ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number: C-12-0970

Name(s):	Wall Street F Michael T. M	inancial, Inc. d/b/a Fi cDevitt	delity Financial	Group
Order Number:	C-12-0970-12	2-FO01		
Effective Date:				
License Number: Or NMLS Identifier [U/L] License Effect:	UL (Revoked, suspende If applicable, you m n/a	d, stayed, application denied or ust specifically note the ending	withdrawn) dates of terms.	
Not Apply Until:	n/a			
Not Eligible Until:	n/a			
Prohibition/Ban Until:	5 years			
Investigation Costs	\$336	Due	Paid ☐ Y ⊠ N	Date
Fine	\$9,000	Due	Paid N N	Date
Assessment(s)	\$n/a	Due	Paid N	Date
Restitution	\$7,550	Due	Paid Y N	Date
Judgment	\$n/a	Due	Paid N	Date
Satisfaction of Judgment F	Filed? No. of Victims:			
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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING: Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by: No.: C-12-0970-12-FO01

WALL STREET FINANCIAL, INC. D/B/A FIDELITY FINANCIAL GROUP, and MICHAEL T. MCDEVITT, President,

FINAL ORDER

Respondents.

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 (Director's designee), pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1). On September 27, 2012, the Director, through the Director's designee, issued Statement of Charges No. C-12-0970-12-SC01 (Statement of Charges) against Wall Street Financial, Inc. d/b/a Fidelity Financial Group and Michael T. McDevitt (Respondents). 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 September 27, 2012, a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and a blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondent (collectively, accompanying documents).

On October 2, 2012, the Department served Respondents with the Statement of Charges and accompanying documents by Federal Express overnight delivery. On October 3, 2012, the documents sent by Federal Express overnight delivery were delivered. Respondents did not request an adjudicative hearing within twenty calendar days after the Department served the Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, as provided for in WAC 208-08-050(2).

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C-12-0970-12-F001 WALL STREET FINANCIAL, INC. D/B/A FIDELITY FINANCIAL GROUP; MICHAEL T. MCDEVITT DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
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1	B.	Record Presented. The record presented to the Director's designee for her review and
2	for entry of a	final decision included the following:
3		Statement of Charges, cover letter dated September 27, 2012, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for
4		Adjudicative Hearing for Respondent, with documentation of service.
5	C.	<u>Factual Findings and Grounds for Order</u> . Pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1), the
6	Director's des	signee hereby adopts the Statement of Charges, which is attached hereto.
7		II. <u>FINAL ORDER</u>
8	Based	upon the foregoing, and the Director's designee having considered the record and being
9	otherwise full	y advised, NOW, THEREFORE:
10	A.	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That:
11		1. Respondents cease and desist engaging in the business of a mortgage broker or loan originator.
12		2. Respondents provide the Department with a list detailing all residential mortgage
13 14		loan modification service transactions with Washington consumers, including the name, address, and phone numbers of the consumers, the transaction date, and fees collected by Respondents for the provision of those services.
15		3. Respondents are prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any
16		mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of five years.
17		4. Respondents jointly and severally pay restitution totaling \$7,550 to the three
18		consumers identified by the Department in paragraph 1.3 of the Statement of Charges.
19		5. Respondents jointly and severally pay a fine of \$9,000.
20		6. Respondents jointly and severally pay an investigation fee of \$336.
21		7. Respondents maintain records in compliance with the Act and provide the Department with the location of the books, records and other information relating
22		to Respondents' provision of residential mortgage loan modification services in
23		Washington, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.

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B. Reconsideration. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, Respondents have the right to file a Petition for Reconsideration stating the specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The Petition must be filed in the Office of the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions by courier at 150 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501, or by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, Washington 98504-1200, within ten (10) days of service of this order upon Respondents. The 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>. Respondents have 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>Non-compliance with Order</u>. If Respondents do not comply with the terms of this order, the Department may seek its enforcement by the Office of the Attorney General to include the collection of the restitution, fine, and fee imposed herein. The Department may also assign the amounts owed to a collection agency for collection.
- F. <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.

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2	DATED this 18 th day o	of December, 2012
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4		STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
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6		<u>/s/</u> DEBORAH BORTNER
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1 STATE OF WASHINGTON **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS** 2 **DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES** IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING 3 No. C-12-0970-12-SC01 Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by: 4 STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER AN WALL STREET FINANCIAL, INC. D/B/A 5 ORDER TO PRODUCE RECORDS. FIDELITY FINANCIAL GROUP, and CEASE AND DESIST BUSINESS, 6 MICHAEL T. MCDEVITT, President, PROHIBIT FROM INDUSTRY, ORDER RESTITUTION, IMPOSE FINE, AND 7 COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEE Respondents. 8 **INTRODUCTION** 9 Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220 and RCW 19.146.223, the Director of the Department of Financial 10 Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 11 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices (Act). After having conducted an investigation pursuant 12 to RCW 19.146.235, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Statement of Charges, the 13 Director, through his designee, Division of Consumer Services Director Deborah Bortner, institutes 14 this proceeding and finds as follows: 15 I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS Respondent Wall Street Financial, Inc. D/B/A Fidelity Financial Group (Respondent Wall 16 1.1 17 Street) has never been licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington 18 (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator. 19 1.2 **Respondent** Michael T. McDevitt (Respondent McDevitt) is President of Respondent Wall

1.3 Unlicensed Activity. Between at least April 14, 2011 and at least June 16, 2011, Respondents Wall Street and McDevitt (Respondents) were offering residential mortgage loan modification services

Street. During the relevant time period, Respondent McDevitt was not licensed by the Department to

to Washington consumers on property located in Washington State. Respondents entered into a

conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.

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contractual relationship with at least three Washington consumers to provide those services and collected advance fees for the provision of those services. The Department has received at least three complaints from Washington consumers alleging Respondents provided or offered to provide residential mortgage loan modification services while not licensed by the Department to provide those services. A list of Washington consumers with whom Respondents conducted business as a mortgage broker or loan originator, and the amount paid by each, is appended hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

- **1.4 Misrepresentations and Omissions.** Respondents represented that they were licensed to provide the residential mortgage loan modification services or omitted disclosing that they were not licensed to provide those services.
- **1.5 On-Going Investigation.** The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by Respondents continues to date.

II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

- 2.1 Mortgage Broker Defined. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(14) and WAC 208-660-006, "Mortgage Broker" means any person who, for compensation or gain, or in the expectation of compensation or gain (a) assists a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan or (b) holds himself or herself out as being able to make a residential mortgage loan or assist a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan. Pursuant to WAC 208-660-006, a person "assists a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan' by, among other things, counseling on loan terms (rates, fees, other costs), [and] preparing loan packages...."

 2.2 Loan Originator Defined. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(11), "loan originator" means a
- natural person who for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain: takes a residential mortgage loan application for a mortgage broker; offers or

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1	negotiates terms of a mortgage loan; performs residential mortgage loan modification services; or hold
2	themselves out to the public as able to perform any of these activities.
3	2.3 Prohibited Acts. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents
4	are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(2) & (3) for engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice
5	toward any person and obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation.
6	2.4 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Mortgage Broker License. Based on the Factual
7	Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.200(1)
8	for engaging in the business of a mortgage broker for Washington residents or property without first
9	obtaining a license to do so.
10	2.5 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Loan Originator License. Based on the Factual
11	Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.200(1)
12	for engaging in the business of a loan originator without first obtaining and maintaining a license.
13	2.6 Requirement to Maintain Accurate and Current Books and Records. Pursuant to RCW
14	19.146.060 and WAC 208-660-450, Respondents are required to keep all books and records in a
15	location that is on file with and readily available to the Department until at least twenty-five months
16	have elapsed following the effective period to which the books and records relate.
17	III. AUTHORITY TO ORDER PRODUCTION OF RECORDS
18	3.1 Authority to Order Production of Records. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.223, RCW 19.146.
19	235(2), and WAC 208-660-520, the Director may issue orders directing any person to produce books,
20	accounts, records, files, and any other documents the director or designated person deems relevant to
21	an investigation.
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1	IV. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS
2	4.1 Authority to Issue an Order to Cease and Desist. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(4), the
3	Director may issue orders directing any person subject to the Act to cease and desist from conducting
4	business.
5	4.2 Authority to Prohibit from Industry. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(5), the Director may
6	issue orders prohibiting from participation in the conduct of the affairs of a licensed mortgage broker
7	any person subject to licensing under the Act for any violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1) through (9) or
8	(13), or RCW 19.146.200.
9	4.3 Authority to Order Restitution. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(2), the Director may order
10	restitution against any person subject to the Act for any violation of the Act.
11	4.4 Authority to Impose Fine. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(2), the Director may impose fines
12	against any person subject to the Act for any violation of the Act.
13	4.5 Authority to Collect Investigation Fee. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.228(2), and WAC 208-
14	660-550(4)(a), the Department will charge forty-eight dollars per hour for an examiner's time devoted
15	to an investigation of any person subject to the Act.
16	V. NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER ORDER
17	Respondents' violations of the provisions of chapter 19.146 RCW and chapter 208-660 WAC, as
18	set forth above constitute a basis for the entry of an Order under RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221,
19	and RCW 19.146.223. Therefore, it is the Director's intent to ORDER that:
20	5.1 Respondents cease and desist engaging in the business of a mortgage broker or loan originator.

5.2 Respondents provide the Department with a list detailing all residential mortgage loan modification services transactions with Washington consumers, including the name, address, and phone numbers of the consumers, the transaction date, and fees collected by Respondents for the provision of those services.

5.3 Respondents be prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of five years.

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