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BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

In re Mortgage Loan Originator License Renewal Application of:

ALEXANDER JASON IVORY, NMLS ID No. 1715150,

Applicant.

Docket No. 2021-16-80

ORDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN
ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION AND
NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO
REQUEST A HEARING

The Director of the State of Idaho, Department of Finance (Director), pursuant to the Idaho Residential Mortgage Practices Act, Idaho Code § 26-31-101 et seq. (the Act), and in particular §§ 26-31-306(1)(d) and (h) and 26-31-313(1)(a) and (b) of the Act, hereby issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Denying Mortgage Loan Originator License Application, and Notice of the Opportunity for a Hearing (Order).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Applicant, Jason Alexander Ivory, a resident of the state of Arizona, holds NMLS number 1715150 and applied for an Idaho Mortgage Loan Originator (MLO) license by filing an individual Form MU4 through the online Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System (NMLSR or NMLS). This application was attested to and submitted by the Applicant on July 2, 2021.

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- 2. The application Form MU4 seeks information about an individual applicant's qualifications to be licensed as a mortgage loan originator. A section of the application is entitled "Disclosure Questions" and consists of a series of questions that inquire into an applicant's history regarding financial, criminal, civil, judicial and regulatory matters.
- 3. Pertinent to the Applicant's qualifications is the following question: (D): "Do you have any unsatisfied judgments or liens against you?" The applicant responded, "No."
- 4. Consistent with normal practice, a Department examiner conducted an assessment of the Applicant using various sources of public information to determine if the Applicant demonstrates sufficient financial responsibility, character, and general fitness in order to be licensed as a mortgage loan originator.¹
- 5. The examiner obtained a public record background information report through LexisNexis, which showed that the Applicant had a State of Kentucky Tax Lien entered against him. Following this, the examiner obtained a copy of a Notice of Lien that was issued by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Revenue, Case No. 810000004623 on May 19, 2017, and was recorded with the Jefferson County Clerk's Office, State of Kentucky, under Instrument Number 2017122013 on May 30, 2017. ²

¹ Conducted pursuant to Part 3 of the Act titled "The Idaho Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act" (Idaho S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act), Idaho Code § 26-31-306.

² The Applicant previously submitted a mortgage loan originator license application to the Department in March 2020 through the NMLS. For that application, the Applicant did disclose a State of Kentucky tax lien and included the explanation that the "State Tax Lien for the State of Kentucky filed 5-30-17" had been released. The Applicant then uploaded a document entitled Certificate of Release of Lien. The Certificate of Release of Lien that was uploaded, however, represented the release of a different tax lien that was assessed against a business the Applicant owned, Ivory Goods LLC. Additionally, the Certificate of Release of Lien was issued for Case No. 2100000004965, which is not the case number for the individual lien referenced above (Case No. 810000004623). In April 2020, the Department posted a license item to the Applicant's NMLS record, informing the Applicant that the Certificate of Release of Lien he uploaded was not evidence showing that the individual lien issued against him had been released, but represented the release of a different lien. The Applicant failed to respond to this license

- 6. The Department has no evidence indicating that the tax lien described above has been satisfied and/or released.
- 7. The Applicant's negative response to the Form MU4 application disclosure question
 (D) is a material misrepresentation, and the failure to provide the details of the Kentucky tax lien described above constitutes a material omission.
- 8. On October 29, 2021, the Department provided the Applicant notice of an intent to deny the application within approximately one month based on the information set forth above unless the Applicant was able to provide documentation to satisfy the Department that the noted item had been resolved prior to the time of his application and that disclosure was not required. The notice alternatively provided the Applicant the opportunity to withdraw the application. The Applicant failed to provide the requisite documentation or withdraw the application by the stated deadline.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 9. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 8 above are fully incorporated herein by this reference.
- 10. Idaho Code § 26-31-304 provides that an individual shall not engage in the business of a mortgage loan originator without first obtaining, and maintaining annually, a license.
- 11. Idaho Code § 26-31-305(1) provides that an applicant for a mortgage loan originator license must apply through the NMLSR in a form required by the Director of the Idaho Department of Finance (Director).

item and failed to upload the correct documentation. As a result, the Applicant's license application was deemed withdrawn by the Department in July 2020.

12. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(h), before an application for license can be approved, an applicant must provide all information on the application as required per Idaho Code § 26-31-305. Idaho Code § 26-31-305(10) further provides that an applicant shall make complete disclosure of all information as set forth in the application.

13. Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(d) provides that the Director shall not issue a mortgage loan originator license under the Act unless the Director makes a finding that an applicant has demonstrated financial responsibility, character and general fitness sufficient to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of the Act.

14. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-313(1)(b), the Director may deny a license if an applicant withholds information or makes a material misstatement in an application for a license.

15. The Applicant made a material misstatement of fact in his application, which is grounds to deny his application for licensure. He answered a question inaccurately and failed to disclose the Kentucky tax lien. The false answer to disclosure question (D) and failure to disclose the tax lien prohibits the Director from issuing a license to the Applicant pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(h).

16. The Director finds it appropriate to deny the application because the Applicant's failure to provide complete information on the Form MU4 regarding the Kentucky tax lien demonstrates that the Applicant lacks the appropriate character and fitness sufficient to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of the Act. Because the Director cannot make the requisite findings under Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(d), it

is appropriate to deny the Applicant's request for an Idaho mortgage loan originator license,

pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-313(1).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS

OF LAW, AND PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §§ 26-31-313(1)(a) and (b), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION

ATTESTED TO AND SUBMITTED BY ALEXANDER JASON IVORY, NMLS #1715150, ON JULY 2,

2021, IS DENIED.

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING

17. The Applicant is HEREBY NOTIFIED that the foregoing ORDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN

ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION is a final order of the Director denying the license application,

subject to the Applicant's right to timely file a request for a hearing on the question of his

qualifications for a mortgage loan originator license under the Act, pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-

31-305(6)(a). Such request for a hearing must be in writing and submitted to the Department

within fifteen (15) days after the service of this Order. A copy of the request for hearing shall be

served on the following:

Attn: Lisa Baker

Assistant to the Director

Idaho Department of Finance

P.O. Box 83720

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A copy of the request for contested case and hearing shall also be served on the Department's

counsel in this matter:

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Alternatively, the Applicant may email the request for hearing to: CFLegal@finance.idaho.gov.

18. If the Applicant timely requests a hearing, the Director of the Department, or a Hearing Officer acting on the Director's behalf, will notify the Applicant of the date, time and place of the hearing, as well as the name and contact information of the presiding officer.

19. Any hearing and subsequent proceedings in this matter will be conducted in accordance with the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act, Idaho Code § 67-5201 et seq. and the Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure (IDAPA 04.11.01).

20. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-305(6), if a hearing is held, the Applicant shall reimburse, pro rata, the Director for her reasonable and necessary expenses incurred as a result of the hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this **2011** day of December 2021.

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

PATRICIA R. PERKINS, Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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