STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Division of Financial Institutions Consumer Finance

) Case No. M2008-691
)
) <u>DIVISION ORDER</u>
) Denial of Loan Officer License Renewal
) &
) Notice of Appellate Rights

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Commerce, by and through the Superintendent of the Division of Financial Institutions ("Division") and charged with the responsibility of administering and enforcing the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act, as codified in Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Chapter 1322, the Division finds that this Order is necessary and appropriate, in the interest of the public, and is consistent with the purposes of the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Lalich ("Respondent") applied to the Division for renewal of his loan officer license pursuant to R.C. Chapter 1322; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2009, the Division issued Respondent a Notice which informed him that the Division had conducted an investigation of Respondent and, as a result thereof, alleged that:

- 1. Respondent failed to satisfy a civil judgment entered against him;
- 2. Because Respondent failed to satisfy a civil judgment entered against him, his character and general fitness do not commend the confidence of the public and warrant the belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly in compliance with the purposes of the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act; and
- 3. Because Respondent did not meet the conditions for renewal outlined in R.C. 1322.041(A)(6) and (B)(2), the Division is authorized to refuse to renew Respondent's loan officer license.

WHEREAS, the Notice informed Respondent of the Division's intent to deny Respondent's loan officer license renewal application and of the opportunity for a hearing regarding the denial if requested within thirty days from the mailing of the Notice. The Notice further cautioned Respondent that "[i]f the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions d[id] not receive a written request for a hearing in its offices within thirty (30) days of the time of the mailing of th[e] Notice, the Superintendent w[ould] issue an order denying the application for renewal of Respondent's a loan officer license[;]"

WHEREAS, the Notice was mailed to Respondent, via certified mail, on February 20, 2009, and service was perfected;

WHEREAS, Respondent failed to request a hearing and thereby failed to defend against the Division's allegations;

WHEREAS, the Division finds that the allegations contained in the Notice are true and that Respondent 's loan officer renewal application should be denied;

Respondent, Melvin Lalich's loan officer license renewal application is hereby DENIED.

It is so ordered.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Respondent is hereby notified that this Order may be appealed, pursuant to R.C. 119.12, by filing a notice of appeal with the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions, setting forth the Order appealed from and the grounds for the appeal. A copy of such notice of appeal must also be filed with the court of common pleas of the county in which the place of business of the Respondent is located, or the county in which the Respondent is a resident. A notice of appeal must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the date of mailing of this Order.

Signed and sealed this 3rd day of April, 2009.

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Deputy Superintendent for Consumer Finance Division of Financial Institutions Ohio Department of Commerce