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BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of:

CONSUMER LEGAL GROUP P.C.

Respondent.

Docket No. 2024-09-09

CONSENT ORDER

This matter concerns the activities in Idaho of Consumer Legal Group P.C. (the "Respondent") as they relate to the State of Idaho, Department of Finance through its Consumer Finance Bureau ("Department"), collectively the Parties. In order to fully resolve the matters referenced herein, including the Order to Cease and Desist and Order for a Civil Penalty and the subsequent appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 25-250-01, the Department and Respondent agree and consent to the following, and to entry of same by the Director in this Consent Order. This Consent Order is entered into pursuant to the Idaho Collection Agency Act, Idaho Code § 26-2221 et seq. (the "Act").

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FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 1. Respondent is a New York domestic professional service corporation that was organized on May 18, 2022. Respondent conducts business from an address in New York and its registered agent is USA Corp, Inc., located at 325 Division Ave., Suite 201, Brooklyn, NY 11211.
- 2. The Idaho Department of Finance is an executive agency of the State of Idaho and is charged with the administration of the Act.
- 3. Respondent is not registered with the Idaho Secretary of State to conduct business in Idaho and has never applied for or been issued any license in Idaho under the Act.
- 4. On April 2, 2024, the Department received an inquiry from an Idaho licensed entity regarding whether Respondent was licensed under the Act. The Department sent several letters to the Respondent beginning on April 9, 2024, requesting information regarding the nature of Respondent's business.
- 5. Department determined that Respondent was engaged in debt counseling, credit counseling, and/or credit repair activities that required licensure under the Act. The Department issued an Order to Cease and Desist and for a Civil Penalty on December 31, 2024, which the Respondent appealed.
- 6. Respondent represents that it is a debt resolution law firm in which clients pay a fixed sum to Respondent for Respondent to take steps to invalidate a client's debts, communicate with a client's creditors to settle debt, and to represent the client in legal proceedings relating to his or her debt.
- 7. Jack Gross ("Gross") is one of the current managing partners of Respondent, and Aryeh Weber ("Weber") is Respondent's founding attorney. Gross and Weber are licensed New

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York attorneys, but do not hold any license to practice law in Idaho. Respondent has an "of counsel" relationship with an Idaho licensed attorney to represent its Idaho clients in legal proceedings related to their debts.

8. Respondent represents that it began winding down its representation of clients in Idaho in April 2024 and currently has twelve (12) Idaho clients who have paused services and only two (2) active Idaho clients.

REMEDIES

- 9. Respondent agrees not to accept or enroll any new Idaho clients in the future unless and until it obtains a license from the Department under the Act.
- 10. Respondent agrees to cover all costs and client legal fees associated with the Idaho attorney's representation of its two (2) current Idaho clients.
- 11. Respondent agrees to cover all costs and client legal fees associated with its Idaho attorney's representation of the twelve (12) paused Idaho clients, should any of the paused Idaho clients request legal services again in the future.
- 12. Respondent agrees to pay the Department the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) to settle civil penalties, to be made no later than May 1, 2025.
- 13. The Department agrees it will not take any action against Respondent or their members, managers, attorneys or agents based on the facts giving rise to this matter and known as of the date of the Consent Order, provided the Respondent remains in compliance with the terms and provisions of this Consent Order.
 - 14. The parties shall bear their own costs and attorney fees.
- 15. The parties knowingly and voluntarily agree to the contents of and to the entry of this Consent Order to resolve the issues raised herein and to obviate the need for any further

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proceedings, and the Department and Respondents further waive their rights to a hearing, to present evidence, and to seek any further review of the entry of this final Consent Order.

- 16. Respondent agrees to withdraw its appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 25-250-01.
- 17. By her signature below, the Director deems it appropriate and based on good cause to enter the Consent Order. The parties understand and agree that when the Director adopts the terms of this Consent Order by affixing her signature, this Consent Order will become a final order.
- 18. Respondent acknowledges and understands that this Consent Order is an administrative action that must be disclosed to the Department on future licensing and renewal forms. The disclosure requirements of other states may also require disclosure of the same.

DATED this day of April, 2025.

CONSUMER LEGAL GROUP, P.C.

JACK GROSS

Title:

DATED this 3 day of April, 2025

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

ERIN VAN ENGELEN

Consumer Finance Bureau Chief

IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED this <u>3rd</u> day of April, 2025.

STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

on behalf of

PATRICIA R. PERKINS, Director Idaho Department of Finance

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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