

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

In the matter of:	)	Case No. 05-0156-LOD
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<b>ERIC F. KEITA</b>	)	<b>DIVISION ORDER</b>
1278 West 9 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite P12	)	
Cleveland, Ohio 44113	)	<b>Denial of Loan Officer License Application</b>
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WHEREAS, 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, as amended by Ohio Senate Bill 76 and 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, on March 11, 2005, ERIC F. KEITA ("Respondent") applied to the Division for a loan officer license pursuant to R.C. Chapter 1322; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2005, the Division issued Respondent a Notice which informed him that the Division had conducted an investigation of Respondent and, as a result thereof, alleged that:

1. In September 2004, the Division found that Respondent's character and general fitness did 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.
2. In September 2004, the Division found that Respondent acted as a loan officer after his loan officer license had been cancelled by operation of law.
3. In September 2004, the Division found that Respondent violated R.C. § 1322.07(C), which prohibits a loan officer applicant from "[e]ngag[ing] in conduct that constitutes improper, fraudulent, or dishonest dealings."
4. Respondent failed to complete at least six (6) hours of approved continuing education as required by R.C. § 1322.052 for the 2002 calendar year.
5. Respondent failed to complete at least six (6) hours of approved continuing education as required by R.C. § 1322.052 for the 2003 calendar year.
6. As a result of the above listed findings, the Division determined Respondent's actions show his 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).
7. Because Respondent twice-failed to comply with R.C. § 1322.052, the Division has the authority to refuse to issue Respondent a new loan officer license.

WHEREAS, the Notice informed Respondent of the Division's intent to deny his 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 Division obtained service on Respondent and Respondent failed to request a hearing by the statutory deadline 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;

The March 11, 2005 loan officer license application of Respondent, ERIC F. KEITA, is hereby denied.

#### **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 October 2005.

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**ROBERT M. GRIESER**  
Deputy Superintendent for Consumer Finance  
Division of Financial Institutions  
Ohio Department of Commerce