

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

MERRIMACK, SS.

SUPERIOR COURT

**BEFORE THE COURT-APPOINTED REFEREE
IN RE THE LIQUIDATION OF THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY
DISPUTED CLAIMS DOCKET**

In Re Liquidator Number: 2008-HICIL-41
Proof of Claim Number: CLMN712396-01
Claimant Name: Harry L. Bowles

LIQUIDATOR'S RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR BIFURCATION

Roger A. Sevigny, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of New Hampshire, as Liquidator ("Liquidator") of The Home Insurance Company ("Home"), hereby responds to the letter from the Claimant Harry L. Bowles to the Liquidation Clerk dated February 23, 2009.

1. In the letter, the Claimant requests bifurcation of the issues of coverage and valuation.
2. While the Liquidator is not opposed to bifurcation in this matter, the Liquidator's view is that the initial question to be addressed is the preclusive effect of earlier judgments in actions by Mr. Bowles against the Bishop law firm, which was the basis for the Liquidator's notice of determination.
3. The Liquidator submits that the sequencing of issues in this matter would be appropriately addressed during a telephonic structuring conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE, SOLELY AS
LIQUIDATOR OF THE HOME
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March 6, 2009

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Liquidator's Response to Request for Bifurcation was sent by first class mail on March 6, 2009 to:

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