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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:

TRACY MARIE CLARKIN, NMLS ID No. 365318,

Applicant.

Docket No. 2021-16-69

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, TRACY MARIE CLARKIN, a resident of the state of Hawaii, holds NMLS number 365318 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 by the Applicant on May 25, 2021 and submitted on the Applicant's behalf by Lindell Blunt of Credible Operations, Inc. on the same date.

- 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 question (D): "Do you have any unsatisfied judgments or liens against you?" The applicant responded, "no" to this question.
- 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 has an outstanding federal tax lien entered against her. The examiner obtained a copy of Notice of Federal Tax Lien against the Applicant for \$10,875.10, Serial Number 410934720, dated February 27, 2020, and was recorded in the Bureau of Conveyances, State of Hawaii, on March 10, 2020, under Document No. 73740785. The Notice of Federal Tax Lien (for tax years 2014 and 2016) indicates that \$3,972.85 of the total balance remains in effect through May 15, 2029, and the remaining balance of \$6,902.25 remains in effect through September 18, 2029.

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.

- 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 federal tax lien described above constitutes a material omission.
- 8. On September 22, 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 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 of October 20, 2021.

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), and further that the application form shall be updated as necessary to keep the information current.

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 by omission in her application, which is grounds to deny her application for licensure. She failed to disclose and provide information regarding the federal tax lien that was entered against her. The 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 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 BY TRACY MARIE CLARKIN, NMLS #365318, ON MAY 25, 2021, AND SUBMITTED ON HER BEHALF BY LINDELL BLUNT OF CREDIBLE OPERATIONS, INC. ON THE SAME DATE, IS HEREBY 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 her 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:

Erin Van Engelen Consumer Finance Bureau Chief Idaho Department of Finance P.O. Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0031 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.

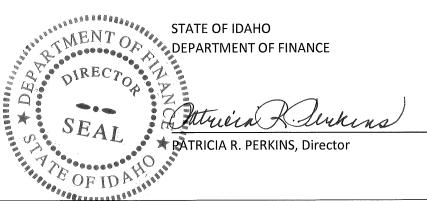
18. If the Applicant timely requests a hearing, the Director of the Department, or a Hearing Officer acting on the Director's behalf, will notify the Applicant of the date, time and place of the hearing, as well as the name and contact information of the presiding officer.

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 _____ day of November 2021.



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

•	day of November 2021, I caused a true and regoing ORDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR F THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING to be served on the
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