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

In the matter of:	)	Case No. M2008-549
BRYAN M. KELLER 9959 Winton Road	)	Notice of Intent to Deny Loan Officer License Application
Cincinnati, OH 45231	)	Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing
	)	

# **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. In accordance therewith, the Division is accountable for the licensing of individuals as residential mortgage loan officers.

## **RESPONDENT**

**BRYAN M. KELLER** ("Respondent") has applied to the Division for a loan officer license. His address of record is 9959 Winton Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231 and his date of birth is March 3, 1977. Respondent's employer of record is American Equity Mortgage, Inc. 11933 Westline Industrial Drive, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63146.

#### **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 loan officer license application.

### **BASIS FOR PROPOSED ACTION**

The Division has conducted an investigation of Respondent pursuant to R.C. 1322.031(B) and 1322.10(B) and found the following:

- In or around 2003, in the Municipal Court, Hamilton County, Ohio, before Judge Kim Wilson Burke, in Case No. C03-CRA-2559, Respondent pleaded guilty to and was convicted of one count of Attempted Illegal Processing of Drug Documents, a first degree misdemeanor; and
- 2. In or around 2007, in the Circuit Court, Kenton County, Kentucky, before Judge Martin Sheehan, in Case No. 07-F-00052, Respondent pleaded guilty to and was convicted of one count of Disorderly Conduct, a class B misdemeanor.

As a result of these findings, the Division has determined that Respondent's character and general fitness do not command 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. See R.C. 1322.041(A)(6).

# 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 Respondent a loan officer license under the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act.

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: Jacqueline Mallett, Consumer Finance Attorney Examiner, 77 South High Street, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 a loan officer license.

Signed and sealed this 25th day of November 2008.

LEIGH A. WILLIS

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