In re the Matter of:

State of New Hampshire Banking Department,

Petitioner,

and

Order to Show Cause and
Cease and Desist

K2 Capital Management Inc. (a/k/a K2 Capital

Management Inc, d/b/a US Mortgage Bailout, d/b/a

K2 Home Loans and d/b/a usmortgagebailout.com),

Respondents

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## NOTICE OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND CEASE AND DESIST ("ORDER")

- 1. This Order commences an adjudicative proceeding under the provisions of RSA Chapter 397-A (including RSA 397-A:17,I and II, RSA 397-A:18,I and II, and RSA 397-A:20,IV) and RSA Chapter 541-A.
- 2. The Commissioner may impose administrative penalties of up to \$2,500.00 for each violation. RSA 397-A:21,IV and V.

#### RESPONDENTS

3. K2 Capital Management Inc. (a/k/a K2 Capital Management Inc, d/b/a US Mortgage Bailout, d/b/a K2 Home Loans, and d/b/a usmortgagebailout.com) ("Respondent K2") is a corporation that registered with the California Secretary of State on February 6, 2009 with a principal office location in La Jolla, California. The State of California Department of Real Estate ("Department of Real Estate") records show that Respondent K2 is a licensed real estate company who currently has no business address but did have the principal office location in La Jolla, California. The Department of Real Estate records indicate Respondent K2 had the d/b/as of K2 Home Loans, US

Mortgage Bailout, and usmortgagebailout.com. Respondent K2 (by any of the names above) is not registered with the New Hampshire Secretary of State.

Respondent K2 is a "Person." RSA 397-A:1,XVIII.

- 4. The Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System & Registry ("NMLS") does not indicate that Respondent K2 (by any of the names above) has ever held a license as a mortgage broker. The New Hampshire Banking Department's ("Department") records do not indicate that Respondent K2 (by any of the names above) has ever held a New Hampshire Mortgage Broker license. The website of usmortgagebailout.com, however, offered loan modification services.
- 5. Lauren Kerr Layton ("Respondent Layton") is listed with the Department of Real Estate as the designated officer of Respondent K2. Respondent Layton is an active real estate broker with the Department of Real Estate with current d/b/as of 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Home Loan and First Choice Home Loans. The Department of Real Estate lists Respondent Layton as being affiliated with a number of mortgage entities, including Respondent K2 (officer cancelled as of September 2, 2010). Respondent Layton is a Control person (RSA 397-A:1,VI-a), and a Person (RSA 397-A:1,XVIII).
- 6. NMLS records indicate that Respondent Layton was never a licensed New Hampshire Mortgage Loan Originator or Mortgage Broker. NMLS records indicate Respondent Layton has been a self-employed licensed California Real Estate Broker since November 10, 2010 with a trade name of First Choice Home Loan in Corona del Mar, California. Respondent Layton also has a separate California Real Estate Broker license for herself as an individual. The New

- Hampshire Banking Department's ("Department") records do not indicate that
  Respondent Layton has ever held a New Hampshire Mortgage Loan Originator or
  New Hampshire Mortgage Broker license.
  - 7. The above-named Respondents are hereinafter collectively known as "Respondents".

# RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

- 8. Respondents have a right to request a hearing on this Order. A hearing shall be held not later than ten (10) days after the Commissioner receives the Respondent's written request for a hearing. Respondents may request a hearing and waive the ten (10) day hearing requirement. The hearing shall comply with RSA Chapter 541-A. RSA 397-A:17 and RSA 397-A:18.
- 9. If any person fails to request a hearing within thirty (30) days of receiving this Order, then such person shall be deemed in default, and the Order shall, on the thirty-first (31st) day, become permanent, all allegations may be deemed true, and shall remain in full force and effect until modified or vacated by the Commissioner for good cause shown. RSA 397-A:17,I and RSA 397-A:18.
- 18 | 10. A default may result in administrative fines as described in Paragraph
  19 | 2 above.

## STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

- 21 | 11. On or about October 28, 2009, the Department received a hotline call
  22 | from a New Hampshire consumer ("Consumer A") against Respondents concerning
  23 | residential mortgage loan modification services.
  - 12. In October of 2009, Respondents attempted to contract with Consumer A to modify Consumer A's mortgage loan without a New Hampshire mortgage broker

- 1 license, in violation of RSA 397-A:3, I. Respondents attempted to collect an advance fee of \$2,000.00 from 2 Consumer A. 3 On April 15, 2010, the Department received a hotline call from a New 4 5 Hampshire consumer ("Consumer B") against Respondents concerning residential 6 mortgage loan modification services. 7 In November of 2010, Respondents contracted with Consumer B to modify Consumer B's mortgage loan without a New Hampshire mortgage broker license, 8 in violation of RSA 397-A:3,I. 9 10 Respondents collected an advance fee of \$2,900.00 from Consumer B, in violation of RSA 397-A:14, IV(m). 11 Respondents failed to provide a residential mortgage loan modification 12 13 to Consumer B, in violation of RSA 397-A:14, IV(b). On September 17, 2010, the Department sent a letter via U.S. Certified 14 Mail return receipt requested to Respondents suggesting Respondents apply 15 for licensure with the Department and requesting documentation from the 16 17 Respondent. The letter was returned to the Department on October 15, 2010, 18 as "unclaimed; return to sender; unable to forward." 19 To date, Respondents have not provided the Department with the requested documents in violation of RSA 397-A:12, I. 20 21 /s/ November 15, 2011 Maryam Torben Desfosses Date 22 Hearings Examiner 23 ORDER 20. I hereby find as follows: 2.4
  - a. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,I, the facts as alleged above, if true,

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- b. Pursuant to 397-A:20,VI, this Order is necessary and appropriate to the public interest and for the protection of consumers and consistent with the purpose and intent of New Hampshire banking laws;
- c. The Department finds pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,II and RSA 397-A:18,II, reasonable cause to issue an order to cease and desist; and
- d. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,I and RSA 397-A:18,II, if any Respondent fails to respond to this Order and/or defaults then all facts as alleged herein are deemed as true.

### 21. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- a. Respondents shall cease and desist from violating RSA Chapter 397-A and rules or orders thereunder;
- b. Respondents shall immediately provide the Department a list of all New Hampshire consumers for whom Respondents have residential mortgage loan modification activity and a status of those accounts. This list must include the names and contact information of the New Hampshire consumers, along with monies charged, collected and waived (if applicable). The list shall also be accompanied by all contracts, checks to and from the consumer and any other documents in the New Hampshire consumers' files;
- c. Respondents shall show cause why the Commissioner should not enter an order of rescission, restitution, or disgorgement of profits in the amount of at least \$2,900.00 (for Consumer B);
- d. Respondents shall show cause why an administrative fine of up to a maximum of \$2,500.00 per violation(as stated in Counts below) should not

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be imposed as follows:
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                (1). Respondent K2:
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                     #1: Unlicensed mortgage broker activity (RSA 397-A:3,I) -
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                     2 Counts;
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                     #2: Failure to provide documents (RSA 397-A:12,I) - 1
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                     #3: Failure to provide a residential mortgage
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                     modification (RSA 397-A:14,IV(b)) - 1 Count;
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                     #4: Collecting an Advance Fee (RSA 397-A:14, IV(m)) - 1
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                     Count;
                (2). Respondent Layton (as Control Person, Direct Owner and
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                     Principal):
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                     #1: Unlicensed mortgage broker activity (RSA 397-A:3,I) -
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                     2 Counts;
                     #2: Failure to provide documents (RSA 397-A:12,I) - 1
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                     modification (RSA 397-A:14,IV(b)) - 1 Count;
                     #4: Collecting an Advance Fee (RSA 397-A:14,IV(m)) - 1
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               Nothing in this Order:
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                (1). shall prevent the Department from taking any further
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    administrative and legal action as necessary under New Hampshire law; and
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                (2). shall prevent the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney
    General from bringing an action against the above named Respondents in any
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