

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

In the matter of:)	Case No. 05-0213-LOD
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CHARLENE BROUGHTON)	Notice of Intent to Deny Loan Officer License Renewal
1753 Hillview)	&
Cleveland, Ohio 44112)	Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing
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JURISDICTION

The Ohio Department of Commerce, by and through the Superintendent of the Division of Financial Institutions ("Division"), is charged with the responsibility of administering and enforcing the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act, codified in Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Chapter 1322 and the rules adopted thereunder.

RESPONDENT

CHARLENE BROUGHTON ("Respondent") is an individual that held a loan officer license issued by the Division to originate residential mortgage loans pursuant to R.C. Chapter 1322. Respondent's loan officer license expired on April 30, 2005, and Respondent filed an application to renew her license; that renewal application remains pending. Respondent's employer of record is Empire Equity Group, Inc. dba 1st Metropolitan Mortgage, 25 Philips Parkway, Montvale, New Jersey, 07645.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

In accordance with sections 1322.041 and 1322.10 of the R.C., and R.C. Chapter 119, the Division intends to DENY Respondent's renewal application for a loan officer license.

BASIS FOR PROPOSED ACTION

The Division has conducted an investigation of Respondent, pursuant to R.C. 1322.031(B), and has found the following:

- A. In order for the Division to renew Respondent's loan officer license, the Division must find pursuant to 1322.041(B)(2) that Respondent "has completed, during the immediately preceding calendar year, at least six hours of continuing education as required under section 1322.052 of the Revised Code."
- B. Respondent failed to comply with R.C. 1322.052 by not completing at least six hours of continuing education during the 2004 calendar year.
- C. As a result of Respondent's failure to meet the condition for renewal as outlined in 1322.041(B)(2), the Division, under the authority granted it in R.C. 1322.10(A)(1)(a) and in the Division's compliance with 1322.041(B)(2), refuses to renew Respondent's loan officer license.

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING ON PROPOSED ACTION

Therefore, pursuant to R.C. Chapters 1322 and 119, Respondent is hereby notified that thirty-one (31) days from the date of the mailing of this Notice, the Superintendent intends to issue an order denying the application for renewal of Respondent's loan officer license.

Respondent is further notified, pursuant to R.C. Chapter 119, that Respondent is entitled to a hearing on this matter. If Respondent desires to request a hearing, the request must be made in writing, and must be received in the offices of the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions within thirty (30) days of the time of the mailing of this Notice. Hearing requests should be addressed: Ohio Division of Financial Institutions, Attn: Mark L. Rhea—Consumer Finance Staff Attorney, 77 South High Street, 21st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6120.

At the hearing, Respondent may appear in person, by Respondent's attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before the Agency, or Respondent may present its position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and, at the hearing, may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for and against Respondent.

If the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions does not receive a written request for a hearing in its offices within thirty (30) days of the time of the mailing of this Notice, the Superintendent will issue an order denying Respondent's loan officer license.

Signed and sealed this 21st day of December 2005.

ROBERT M. GRIESER

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