## State of New Hampshire Banking Department

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In re the Matter of:

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and

State of New Hampshire Banking

Petitioner,

Carteret Mortgage Corporation, Eric

Respondents

Weinstein, and Albert L. Elder,

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) Case No.: 07-132

) Order To Show Cause

Cease and Desist Order

Immediate Suspension

## NOTICE OF ORDER

This Order commences an adjudicative proceeding under the provisions of RSA 541A:31, RSA 397-A, and BAN 204.03.

## LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Banking Department (hereinafter "the Department") may issue an Order to Show Cause why a license should not be revoked. RSA 397-A:17 states that the Department may issue such Order when a licensee engages in an unethical business practice. RSA 397-A:21 states the Commissioner may impose penalties of up to \$2,500 per violation of the chapter.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:18 the banking department may issue a cease and desist order against any licensee or person who it has reasonable cause to believe is in violation of the provisions of this chapter or any rule or order under this chapter.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:18 the Commissioner may by order summarily postpone or suspend any license or application pending final determination of any order

to show cause, or other order, or of any other proceeding under this section, provided the commissioner finds that the public interest would be irreparably harmed by delay in issuing such order

Pursuant to RSA 383:10-d the Commissioner shall 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. The Commissioner may utilize all remedies available under the Act.

## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

The above named respondents have the right to request a hearing on this Order to Show Cause and Cease and Desist Order, as well as the right to be represented by counsel. Any such request for a hearing shall be in writing, and signed by the respondents or by the duly authorized agent of the above named respondents, 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. Hearings will be conducted within 10 days of such request.

If respondents fail to request a hearing or respond to the orders within 30 calendar days of receipt of these orders, respondent shall be deemed in default, the penalties requested will be imposed, and the Cease and Desist will be become permanent on the 31st day.

Pursuant to RSA 541-A the Department shall hold a hearing within ten days on the issue of the immediate suspension. That hearing is Noticed under separate order.

# STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS, APPLICABLE LAWS AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The <u>Staff Petition</u> dated June 5, 2007 (a copy of which is attached hereto) is 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

WHEREAS, finding that the allegations contained in the Staff Petition, if proved true and correct, form the legal basis of the relief requested,

It is hereby ORDERED, that:

- Respondent Carteret Mortgage Corporation (CMC) shall show cause why penalties in the amount of \$2500.00 should not be imposed; and
- 2. Respondent Eric Weinstein shall show cause why penalties in the amount of \$2500.00 should not be imposed; and
- 3. Respondent Albert L. Elder shall show cause why penalties in the amount of \$2500.00 should not be imposed; and
- 4. Respondent CMC shall show cause why its license should not be revoked; and
- 5. The Respondents shall immediately Cease and Desist from all violations of New Hampshire law and the rules promulgated thereunder; and

Finding the public health, safety or welfare requires immediate action it is hereby ORDERED that:

- 6. Respondent CMC's license is suspended immediately; and
- A hearing shall be held on the issue of suspension only within
   days of this order; and
- 8. Failure to request a hearing within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order shall result in a default judgment being rendered, the Cease and Desist Order shall become permanent

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STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

- I. The staff of the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire (hereinafter referred to as the "Department") alleges the following facts:
  - 1. Respondent Carteret Mortgage Corporation (CMC) is licensed as a mortgage banker and has held a license with the Department since at least 2000.
  - CMC's principal office is currently located at 6211 Centerville Rd Centreville, VA and they have one or more branch offices in New Hampshire.
  - 3. Respondent Eric Weinstein is an owner, Officer or other direct controller of Respondent CMC and materially contributed or should have prevented Respondent CMC's failure to abide by the Chapter as alleged herein.
  - 4. Respondent Albert L. Elder is an owner, Officer or other direct controller of Respondent CMC and materially contributed to Respondent CMC's failure to abide by the Chapter as alleged herein.

- 5. The Department initiated an examination of Respondent CMC on March 12, 2007 pursuant to RSA 397-A:12.
- 6. During the examination it became apparent that a certain area of
  Respondent CMC's book and records were only accessible via a website
  regulated by a certain password.
- 7. The examiner requested access on more than one occasion and was refused.
- 8. The examiner notified the Respondent CMC via Respondent Elder that continued refusal to provide a password would be considered a failure to facilitate the exam.
- 9. Respondent Elder on behalf of Respondent CMC again refused to grant access to those books and records of the company.
- 10. In a previous exam Respondent CMC caused an undue delay of the examination by refusing to provide requested materials to such a degree that the exam had to be rescheduled.
- 11. In a previous exam Respondent CMC caused an undue delay of the examination by refusing to provide revenue sheets, employee records, work papers for the annual report and other financial information in a timely manner and utterly refused to provide certain materials.
- 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 first mortgage banker / broker activities pursuant to NH RSA 397-A:3.
  - 2. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:12 licensees are required to comply with examination requests with or without prior notice. All books, papers, files, files, related material, and records of assets shall be subject to the Department's examination.

- 3. 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 suspension, revocation, or denial of any registration or license, or 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. Respondents are subject to revocation and/or administrative fines for violations of RSA 397-A.
- 4. 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, 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 an registration or license, including the forfeiture of any application fee, or the imposition of 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. Respondents Eric Weinstein and Albert L. Elder are subject to revocation and/or administrative fines for violations of RSA 397-A.
- 5. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17 the commissioner may issue an order requiring a person to whom any license has been granted or any person under the commissioner's jurisdiction to show cause why the license should not be revoked, suspended, or penalties imposed, or both, for violations of this

chapter. Respondent CMG is subject to license revocation for failing to comply with examination requests pursuant to RSA 397-A:12.

- 6. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:18 the commissioner may by order summarily postpone or suspend any license or application pending final determination of any order to show cause, or other order, or of any other proceeding under this section, provided the commissioner finds that the public interest would be irreparably harmed by delay in issuing such order.
- 7. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:18 the banking department may issue a cease and desist order against any licensee or person who it has reasonable cause to believe is in violation of the provisions of this chapter or any rule or order under this chapter.

#### RELIEF REQUESTED

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

- Find as fact the allegations contained in section I of the Statement of Allegations of this petition.
- 2. Make conclusions of law relative to the allegations contained in section
  II of the Statement of Allegations of this petition.
- 3. Assess fines and administrative penalties in accordance RSA 397-A:21, for violations of the New Hampshire Banking Laws, in the number and amount equal to the violations set forth in section I of the Statement of Allegations of this petition. Respondents are each subject to an administrative penalty of \$2,500 for each violation of the Chapter.
- 4. Order Respondent to show cause why their license should not be revoked.
- 5. Find that the public interest would be irreparably harmed by delay in issuing such order and therefore issue an immediate suspension of their license.
- 6. Order respondents to cease and desist from further violation of NH Law.

1	7. Take such other administrative and legal actions as are necessary fo
2	enforcement of the New Hampshire Banking laws, the protection of Ne
3	Hampshire citizens, and to provide other equitable relief.
4	RIGHT TO AMEND
5	The Department reserves the right to amend this Petition for Relief an
6	to request that the Banking Department Commissioner take additiona
7	administrative action. Nothing herein shall preclude the Department fro
8	bringing additional enforcement action under RSA 397-A, RSA 383:10-d or th
9	regulations thereunder.
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