

1 State of New Hampshire Banking Department

)Case No.: 09-012

2 In re the Matter of:

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3 State of New Hampshire Banking

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)Order to Show Cause

4 Department,

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5 Petitioner,

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6 and

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7 National Lending Corporation (d/b/a NLC)

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8 of America), and Katherine Le,

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9 Respondents

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10 NOTICE OF ORDER

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

13 LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

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

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

23 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:20, the Commissioner may issue, amend, or
24 rescind such orders as are reasonably necessary to comply with the
25 provisions of the Chapter.

1 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:21, the Commissioner has the authority to
2 suspend, revoke or deny any license and to impose administrative penalties
3 of up to \$2,500.00 for each violation of New Hampshire banking law and
4 rules.

5 Pursuant to RSA 383:10-d, the Commissioner shall investigate conduct
6 that is or may be an unfair or deceptive act or practice under RSA 358-A and
7 exempt under RSA 358-A:3,I or that may violate any of the provisions of
8 Titles XXXV and XXXVI and administrative rules adopted thereunder. The
9 Commissioner may hold hearings relative to such conduct and may order
10 restitution for a person or persons adversely affected by such conduct. The
11 Commissioner may utilize all remedies available under the Consumer
12 Protection Act.

13 **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING**

14 The above named Respondents have the right to request a hearing on
15 this Order to Show Cause, as well as the right to be represented by counsel
16 at each Respondent's own expense. All hearings shall comply with RSA 541-A.
17 Any such request for a hearing shall be in writing, and signed by the
18 Respondent or the duly authorized agent of the above named Respondent, and
19 shall be delivered either by hand or certified mail, return receipt
20 requested, to the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire, 53 Regional
21 Drive, Suite 200, Concord, NH 03301. Such hearings will be scheduled within
22 10 days of the Department's receipt of the request. If the Respondent fails
23 to appear at the hearing after being duly notified, such person shall be
24 deemed in default, and the proceeding may be determined against the Respondent
25 upon consideration of the Order to Show Cause, the allegations of which may be

1 deemed to be true.

2 If any of the above named Respondents fails to request a hearing within
3 30 calendar days of receipt of such order or reach formal settlement with the
4 Department within that time frame, then such person shall likewise be deemed
5 in default, and the orders shall, on the thirty-first day, become permanent,
6 and shall remain in full force and effect until and unless later modified or
7 vacated by the Commissioner, for good cause shown.

8 **STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS, APPLICABLE LAWS AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

9 The Staff Petition dated February 5, 2009 (a copy of which is attached
10 hereto) is incorporated by reference hereto.

11 **ORDER**

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

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

17 It is hereby ORDERED, that:

- 18 1. Respondent National Lending Corporation (d/b/a NLC of
19 America) ("Respondent NLC") shall show cause why penalties in
20 the amount of \$2,500.00 should not be imposed against it;
- 21 2. Respondent Katherine Le ("Respondent Le") shall show cause
22 why penalties in the amount of \$5,000.00 should not be
23 imposed against her;
- 24 3. The above named Respondents shall show cause why, in addition
25 to the penalties listed in Paragraphs 1 through 2 above, the

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10 I. STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

11 The Staff of the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire (hereinafter
12 "Department") alleges the following facts:

13 Facts Common on All Counts:

- 14 1. Respondent National Lending Corporation (d/b/a NLC of America)
 15 (hereinafter "Respondent NLC") was licensed as a Mortgage Broker
 16 from at least February 3, 2004 (with an amended license date of
 17 June 11, 2007) until its license expired on December 31, 2007.
- 18 2. Respondent Katherine Le (hereinafter "Respondent Le") was the
 19 President of Respondent NLC, when licensed by the Department.

20 Violation of RSA 397-A:12,V Failure to Pay Examination Fee (1 Count):

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

22 Department Inquiries (1 Count):

- 23 3. Paragraphs 1 through 2 are hereby realleged as fully set forth
 24 herein.
- 25 4. The Department conducted an examination of Respondent NLC on

1 February 25, 2008, for activities that occurred while Respondent
2 NLC was licensed with the Department.

3 5. On July 22, 2008, the Department mailed the report of examination
4 and invoice for \$500.00 to Respondent NLC, via U.S. Certified
5 Mail Return Receipt requested, which Respondents received on July
6 25, 2008.

7 6. The above named Respondents failed to respond to the July 22, 2008
8 correspondence from the Department.

9 7. The Department, via U.S. mail, mailed a second notice on August
10 26, 2008 and a third notice on October 9, 2008.

11 8. The above named Respondents did not respond to any of the three
12 notices for payment of the \$500.00 invoice.

13 9. To date, the above named Respondents still owe the \$500.00
14 examination fee for the one day examination.

15 **II. ISSUES OF LAW**

16 The staff of the Department, alleges the following issues of law:

17 1. The Department realleges the above stated facts in Paragraphs 1
18 through 9 as fully set forth herein.

19 2. The Department has jurisdiction over the licensing and regulation
20 of persons engaged in mortgage banker or broker activities
21 pursuant to NH RSA 397-A:2 and RSA 397-A:3.

22 3. RSA 397-A:12,V provides that the expense of such examination shall
23 be chargeable to and paid by the licensee. Each of the above
24 named Respondents violated this provision on at least one
25 occasion as alleged above. To date, the above named Respondents

1 have failed to pay the \$500.00 examination invoice.

2 4. RSA 397-A:13,VI provides that any officer, owner, manager or agent
3 of any licensee shall reply promptly in writing, or other
4 designated form, to any written inquiry from the Department.
5 Respondent Le violated this provision on at least one occasion as
6 alleged above.

7 5. RSA 397-A:17,I provides in part that the Commissioner may by
8 order, upon due notice and opportunity for hearing, assess
9 penalties or deny, suspend, or revoke a license or application if
10 it is in the public interest and the applicant, respondent, or
11 licensee, any partner, officer, member, or director, any person
12 occupying a similar status or performing similar functions, or
13 any person directly or indirectly controlling the applicant,
14 respondent, or licensee: (a) has violated any provision of RSA
15 Chapter 397-A or rules thereunder, or (b)has not met the
16 standards established in RSA Chapter 397-A.

17 6. RSA 397-A:18,I provides that the Department may issue a complaint
18 setting forth charges whenever the Department is of the opinion
19 that the licensee or person over whom the Department has
20 jurisdiction, has violated any provision of RSA 397-A or orders
21 thereunder.

22 7. RSA 397-A:21,IV provides that any person who, either knowingly or
23 negligently, violates any provision of Chapter 397-A, may upon
24 hearing, and in addition to any other penalty provided for by
25 law, be subject to an administrative fine not to exceed

