

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

In the matter of:)	Case No. 05-0115-LOD
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DARLENE M. SLEDGE)	Notice of Intent to Deny Loan Officer License Application
219 East Overlook Drive)	&
Eastlake, Ohio 44095)	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. In accordance therewith, the Division is accountable for the licensing of individuals as residential mortgage loan officers.

RESPONDENT

DARLENE M. SLEDGE ("Respondent") has applied to the Division for a loan officer license. Her address of record is 219 East Overlook Drive, Eastlake, Ohio 44095, and her date of birth is December 21, 1964. Respondent's employer of record is TransOhio Mortgage, 1419 East 40, Cleveland, Ohio 44103.

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 has found the following:

- A. In or around 1997, in the United States District Court of the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Respondent pleaded guilty to and was convicted of CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE AND POSSESS WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE AND/OR COCAINE BASE.

As a result of the findings listed above, the Division has determined that:

1. Respondent has not proven that since her convictions listed above in Paragraph A, her activities and employment record show that she is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, and that there is no basis in fact for believing that she will not commit another criminal offense involving Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine and/or Cocaine Base or any criminal offense involving money or securities. See R.C. sections 1322.031(A)(2) and 1322.041(A)(3).
2. Respondent's actions, as listed above in Paragraph A, show her 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)(5).

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: 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 a loan officer license.

Signed and sealed this 30th day of June 2005.

ROBERT M. GRIESER

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

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