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ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number: C-07-131

Name(s):	James Joseph l	Lawson		
Order Number:	C-07-131-08-F	FO01		
Effective Date :	March 24, 200	8		
License Number: Or NMLS Identifier [U/L] License Effect:		stayed, application denied or vest specifically note the ending d		
Not Apply Until:	July 4, 2010			
Not Eligible Until:				
Prohibition/Ban Until:	_n/a			
Investigation Costs	\$	Due	Paid Y N	Date
Fine	\$	Due	Paid N N	Date
Assessment(s)	\$	Due	Paid Y N	Date
Restitution	\$	Due	Paid Y N	Date
Judgment	\$	Due	Paid N	Date
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	No. of Victims:			
Comments:				

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

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IN THE MATTER OF INVESTIGATING

JAMES JOSEPH LAWSON,

the Loan Originator License Application under the

Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by:

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FINAL ORDER – C-07-131-08-F001 JAMES JOSEPH LAWSON NO. C-07-131-08-FO01

FINAL ORDER

Respondent.

I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

A. <u>Default.</u> This matter has come before the Director of the Department of
Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director), through his designee, Consumer Services
Division Director Deborah Bortner, pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(2). On July 10, 2007, the Director,
through Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, entered a Statement of Charges and
Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Deny License Application (Statement of Charges). A copy
of the Statement of Charges is attached and incorporated into this order by this reference. The
Statement of Charges was accompanied by a cover letter dated July 11, 2007, a Notice of Opportunity
to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and a blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing. The
Department served the Statement of Charges, cover letter dated July 11, 2007, Notice of Opportunity
to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing on
Respondent on July 11, 2007 by first class mail and Federal Express overnight delivery.
On July 31, 2007, Respondent filed an Application for Adjudicative Hearing. On August 1, 2007, the
Department made a request to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) to assign an
Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to schedule and conduct a hearing on the Statement of Charges. On

1	October 11, 2007, OAH issued a Notice of Dismissal, as on October 5, 2007, Respondent Lawson				
2	informed Administrative Law Judge Michael W. Furtado that he wished to withdraw his appeal.				
3	B. Record Presented. The record presented to the Director's designee for her review and				
4	for entry of a final decision included the following:				
56	1. Statement of Charges, cover letter dated July 11, 2007, and Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, with documentation of service;				
7	2. Application for Adjudicative Hearing;				
8	3. Request to OAH for Assignment of Administrative Law Judge;				
9	4. Notice of Dismissal dated October 11, 2007.				
10	C. <u>Factual Findings and Grounds For Order</u> . Pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(2), the				
11	Director's designee hereby adopts the Statement of Charges, which is attached hereto.				
12	II. <u>FINAL ORDER</u>				
13	Based upon the foregoing, and the Director's designee having considered the record and				
14	being otherwise fully advised, NOW, THEREFORE:				
16	A. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That:				
17	Respondent James Joseph Lawson's application for a loan originator license is denied.				
8	B. <u>Reconsideration</u> . Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, Respondent has the right to file a				
19 20	Petition for Reconsideration stating the specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The Petition				
20	must be filed in the Office of the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions by courier at 150				
22	Israel Road SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501, or by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 41200, Olympia,				
23	Washington 98504-1200, within ten (10) days of service of the Final Order upon Respondent. The				
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Petition for Reconsideration shall not stay the effectiveness of this order nor is a Petition for Reconsideration a prerequisite for seeking judicial review in this matter.

A timely Petition for Reconsideration is deemed denied if, within twenty (20) days from the date the petition is filed, the agency does not (a) dispose of the petition or (b) serve the parties with a written notice specifying the date by which it will act on a petition.

C. <u>Stay of Order.</u> The Director's designee has determined not to consider a Petition to Stay the effectiveness of this order. Any such requests should be made in connection with a Petition for Judicial Review made under chapter 34.05 RCW and RCW 34.05.550.

D. <u>Judicial Review</u>. Respondent has the right to petition the superior court for judicial review of this agency action under the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. For the requirements for filing a Petition for Judicial Review, see RCW 34.05.510 and sections following.

E. <u>Service.</u> For purposes of filing a Petition for Reconsideration or a Petition for Judicial Review, service is effective upon deposit of this order in the U.S. mail, declaration of service attached hereto.

DATED this 24th day of Mach, 2008.

STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

DEBORAH BORTNER

DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES



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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF INVESTIGATING the Loan Originator License Application under the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by:

NO. C-07-131-07-SC01

JAMES JOSEPH LAWSON,

STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER AN ORDER TO DENY LICENSE APPLICATION

Respondent.

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220 and RCW 19.146.223, the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act)¹. After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 19.146.310, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Statement of Charges, the Director, through his designee, Division of Consumer Services Director Deborah Bortner, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows:

I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1.1 Respondent James Joseph Lawson (Respondent Lawson) submitted an application to the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) for a loan originator license under Compass Mortgage LLC, a mortgage broker licensed under the Act. The on-line application was received by the Department on or about December 13, 2006.
- 1.2 Prior Criminal Acts. On July 3, 2003, Respondent Lawson was convicted in United State District Court for the Western District of Washington, in Case No. CR-01-0408C-01, of one count of Conspiracy to Export and Distribute Cocaine in violation of 21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1), 846, 953(a), 960(a)(1), 960(b)(1), and 963, a felony.

¹ RCW 19.146 (Amended 2006; Effective January 1, 2007)

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II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

2.1 Requirement of No Prior Convictions. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Lawson fails to meet the requirements of RCW 19.146.310(1)(d) and WAC 208-660-350(2)(c) by having been convicted of a gross misdemeanor involving dishonesty or financial misconduct or a felony within seven years of the filing of the present application.

III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

3.1 Authority to Deny Application for Loan Originator License. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(1), the Director may deny licenses to loan originators. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.310(2) and WAC 208-660-350(7), the Director shall not issue a loan originator license if the conditions of RCW 19.146.310(1) have not been met by the applicant, and shall notify the loan originator applicant and any mortgage brokers listed on the application of the denial.

IV. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER ORDER

Respondent's violations of the provisions of chapter 19.146 RCW and chapter 208-660 WAC, as set forth in the above Factual Allegations, Grounds for Entry of Order, and Authority to Impose Sanctions, constitute a basis for the entry of an Order under RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221, RCW 19.146.223 and RCW 19.146.310.

Therefore, it is the Director's intention to ORDER that:

4.1 Respondent James Joseph Lawson's application for a loan originator license be denied.

V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Deny License Application (Statement of Charges) is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221, RCW 19.146.223 and RCW 19.146.230, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW (The Administrative Procedure Act). Respondent may make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Statement of Charges.

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DEBORAH BORTNER

Director
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