



COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

March 20, 1992

Ruling Letter N-L-I-03-49-92

TO ALL INSURERS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT LIFE INSURANCE

RE: Manner of payment of life
insurance policies

Due to the confusion caused by Ruling Letter N-L-I-02-47-92 and the conflict of that letter with the provisions of the Estate and Donations Act, said ruling letter is hereby set aside.

Notwithstanding the above, and consistent with the Supreme Court ruling in *Julia Fernández, et. al. v. Ponce Federal*, 91 J.T.S. 51, (June 10, 1991), life insurers shall pay the benefits owed under the respective policies to the designated beneficiaries. Except in cases where there is no designated beneficiary, the insurer shall not require the beneficiaries prior to the initial payment to provide a resolution on the statement of heirship, or a will, or any analogous document. To proceed in such manner will be considered an illegal practice in the disposition of the claim, with the corresponding penalties.

The amounts to be paid shall be disbursed according to and in compliance with the provisions of Section 436 of the Estate and Gifts Act, 13 L.P.R.A. 5436(a)(4), until further notice by this Office, if any, of by any other competent authority.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

Ralph J. Rexach-Chandri
Commissioner of Insurance