

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ANCILLARY RECEIVERSHIP OF
AMWEST SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY
Supreme Court County of New York
Index No.: 404966/01**

NOTICE

Pursuant to an order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York (“Court”), entered October 29, 2001 (“Order”), the then-Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York and his successors in office were appointed as ancillary receiver (“Ancillary Receiver”) of Amwest Surety Insurance Company (“Amwest”) and, as such, has been directed to take possession of Amwest’s property located in the State of New York pursuant to Article 74 of the New York Insurance Law (“Insurance Law”), deal with Amwest’s property and business, take and preserve all other assets and claims comprising Amwest’s property and protect the same for the benefit of Amwest’s creditors, policyholders and other interested parties located in the State of New York. The Superintendent of Financial Services of the State of New York has now succeeded the Superintendent of Insurance as Ancillary Receiver of Amwest. The Ancillary Receiver has, pursuant to Article 74 of the Insurance Law, appointed Michael J. Casey, Acting Special Deputy Superintendent (“Acting Special Deputy”), as his agent for the ancillary receivership of Amwest. The Acting Special Deputy carries out his duties through the New York Liquidation Bureau, 110 William Street, New York, New York 10038. The Ancillary Receiver has submitted to the Court a verified petition (“Verified Petition”) seeking an order: (i) approving the Ancillary Receiver’s report (“Report”) on the status of, and request to close, Amwest’s ancillary receivership proceeding (“Ancillary Receivership”) and the financial transactions delineated therein; (ii) authorizing the continued payment of administrative expenses, including such expenses pertaining to the closing of the Ancillary Receivership; (iii) terminating and closing the Ancillary Receivership; (iv) releasing and discharging the Ancillary Receiver, his predecessors and successors in office, and their agents, attorneys and employees, from any and all liability arising from their acts or omissions in connection with the Ancillary Receivership; (v) authorizing the New York Liquidation Bureau to receive and disburse to the New York Property/Casualty Insurance Security Fund (the “P/C Fund”) any future distributions from the Insurance Director of the State of Nebraska as domiciliary receiver (“Liquidator”) of Amwest in payment of amounts owed to the P/C Fund without further application to this Court and after deducting all administrative expenses in connection with such disbursements; (vi) authorizing and directing the Ancillary Receiver, in his discretion, to destroy or dispose of any and all of the books, files, records and other property of Amwest in his possession, including transferring them to the Liquidator, upon termination of the Ancillary Receivership without further order of this Court; and (vii) providing for such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate and just.

A hearing is scheduled on the Verified Petition on the 7th day of February, 2014, before the Court at Part 40B on submission, (the Part is currently located at the Courthouse at 111 Centre Street in the City, County and State of New York but may be relocated as of January 2014). If you wish to object to the Verified Petition, you must serve a written statement setting forth your objections and all supporting documentation upon the Ancillary Receiver and Clerk of the Court, at least 7 days prior to the hearing.

Service on the Ancillary Receiver shall be made by first class mail at the following address:

Superintendent of Financial Services of the State of New York as
Ancillary Receiver of Amwest Surety Insurance Company
Attention: General Counsel
110 William Street
New York, New York 10038

The Verified Petition and Report are available for inspection at the above address. In the event of any discrepancy between this notice and the documents submitted to Court, the documents control.

Requests for further information should be directed to the New York Liquidation Bureau, Creditor and Ancillary Operations at (212) 341-6589.

Dated: December 12, 2013

BENJAMIN M. LAWSKY
Superintendent of Financial Services of the
State of New York as Ancillary Receiver
of Amwest Surety Insurance Company