

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

In the matter of:

LINDA D. SPEAR

3612 Eaton Lane

Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

) Case No. M2007-219

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) **DIVISION ORDER**

) **Denial of Loan Officer License Application**

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) **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, Linda D. Spear ("Respondent") applied to the Division for a loan officer license pursuant to R.C. Chapter 1322; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2009, the Division issued Respondent a Notice which informed her that the Division had conducted an investigation of Respondent and, as a result thereof, alleged that:

1. Respondent has not proven that Respondent is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, and that there is no basis in fact to believe that Respondent would not commit another criminal offense involving passing bad checks or any criminal offense involving money or securities. See R.C. 1322.031(A)(2) and 1322.041(A)(3) as in effect February 21, 2006;
2. Respondent violated R.C. 1322.02(A)(1), R.C. 1322.02(A)(2), and R.C. 1322.07(C); and
3. 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, as required by R.C. 1322.041(A)(5).

WHEREAS, the Notice informed Respondent of the Division's intent to deny Respondent's loan officer license 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 Respondent a loan officer license[;]"

WHEREAS, the Notice was mailed to Respondent, via certified mail, on April 8, 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 should be denied a license to act as a loan officer;

Respondent, Linda D. Spear's loan officer license 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 14th day of May 2009.

LEIGH A. WILLIS

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