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In re the Matter of: ) Case No.: 07-054 State of New Hampshire Banking) Order to Show Cause Department, Petitioner, and Mortgage LLC, Joseph Davey,) Karen Dion ) Respondent

NOTICE OF ORDER

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This Order commences an adjudicative proceeding under the provisions of RSA 397-A, RSA 541-A, and BAN 200 et seq.

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## LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

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suspend, revoke or deny any license and to impose administrative penalties of up to \$2,500.00 for each violation of New Hampshire banking law and rules.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:21, the Commissioner has the authority to

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Pursuant to RSA 397-A:21, every person who directly or indirectly controls a person liable under this section, every partner, principal executive officer or director of such person, every person occupying a similar status or performing a similar function, every employee of such person who materially aids in the act constituting the violation, and every licensee or person acting as a common law agent who materially aids in the acts constituting the violation, either knowingly or negligently, may, upon notice and opportunity for hearing, and in addition to any other penalty provided for by law, be subject to suspension, revocation, or denial of any registration or license, including the forfeiture of any application fee, or the imposition of an

administrative fine not to exceed \$2,500, or both.

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Pursuant to RSA 383:10-d, the Commissioner shall have exclusive authority and jurisdiction to investigate conduct that is or may be an unfair or deceptive act or practice under RSA 358-A and exempt under RSA 358-A:3, I or that may violate any of the provisions of Titles XXXV and XXXVI and administrative rules adopted thereunder. The Commissioner may hold hearings relative to such conduct and may order restitution for a person or persons adversely affected by such conduct.

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

The above named respondents have the right to request a hearing on this Order to Show Cause, as well as the right to be represented by counsel. A hearing shall be held not later than 10 days after the request for such hearing is received by the commissioner. Any such request for a hearing shall be in writing, and signed by the respondent(s) or by the duly authorized agent of the above named respondent(s), and shall be delivered either by hand or certified mail, return receipt request, to the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire, 64B Old Suncook Road, Concord, NH 03301.

If respondents fail to request a hearing or respond to the show cause order within 30 calendar days of receipt of this order, respondent shall be deemed in default, and the penalties requested will be imposed.

#### STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The allegations contained in the <u>Staff Petition for Relief</u> dated April 4, 2007 (a copy of which is attached hereto) are incorporated by reference hereto.

### ORDER

WHEREAS, finding it necessary and appropriate and in the public interest, and consistent with the intent and purposes of the New Hampshire banking laws, and

1	WHEREAS,	finding that the allegations contained in the Staff Petition,
2	if proved true	and correct, form the legal basis of the relief requested,
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4	It is hereby OF	RDERED, that:
5	1.	Respondent Team Mortgage LLC shall show cause why penalties in
6		the amount of \$335,000.00 should not be imposed; and
7	2.	Respondent Joseph Davey shall show cause why penalties in the
8	3	amount of \$335,000.00 should not be imposed; and Respondent Karen Dion shall show cause why penalties in the
9	3.	amount of \$335,000.00 should not be imposed; and
10	4.	Respondent Team Mortgage shall show cause why its license
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14		PETER C. HILDRETH BANK COMMISSIONER
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### State of New Hampshire Banking Department

### STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

I. The staff of the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire (hereinafter referred to as the "Department") alleges the following facts:

#### FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 1. Team Mortgage LLC (hereinafter "Respondent Team" or "Team" or "licensee") is a mortgage broker licensed by the Department.
- 2. During all times relevant to this petition they were so licensed and thus subject to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner.
- Respondent Joseph Davey (hereinafter "Respondent Davey" or "Davey") is the owner of Team.
- 4. Respondent Team has a currently licensed principal office and a currently licensed branch office both in Plaistow, NH.
- 5. Respondent Karen Dion (hereinafter "Respondent Dion" or "Dion") is, or was at all relevant times, the branch manager of the licensed branch office and at all times an agent of licensee and subordinate to Davey.

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- 6. Respondent had an unlicensed branch at 163 Amherst St. Nashua, NH. (See Cease and Desist Order 06-275; Resolved through Consent Order December 11, 2006.)
- 7. Respondent Team was recently the subject of an examination the report of which was received by the licensee on January 27, 2007.

# ILLEGAL CO-BROKERING (66 Counts)

- 8. Paragraphs 1-7 are hereby realleged as if fully set forth herein.
- 9. In the aforementioned Cease and Desist Order Respondent Team was charged with originating 6 loans from that location.
- 10. It is now known to the Department that 21 loans were originated from that location.
- 11. As a result of the aforementioned consent order no further charges for co-brokering loans at that location have been made.
- 12. The licensee also accepted 66 loans brokered by Coastal Mortgage Group (CMG). At the time CMG was not licensed by the Department.
- 13. CMG is currently a licensed mortgage broker owned by Hajmil Carr and
  Eric Gundberg. At the time of brokering the 66 loans referenced above,
  CMG was licensed by the State of Maine to broker loans and had the same
  owners.
- 14. Upon information and belief Hajmill Carr and Eric Gundberg acted as originators for CMG in the state of Maine.
- 15. The Department possesses documentary evidence that several of CMG's originators originated Massachusetts loans but that each such loan was assigned to Hajmill Carr or Eric Gundberg.
- 16. Respondent Dion knew CMG originators other than Hajmill Carr and Eric Gundberg were submitting loans in Massachusetts under those names.
- 17. Upon information and belief the same activity took place in relation to New Hampshire loans.
- 18. Respondents knew or should have known that CMG was unlicensed.

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## FAILURE TO MAINTAIN SECURITY POLICY (1 Count)

- 19. Paragraphs 1-18 are hereby realleged as if fully set forth herein.
- 20. As a result of their business activity Respondents regularly have in their possession consumer information of a confidential nature.
- 21. At the time of examination, licensee was unable to produce a written policy on safeguarding consumer information.
- 22. In an undated letter received by the Department on March 6, 2007 licensee via Respondent Davey still failed to indicate any cognizance of the requirement for a written safeguarding policy.
- 23. This failure to maintain a written policy may have contributed to the counts of failure to protect non-public consumer information alleged below.

## FAILURE TO PROTECT CONSUMER INFORMATION (10 Counts)

- 24. Paragraphs 1-23 are hereby realleged as if fully set forth herein.
- 25. In response to examination requests licensee was unable to produce any loan files for ten loans.
- 26. Upon information and belief those loan files contained borrower or applicant's name, date of birth, social security number, bank account numbers and other personally identifying information.
- 27. Respondent Davey indicated that seven of those loans were originated by Hajmill Carr or Eric Gundberg and the remaining three were originated in the aforementioned unlicensed branch.

### FAILURE TO MAINTAIN RECORDS TO ENABLE COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION (44 Counts)

- 28. Paragraphs 1-27 are hereby realleged as if fully set forth herein.
- 29. This examination entailed an attempted review of 44 files. Of this number ten could not be produced as previously addressed.
- 30. Of the remaining files none contained a copy of the Truth in Lending disclosures, the Note, or the mortgage.

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- 31. Of the available files at least eighteen failed to include original loan documents or lender conditions.
- 32. As a result of the allegations above and below the Department has serious concerns that such missing documents would show further violations of the Chapter if they were available.
- 33. Failure to maintain any of the aforementioned documentation is therefore a failure of the licensee to maintain their files in a way the Department can determine compliance.

# DISHONEST OR UNETHICAL PRACTICES (13 Counts)

- 34. Paragraphs 1-33 are hereby realleged as if fully set forth herein.
- 35. Respondent licensee was in receipt of evidence on a loan that closed on May 24, 2006 that the consumer made \$5,696 per month.
- 36. This loan was submitted to a mortgage lender with an application disclosing a monthly income of \$7,000.
- 37. Respondent licensee was in receipt of evidence on a loan that closed on December 19, 2005 that the consumer made \$4,502 per month.
- 38. This loan was submitted to a mortgage lender with an application disclosing a monthly income of \$8,500.
- 39. Respondent Dion, on questioning of these transactions, stated that lender representatives sometimes ask Team to list an incorrect income figure on the application and that the licensee complies with such requests.
- 40. Respondent Dion conspired with a certain appraiser to deceive a certain lender about which company was performing the appraisal.
- 41. Respondent Dion was advised by a loan originator that the applicant for a certain loan did not have enough reserves to qualify for the loan.

  She then conspired with the loan originator to deceive the lender by submitting a verification of deposit that she had every reason to believe was a false representation of available assets.

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- 42. Respondent Team uses an appraisal submission form which advises appraisers of a "value looking for." This improperly influences or risks improperly influencing the appraisal determination.
- 43. Respondent Dion received an appraisal report showing a property value of \$256,000 from M&G Appraisals.
- 44. Respondent Dion then emailed the appraisal company that Respondent Davey was "looking for the \$259,000."
- 45. The same date Respondent Dion received an updated appraisal where the only change apparent was the value now stood at \$260,000.
- 46. On March 3, 2006 Respondent Dion asked On Time Appraisers, "is it possible to get about 3k more on this property." On Time Appraisers refused to grant the request.
- 47. Respondent Dion attempted to influence R&M Appraisers on June 2, 2004 by sending the following query via email: "we needed 271,000 for value on this file to go... we still have the appraisal at 263,000. Can we do this?"
- 48. Respondent Dion sent to The Appraiser Guy on November 29, 2004 the following email: "can we possibly get 170,000 on this...I know its quite a push, but if we could possibly get to 170K that would help tremendously." The appraisal was sent to Respondent Dion via email that day with a value of \$173,000.
- 49. After receipt of an appraisal from Northern Appraisal Services for a certain property at \$230,000, Respondent Dion responded, "is there any way possible to get \$234,000, right now we are above 80% and it kills the deal." The appraisal company sent a new appraisal which contained one material change, value was now \$235,000.
- 50. A processor for Team attempted to improperly influence an appraisal by emailing the following to The Appraiser Guy on January 3, 2005: "I have

- a huge question and favor that I need to ask you is it possible we could get 225,000 or 220,000. If you could please give us a call back..."
- 51. Lou Mallous is an originator for the licensee or was during the relevant time periods.
- 52. M&G Appraisals emailed an appraisal to the licensee on August 12, 2005.

  Three days later they mailed the same appraisal that differed in only one material respect in that value had now increased by \$3,000. In the email, M&G Appraisals included a message that reads "revised for Lou."
- 53. Northern Appraisal Services emailed an appraisal to the licensee on February 2, 2004.
- 54. On February 6, 2004 Northern Appraisal Services emailed an appraisal for the same property which differed in only one material respect in that the value had increased \$5,000. The second email included the following message: "Revised, Thanks Karen for all the business...!!."
- II. The staff of the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire alleges the following issues of law:
  - 1. The Banking Department ("Department"), has jurisdiction over the licensing and regulation of persons engaged in mortgage banker / broker activities pursuant to New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 397-A:3.
  - 2. Pursuant to the New Hampshire Banking laws, RSA 397-A:3 requires any person not exempt under RSA 397-A:4 that, in its own name or on behalf of other persons, engages in the business of making or brokering first mortgage loans secured by real property located in this state shall be required to obtain a license from the banking department.
  - 3. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, the Department has the power to issue and to serve an order requiring persons to show cause why their license

shouldn't be revoked or suspended and penalties imposed for violations of the Chapter. As alleged above Respondents have committed numerous violations of the Chapter.

- 4. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17 I(c) it is a violation of the Chapter to accept or process loans from an unlicensed broker. Respondent has violated RSA 397-A:17 I(c) at least 66 times as alleged above by conducting unlicensed mortgage banker / broker activities in New Hampshire through an unlicensed entity.
- 5. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17 I(1) licensees must abide by all applicable federal laws or rules thereunder. 16 C.F.R. §314.3 requires companies such as licensee to maintain a written comprehensive security policy. Respondents violated this federal rule and therefore violated the Chapter as alleged above.
- 6. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17 I(1) licensees must abide by all applicable federal laws or rules thereunder. 18 U.S.C. §6801 requires all financial institutions to maintain the integrity of nonpublic personal information. Respondents violated this federal statute by losing loan files in at least 10 instances and therefore violated the Chapter as alleged above.
- 7. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:11 licensees must maintain such records as will allow the Department to determine compliance with the Chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to it including a provision that the licensee must maintain all original documents. Respondents violated the Chapter on at least 44 occasions by not maintaining the proper information in the loan files as alleged above.
- 8. Pursuant to NH RSA 397-A:17 I(k) mortgage bankers/brokers engaging in business in New Hampshire are prohibited from engaging in unethical business practices. Respondent has violated said statute 13 times as alleged above.

- 9. RSA 397-A:21 IV provides that any person who, either knowingly or negligently, violates any provision of RSA 397-A, may upon hearing, and in addition to any other penalty provided for by law, be subject to an administrative fine not to exceed \$2,500, or both. Each of the acts specified shall constitute a separate violation, and such administrative action or fine may be imposed in addition to any criminal penalties or civil liabilities imposed by New Hampshire banking laws. Respondent is subject to administrative fines for violations of RSA 397-A:5 and RSA 397-A:17.
- 10.RSA 397-A:21 V provides that every person who directly or indirectly controls a person liable under this section, every partner, principal executive officer or director of such person, every person occupying a similar status or performing a similar function, every employee of such person who materially aids in the act constituting the violation, and every licensee or person acting as a common law agent who materially aids in the acts constituting the violation, either knowingly or negligently, may, upon notice and opportunity for hearing, and in addition to any other penalty provided for by law, be subject to suspension, revocation, or denial of any registration or license, including the forfeiture of any application fee, or the imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed \$2,500, or both.

#### RELIEF REQUESTED

The staff of the Banking Department requests the Commissioner take the following action:

- 1. Find as fact the allegations contained in section I of the Statement of Allegations of this petition.
- Make conclusions of law relative to the allegations contained in section
   II of the Statement of Allegations of this petition.