State of New Hampshire Banking Department (Case No.: 08-127) In re the Matter of: (Case No.: 08-127) (

NOTICE OF ORDER

This Order commences an adjudicative proceeding under the provisions of RSA 397-A and RSA 541-A.

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, the Banking Department of the State of New Hampshire (hereinafter the "Department") has the authority to issue an order to show cause why license revocation and penalties for violations of New Hampshire Banking laws should not be imposed.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:18, the Department has the authority to issue a complaint setting forth charges whenever the Department is of the opinion that the licensee or person over whom the Department has jurisdiction is violating or has violated any provision of RSA Chapter 397-A, or any rule or order thereunder.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:20, the Commissioner may issue, amend, or rescind such orders as are reasonably necessary to comply with the

provisions of the Chapter.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:21, the Commissioner has the authority to 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 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 Consumer Protection 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, as well as the right to be represented by counsel at each Respondent's own expense. All hearings shall comply with RSA 541-A. Any such request for a hearing shall be in writing, and signed by the Respondent or the duly authorized agent of the above named Respondent, and shall be delivered either by hand or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire, 53 Regional Drive, Suite 200, Concord, NH 03301. Such hearings will be scheduled within 10 days of the Department's receipt of the request. If the Respondent fails to appear at the hearing after being duly notified, such person shall be deemed in default, and the proceeding may be determined against the Respondent

upon consideration of the Order to Show Cause, the allegations of which may be deemed to be true.

If any of the above named Respondents fails to request a hearing within 30 calendar days of receipt of such order or reach formal settlement with the Department within that time frame, then such person shall likewise be deemed in default, and the orders shall, on the thirty-first day, become permanent, and shall remain in full force and effect until and unless later modified or vacated by the Commissioner, for good cause shown.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS, APPLICABLE LAWS AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The <u>Staff Petition</u> dated January 5, 2009 (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:

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- 1. Respondent B D Nationwide Mortgage Company (d/b/a Home Equity Loans Direct) ("Respondent B D Nationwide") shall show cause why penalties in the amount of \$15,000.00 should not be imposed against it;
- 2. Respondent Bryan Dornan ("Respondent Dornan") shall show cause why penalties in the amount of \$27,500.00 should not be imposed against him;

- 3. The above named Respondents shall show cause why, in addition to the penalties listed in Paragraphs 1 through 2 above, the \$500.00 examination fee should not be paid to the Department;
- 4. The above named Respondents shall show cause why, in addition to the penalties listed in Paragraphs 1 through 3 above, the accrued fine of \$20,100.00 for failing to provide examination materials(and still accruing)should not be paid to the Department;
- 5. The above named Respondents shall show cause why, in addition to the penalties listed in Paragraphs 1 through 4 above, statutory penalties of \$2,500.00 should not be imposed for failing to file the 2007 Annual Report;
- 6. The above named Respondents shall be jointly and severally liable for the above amounts alleged in Paragraphs 1 through 5 above;
- 7. The above named Respondents shall show cause why, in addition to the penalties listed in Paragraphs 1 through 6 above, Respondent B D Nationwide's license should not be revoked.

It is hereby further ORDERED that:

- 8. Along with the administrative penalties listed for the above named Respondents, the outstanding sum of \$23,100.00 shall be immediately paid; and
- 9. Failure to request a hearing within 30 days of the date of receipt or valid delivery of this Order shall result in a

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1 State of New Hampshire Banking Department)Case No.: 08-127 In re the Matter of: 2 State of New Hampshire Banking 3)Staff Petition Department, 4)January 5, 2009 5 Petitioner, 6 and B D Nationwide Mortgage Company (d/b/a) 7 Home Equity Loans Direct), and Bryan 8 Dornan, 9 10 Respondents I. STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS 11 The Staff of the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire (hereinafter 12 "Department") alleges the following facts: 13 14 Facts Common on All Counts: Respondent B D Nationwide Mortgage Company (d/b/a Home Equity 15 1. 16 Loans Direct) (hereinafter "Respondent B D Nationwide") was 17 licensed as a Mortgage Broker from at least January 30, 2006 18 (with an amended license date of October 04, 2006) until its 19 license expired on December 31, 2007. 20 Respondent Bryan Dornan (hereinafter "Respondent Dornan") was 2. 21 the President of Respondent B D Nationwide, when licensed by the 22 Department. 23 Violation of RSA 397-A:12, VII Failure to Facilitate Exam (1 Count): Violation of RSA 397-A:12, III Examinations: Failure to Provide Requested 24 25 Files (1 Count):

Files (1 Count):

Violation of RSA 397-A:13, VI Failure of Officer and Owner to Respond to Department Inquiries (2 Counts):

- 3. Paragraphs 1 through 2 are hereby realleged as fully set forth herein.
- 4. The Department conducted an examination of Respondent B D Nationwide on December 3, 2007.
- 5. On November 5, 2007, the Department sent the notice of examination to Respondent B D Nationwide via U.S. Certified Mail Return Receipt requested, which Respondents received on November 8, 2007.
- 6. The materials requested in the notice of examination were due on November 29, 2007, which is 21 days after the November 8, 2007 delivery of the notice of examination.
- 7. With no response from the above named Respondents, the Department submitted a second notice via U.S. Certified Mail Return Receipt requested on February 13, 2008, which Respondents received on February 20, 2007.
- The Department also emailed Respondent Dornan on February 13,
 2007, which was returned as undeliverable.
- 9. To date, the Department has not received an acknowledgment nor the examination materials.
- 10. To date, fines have accrued for failing to provide the requested files. The current fine to date is $$20,100.00 \ ($50.00 \ a \ day \ x)$

1	402 days) and still accruing.
2	Violation of RSA 397-A:12, V Failure to Pay Examination Fee (1 Count):
3	Violation of RSA 397-A:13, VI Failure of Officer and Owner to Respond to
4	Department Inquiries (1 Count):
5	11. Paragraphs 1 through 10 are hereby realleged as fully set forth
6	herein.
7	12. As mentioned above, the Department conducted an examination of
8	Respondent B D Nationwide on December 03, 2007 while Respondent B
9	D Nationwide was still licensed with the Department.
10	13. On May 7, 2008, the Department mailed the report of examination
11	and invoice for \$500.00 to Respondent B D Nationwide, via U.S.
12	Certified Mail Return Receipt requested, which Respondents
13	received on May 12, 2008.
14	14. The above named Respondents failed to respond to the September 6,
15	2007 correspondence from the Department.
16	15. The Department, via U.S. mail, mailed a second notice on June 24,
17	2008 and a third notice on August 1, 2008.
18	16. The above named Respondents did not respond to any of the three
19	notices for payment of the \$500.00 invoice.
20	17. To date, the above named Respondents still owe the \$500.00
21	examination fee for the one day examination.
22	Violation of RSA 397-A:10-a,I(a) Failure to Properly Surrender License (1
23	<u>Count):</u>
24	Violation of RSA 397-A:13, I Failure to File Annual Report (1 Count):

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- Department Inquiries (2 Counts):
 - 18. Paragraphs 1 through 17 are hereby realleged as fully set forth herein.
 - 19. The 2007 Annual Report was due on or before February 1, 2008.

Violation of RSA 397-A:13, VI Failure of Officer and Owner to Respond to

- 20. On January 4, 2008, the Department sent a certified letter advising the Respondents that Respondent B D Nationwide's license had expired on December 31, 2007 and that Respondents had to file proper surrender forms and an annual report.
- 21. On February 5, 2008, the Department sent a certified letter that the annual report was due on February 1, 2008.
- 22. On February 19, 2008, the Department sent a certified reminder letter that Respondents still needed to complete the surrender forms, the publication notice and provide the annual report.

 This letter was returned to the Department as undeliverable.
- 23. To date, the Department has not received copies of the publication notice nor the expiration paperwork nor the 2007 annual report.
- 24. To date, the accrued penalty for failure to file an annual report has reached the maximum cap of \$2,500.00.

II. ISSUES OF LAW

- The staff of the Department, alleges the following issues of law:
 - The Department realleges the above stated facts in Paragraphs 1 through 24 as fully set forth herein.
 - 2. The Department has jurisdiction over the licensing and regulation of persons engaged in mortgage banker or broker activities

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pursuant to NH RSA 397-A:2 and RSA 397-A:3.

- 3. RSA 397-A:10-a,I(a) provides that a licensee who ceases to engage in the business of a mortgage banker or mortgage broker at any time during a license year for any cause shall surrender such license in person or by registered or certified mail to the Commissioner within 15 calendar days of such cessation, and shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the licensee's market area a notice to such effect. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute on at least one occasion as alleged above.
- 4. RSA 397-A:11,II provides that requested files and business records must be received by the Department within 21 calendar days of request. The licensee will be subject to a \$50.00 a day fine every day after the 21-day period the records are not produced. Respondents currently owe \$20,100.00 (and still accruing). Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute on at least one occasion as alleged above.
- 5. RSA 397-A:12, III requires licensees to comply with examination requests with or without prior notice. All books, papers, files, related material, and records of assets shall be subject to the Department's examination. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute on at least one occasion as alleged above.
- 6. RSA 397-A:12,V provides that the expense of such examination shall be chargeable to and paid by the licensee. Each of the above named Respondents violated this provision on at least one

occasion as alleged above. To date, the above named Respondents have failed to pay the \$500.00 examination invoice.

- 7. RSA 397-A:12, VII provides that every person being examined, and all of the officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives of such person shall make freely available to the Commissioner or his or her examiners, the accounts, records, documents, files, information, assets, and matters in their possession or control relating to the subject of the examination and shall facilitate the examination. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute on at least one occasion as alleged above.
- 8. RSA 397-A:13,I provides that a licensee shall file its annual report on or before February 1 each year concerning operations for the preceding year or license period ending December 31.

 Each of the above named Respondents violated this provision on at least one occasion as alleged above.
- 9. RSA 397-A:13, IV provides that any mortgage banker or broker failing to file the annual report or financial statement within the time prescribed may be required to pay to the Department a penalty of \$25.00 per calendar day for each day the annual report is overdue, for a maximum of \$2,500.00. Each of the above named Respondents failed to file the annual report, which capped at the maximum of \$2,500.00.
- 10. RSA 397-A:13,VI provides that any officer, owner, manager or agent of any licensee shall reply promptly in writing, or other

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designated form, to any written inquiry from the Department.

Respondent Dornan violated this provision on at least five occasions as alleged above.

- 11. RSA 397-A:18,I provides that the Department may issue a complaint setting forth charges whenever the Department is of the opinion that the licensee or person over whom the Department has jurisdiction, has violated any provision of RSA Chapter 397-A or orders thereunder.
- 12. RSA 397-A:21,IV provides that any person who, either knowingly or negligently, violates any provision of RSA Chapter 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 \$2,500.00, 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.
- 13. 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. Each of the acts specified shall constitute a separate violation, and such administrative action or fine may be imposed in addition to any criminal or civil penalties imposed.

III. RELIEF REQUESTED

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

- Find as fact the allegations contained in section I of this Staff
 Petition;
- 2. Make conclusions of law relative to the allegations contained in section II of this Staff Petition;
- 3. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, order each of the above named Respondents to show cause why their license should not be revoked;
- 4. Assess fines and administrative penalties in accordance with RSA 397-A:21, for violations of Chapter 397-A, in the number and amount equal to the violations set forth in section II of this Staff Petition; and
- 5. Take such other administrative and legal actions as necessary for enforcement of the New Hampshire Banking Laws, the protection of New Hampshire citizens, and to provide other equitable relief.

IV. RIGHT TO AMEND The Department reserves the right to amend this Staff Petition and to request that the Commissioner take additional administrative action. Nothing herein shall preclude the Department from bringing additional enforcement action under RSA 397-A or the regulations thereunder. Respectfully submitted by: /s/ 01/05/09 Maryam Torben Desfosses Date Hearings Examiner