

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)	<u>DIVISION ORDER</u>
219 East Overlook Drive)	Denial of Loan Officer License Application
Eastlake, Ohio 44095)	&
)	Notice of Appellate Rights
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Respondent, Darlene M. Sledge ("Respondent"), submitted a loan officer license application to the Division of Financial Institutions ("Division") on March 4, 2004. On June 30, 2005, the Division notified Respondent that it intended to deny her loan officer license application ("Application") because: (1) in or around 1997, in the United States District, Northern District of Ohio, Respondent was convicted of Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine and/or Cocaine Base; (2) pursuant to R.C. 1322.031(A)(2) and 1322.041(A)(3), Respondent has not proven that she is honest, truthful, and of good reputation, and there is no basis in fact for believing that she will not commit another criminal offense involving drug trafficking or any criminal offense involving money or securities; and (3) because 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 R.C. 1322.01 to 1322.12 – the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act.

Respondent requested an administrative hearing, which was held on September 8, 2005. A Report and Recommendation ("Report") was filed with the Division on March 8, 2006, recommending that the Division deny Respondent's Application. No objections were filed.

In accordance with R.C. 119.09, the Division has considered the record, consisting of the Report and Recommendation, the transcript of testimony and exhibits, as well as all applicable

laws. (The Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation is attached). Following its review of the record, the Division hereby adopts the hearing officer's recommendation and denies the loan officer license application of Darlene M. Sledge.

It is so ordered.

NOTICE OF APPELLATE RIGHTS

Respondent is hereby notified that pursuant to R.C. 119.12, this Order may be appealed 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, pursuant to R.C. 119.12, 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 7th day of February 2007.

RICHARD F. KECK

Acting Deputy Superintendent for Consumer Finance
Division of Financial Institutions
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