

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

In the matter of:)	Case No. 04-0024-MBD
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THE JONES GROUP, LLC.)	<u>DIVISION ORDER</u>
2012 W. 125 th Street, Suite 413)	
Cleveland, Ohio 44113)	Remand for New Hearing
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DIVISION ORDER

On April 30, 2004, The Jones Group, LLC., ("Respondent") submitted its 2004 mortgage broker certificate of registration renewal application to the Division of Financial Institutions ("Division"). On December 7, 2004, the Division issued Respondent a notice of the Division's intent to deny Respondent's application, and notified Respondent of its right to a hearing on the matter. Respondent requested a hearing, and pursuant thereto, an administrative hearing was held in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 on April 12, 2005.

The hearing officer filed his written report and recommendation with the Division on May 23, 2005, recommending that the Division deny Respondent's application. A copy of the report and recommendation and a letter explaining Respondent's right to submit written objections to the report was served Respondent. Subsequent to the Respondent's receipt of the report and recommendation, Respondent acquired the services of an attorney who filed objections, which have been considered.

Upon consideration of the hearing officer's report and recommendation and Respondent's objections thereto, the Division sustains the Respondent's fourth objection on the grounds that a limited liability company is not permitted to be represented by a non-attorney at a hearing. As a result, this matter is remanded for a new hearing in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Said hearing will be scheduled separately from this order. As the Division has not issued an adjudication order as described in Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, this is not an appealable order under R.C. 119.12.

It is so ordered.

Signed and sealed this 13th day of March 2006.

ROBERT M. GRIESER

Deputy Superintendent for Consumer Finance
Division of Financial Institutions
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