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At IAS Part 57 of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at the courthouse located at 60 (eyr); in the City, County and State of New York, on the 6 th day of December, 2020.

PRESENT: A. ENGOVON J.S.C.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

In the Matter of

the Application of

Linda A. Lacewell, Superintendent of Financial Services of the State of New York, for an Order of Appointment as Ancillary Receiver of ORDER OF ANCILLARY RECEIVERSHIP

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## AMERICAN COUNTRY INSURANCE COMPANY.

Linda A. Lacewell, Superintendent of Financial Services of the State of New York ("Superintendent"), having moved this Court by order to show cause for an order appointing the Superintendent and her successors in office as ancillary receiver ("Ancillary Receiver") of American Country Insurance Company ("ACIC"), and upon reading and filing the petition of the Superintendent, duly verified on the 9th day of November, 2020 ("Verified Petition"), the Affidavit of Joan Riddell, Deputy Chief Insurance Examiner, Property Bureau, New York State Department of Financial Services, sworn to on the 22nd day of October, 2020, and the exhibits annexed thereto, this Court finds that:

1. ACIC is an Illinois-based property and casualty insurance company wholly owned by American Service Insurance Company; which, in turn, is wholly owned by American Insurance

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Acquisition Inc., a Delaware corporation; which, in turn, is wholly owned by Atlas Financial Holdings, Inc., a Cayman Island corporation;

- 2. By order dated August 11, 2020, the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division issued an Agreed Order of Liquidation finding ACIC to be insolvent ("Liquidation Order") and appointing Robert H. Muriel, Director of the Illinois Department of Insurance, Liquidator ("Illinois Liquidator") of ACIC;
  - 3. ACIC is subject to Article 74 of the New York Insurance Law ("Insurance Law");
  - 4. Illinois is a reciprocal state within the meaning of Insurance Law § 7408(b)(6);
- 5. The Illinois Liquidator requested that the Superintendent commence an ancillary receivership proceeding for ACIC; and
- 6. Insurance Law § 7410(a) mandates that the Superintendent be appointed Ancillary Receiver of ACIC.

NOW, on the motion of the Honorable Letitia James, Attorney General of the State of New York, it is hereby

## ORDERED as follows:

- The relief requested in the Verified Petition seeking an order of ancillary 1. receivership ("Order") is granted in its entirety;
- The Superintendent and her successors in office is appointed Ancillary Receiver of 2. ACIC and is vested with all rights and obligations granted to and imposed upon her pursuant to Article 74 of the Insurance Law;
- 3. The material provisions of the Liquidation Order, including, but not limited to, the injunctions, restrictions, and directions contained in paragraph 7 apply to this ancillary receivership proceeding;
- All persons are permanently enjoined and restrained from commencing or 4. prosecuting any actions, lawsuits, or proceedings against ACIC in ancillary receivership, the Superintendent as Ancillary Receiver of ACIC or as administrator of the New York security funds, the New York Liquidation Bureau, and their

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employees, attorneys, or agents, with respect to this proceeding or in the discharge of their duties;

- 5. All parties to actions, lawsuits, and special or other proceedings in the State of New York against insureds of ACIC or in which ACIC is obligated to defend an insured or provide a defense to a party pursuant to an insurance policy, are enjoined and restrained from obtaining any judgment or proceeding with any discovery, court proceedings, or other litigation tasks or procedures, including, but not limited to, conferences, trials, applications for judgment, or proceedings on settlement or judgment, for a period of 180 days from the date this Order is signed;
- 6. All persons who have first party policyholder loss claims against ACIC in the State of New York are enjoined and restrained from presenting and filing claims with the Ancillary Receiver for a period of 90 days from the date this Order is signed;
- 7. Judicial immunity is extended to the Superintendent in her capacities as Ancillary Receiver of ACIC and as administrator of the New York security funds, her successors in office, the New York Liquidation Bureau, and their agents and employees, for any cause of action of any nature against them, individually or jointly, for any act or omission when acting in good faith, in accordance with the orders of this Court, or in the performance of their duties pursuant to Insurance Law Articles 74 and 76 and Article 6A of the New York Workers' Compensation Law;
- 8. The Ancillary Receiver shall serve a copy of this Order on the Illinois Liquidator by overnight delivery to the Office of the Special Deputy Receiver, representing Robert H. Muriel, Director of the Illinois Department of Insurance in his capacity as Domestic Receiver of American Country Insurance Company at 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 960, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Att'n.: J. Kevin Baldwin;
- 9. The Ancillary Receiver shall provide notice of this Order to all creditors, claimants, and interested persons located in the State of New York by posting the Order on the Internet web page maintained by the New York Liquidation Bureau at http://www.nylb.org within 15 days after the entry of this Order;
- 10. ACIC's license to do business in the State of New York is hereby revoked;

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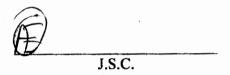
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All further papers in this proceeding shall bear the above amended caption.



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