidavit on behalf of Brotherhood Mutual and to bind Brotherhood Mutual by these statements.

¶4 After a review of our records, I swear under oath that Brotherhood Mutual should be dismissed from the above-entitled action for the following reasons:

- Brotherhood Mutual has never written workers' compensation insurance in the state of Montana;
- Brotherhood Mutual does not have any Montana claims;
- Brotherhood Mutual has no claimants meeting the Court's criteria in this matter set forth in the summons;


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¶5 I understand that the Montana Workers' Compensation Court may allow a period of up to 90 days from the date of filing this affidavit within which Petitioner's counsel may conduct discovery and investigation for the limited purpose of proving or disproving the foregoing statement(s) made by me on behalf of Brotherhood Mutual. After such 90 days, if no objection is lodged by the Petitioner's counsel, the Court will dismiss the insurer/self-insurer from this action based on the sworn statements made by me in this affidavit.

¶6 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is correct.

DATED this 13th day of December, 2005.

Signed: _____



Name: Michael J. Allison

Title: Corporate Secretary

Signed and sworn to before me this 13th day of December, 2005.

Karen S. Miller

Notary Public for the State of Indiana

Residing at: 6922 Wolfsboro Lane, Ft Wayne, IN

My Commission Expires: 12-14-2009

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Michael J. Allison, JD, CPCU
Chief Counsel and Corporate Secretary

December 21, 2005

Workers' Compensation Court
PO BOX 537
Helena, MT 59624-0537

Subject- Affidavits and Request for Dismissal

Dear Workers' Compensation Court

Enclosed are two affidavits, one relating to the case *Schmill v. Liberty Northwest Ins. Co.*, and the other relating to any and all other workers' compensation litigation currently pending in the state of Montana in which our company is named as a defendant.

As affirmed in these two affidavits, Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company has never written a single workers' compensation policy in the state of Montana, and, accordingly, has never owed or paid any claims related to workers' compensation in the state. It is therefore our company's position that Brotherhood Mutual should be promptly dismissed as a defendant in the *Schmill* matter, and in all other workers' compensation-related litigation currently pending in the state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Allison", is written over a horizontal line.

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