ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number: C-15-1839

Names:	Jeffrey Michael Halliday; Legal Loan Repair Inc. f/k/a Legal Loan Repair LLC d/b/a Loan Modification Associates			
Order Number:	C-15-1839-17-	-FO01		
Effective Date:	5/18/2017			
License Number: Or NMLS Identifier				
License Effect :	n/a			
Not Apply Until:	5/18/2022			
Not Eligible Until:	5/18/2022			
Prohibition/Ban Until:	5/18/2022			
Investigation Costs	\$801.60	Due 6/18/2017	Paid ☐ Y ⊠ N	Date
Fine	\$15,000.00	Due 6/18/2017	Paid Y N	Date
Prosecution Costs	\$107.66	Due 6/18/2017	Paid ☐ Y ⊠N	Date
Refunds	\$2,587.50	Due 6/18/2017	Paid ☐ Y ⊠ N	Date
Judgment	\$	Due	Paid N	Date
Satisfaction of Judgment		☐ Y ⊠ N		
	No. of Victims:	5		
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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING 3 Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by:

No.: C-15-1839-17-FO01

LEGAL LOAN REPAIR INC. f/k/a LEGAL LOAN REPAIR LLC d/b/a LOAN

FINAL ORDER

MODIFICATION ASSOCIATES; JEFFREY MICHAEL HALLIDAY, President and Owner,

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I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

Respondents.

A. <u>Default</u>. This matter has come before the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director), through her designee, Consumer Services Division Director Charles E. Clark (Director's designee), pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1). On January 31, 2017, the Director, through the Director's designee, issued a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intent to Enter an Order to an Order to Cease and Desist Business, Prohibit from Industry, Order Refunds, Impose Fine, Collect Investigation Fee, and Recover Costs and Expenses (Statement of Charges) against Legal Loan Repair Inc. f/k/a Legal Loan Repair LLC d/b/a Loan Modification Associates and Jeffrey Michael Halliday (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 February 1, 2017, a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondents (collectively, accompanying documents).

On February 1, 2017, the Department served Respondents with the Statement of Charges and accompanying documents by First-Class mail and Federal Express overnight delivery. On February

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1	2, 2017, the documents sent by Federal Express overnight delivery were delivered. The documents			
2	sent by First-Class mail were not returned to the Department by the United States Postal Service.			
3	Respondents did not request an adjudicative hearing within twenty calendar days after the			
4	Department served the Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, as provided for			
5	in WAC 208-08-050(2) and to date Respondents have not signed and returned the proposed consent			
6	order that accompanied the Statement of Charges.			
7	B. <u>Record Presented</u> . The record presented to the Director's designee for his review and			
8	for entry of a final decision included the following:			
9 10	1. Statement of Charges, cover letter dated February 1, 2017, Notices of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondents, with documentation for service.			
11 12	2. Post Office Address Verification Request forms completed by Lehi, Utah Branch Office of the United States Post Office received by the Department on April 26, 2017.			
13	3. Utah.gov Utah Business Search Entity Details: Legal Loan Repair Inc. dated October 18, 2016.			
14	4. FedEx proofs of delivery dated February 2, 2017.			
15	5. Declaration of Amanda Herndon dated May 17, 2017.			
16	C. <u>Factual Findings and Grounds for Order</u> . Pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1), the			
17	Director's designee hereby adopts the Statement of Charges, which is attached hereto.			
18	II. <u>FINAL ORDER</u>			
19	Based upon the foregoing, and the Director's designee having considered the record and being			
20	otherwise fully advised, NOW, THEREFORE:			
21	A. <u>IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That:</u>			
22 23	 Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. f/k/a Legal Loan Repair LLC d/b/a Loan Modification Associates and Jeffrey Michael Halliday cease and desist engaging in the business of a mortgage broker and loan originator. 			

- 2. Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. f/k/a Legal Loan Repair LLC d/b/a Loan Modification Associates and Jeffrey Michael Halliday are prohibited from participation, in any manner, in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director for a period of five years.
- 3. Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. f/k/a Legal Loan Repair LLC d/b/a Loan Modification Associates and Jeffrey Michael Halliday jointly and severally pay refunds to the consumers identified in Appendix A to the Statement of Charges in the amount set forth therein, and to each Washington State consumer with whom Respondents entered into a contract for residential mortgage loan modification services related to real property in Washington State equal to the amount collected from those consumers for those services.
- 4. Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. f/k/a Legal Loan Repair LLC d/b/a Loan Modification Associates and Jeffrey Michael Halliday jointly and severally pay a fine of \$15,000.00.
- 5. Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. f/k/a Legal Loan Repair LLC d/b/a Loan Modification Associates and Jeffrey Michael Halliday jointly and severally pay an investigation fee of \$801.60.
- 6. Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. f/k/a Legal Loan Repair LLC d/b/a Loan Modification Associates and Jeffrey Michael Halliday and their agents maintain records in compliance with chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act) and provide the Director with the location of the books, records and other information relating to their business, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.
- 7. Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. f/k/a Legal Loan Repair LLC d/b/a Loan Modification Associates and Jeffrey Michael Halliday jointly and severally pay the Department's costs and expenses for prosecuting violation of the Act in the amount of \$107.66.
- 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 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 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. Stay of Order. 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. Judicial Review. 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. Non-compliance with Order. If Respondents do not comply with the terms of this order, including payment of any amounts owed within thirty days of receipt of this order, the Department may seek its enforcement by the Office of the Attorney General to include the collection of the fines, fees, costs, and refunds imposed herein. The Department also may assign the amounts owed to a collection agency for collection.
- F. Service. 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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1	DATED this <u>18th</u> day of May, 2017.	
2		STATE OF WASHINGTON
3		DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
4		/s/_ CHARLES E. CLARK
5		Director
6		Division of Consumer Services
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1 2 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING 3 Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by: 4 5 LEGAL LOAN REPAIR INC. f/k/a LEGAL LOAN REPAIR LLC d/b/a LOAN MODIFICATION 6 ASSOCIATES; JEFFREY MICHAEL HALLIDAY, President and Owner, 7 Respondents. 8 **INTRODUCTION** 9 Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220 and RCW 19.146.223, the Acting Director of the Department of 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 1.1 Respondents. 17 18 19 20 21 22 as a mortgage broker or loan originator. 23 24 STATEMENT OF CHARGES

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS **DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES**

No. C-15-1839-16-SC01

STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST BUSINESS, PROHIBIT FROM INDUSTRY, ORDER REFUNDS, IMPOSE FINE, COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEE, and RECOVER COSTS AND EXPENSES

Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Acting Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act). After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 19.146.235, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Statement of Charges, the Acting Director, through her designee, Division of Consumer Services Director Charles E. Clark, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows:

I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. Legal Loan Repair Inc. f/k/a Legal Loan Repair LLC d/b/a Loan Modification **Associates** (Legal Loan Repair) has never been licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker.
- **B.** Jeffrey Michael Halliday is president and owner of Legal Loan Repair. During the relevant time period, Jeffrey Michael Halliday was not licensed by the Department to conduct business

No. C-15-1839-16-SC01 LEGAL LOAN REPAIR INC. f/k/a LEGAL LOAN REPAIR LLC d/b/a LOAN MODIFICATION ASSOCIATES, et al.

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1	1.2 Unlicensed Activity. Between at least June 20, 2014, and October 1, 2015, Respondents
2	provided or offered to provide residential mortgage loan modification services to Washington State
3	consumers while Respondents were not licensed by the Department to provide those services. A list
4	of Washington State consumers with whom Respondents conducted business as a mortgage broker or
5	loan originator, and the amount paid by each is appended hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
6	1.3 Misrepresentations and Omissions. Respondents represented that they were licensed to
7	provide the residential mortgage loan modification services or omitted disclosing that they were not
8	licensed to provide those services.
9	1.4 On-Going Investigation. The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the
10	Act by Respondents continues to date.
11	II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER
12	2.1 Mortgage Broker Defined. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(14), "Mortgage broker" means any
13	person who for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect
14	compensation or gain (a) assists a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loa
15	or performs residential mortgage loan modification services or (b) holds himself or herself out as bein
16	able to assist a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan or provide
17	residential mortgage loan modification services.
18	2.2 Loan Originator Defined. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(11)(b), "Loan originator" means a
19	natural person who for direct or indirect compensation or gain or in the expectation of direct or
20	indirect compensation or gain performs residential mortgage loan modification services or holds
21	himself or herself out as being able to perform residential mortgage loan modification services.
22	2.3 Prohibited Acts. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents
23	are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(2) and (3) for engaging in an unfair or deceptive
24	practice toward any person and obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation.

1	2.4 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Mortgage Broker License. Based on the Factual
2	Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.200(1)
3	for engaging in the business of a mortgage broker for Washington residents or property without first
4	obtaining a license to do so.
5	2.5 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Loan Originator License. Based on the Factual
6	Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.200(1)
7	for engaging in the business of a loan originator without first obtaining and maintaining a license.
8	III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS
9	3.1 Authority to Issue an Order to Cease and Desist. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(3), the
10	Director may issue orders directing any person subject to the Act to cease and desist from conducting
11	business.
12	3.2 Authority to Prohibit from Industry. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(4), the Director may
13	issue orders prohibiting from participation in the conduct of the affairs of a licensed mortgage broker
14	any person subject to licensing under the Act for any violation of the Act.
15	3.3 Authority to Order Refunds. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(2), the Director may order
16	refunds against any person subject to the Act for any violation of the Act.
17	3.4 Authority to Impose Fine. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(2), the Director may impose fines
18	against any person subject to the Act for any violation of the Act.
19	3.5 Authority to Collect Investigation Fee. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.228(2) and WAC 208-660-
20	550(4)(a), the Department will charge forty-eight dollars per hour for an examiner's time devoted to
21	an investigation of any person subject to the Act.
22	3.6 Authority to Recover Costs and Expenses. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.221(2), the Director
23	may recover the state's costs and expenses for prosecuting violations of the Act.
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IV. NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER ORDER

Respondents' violations of the provisions of chapter 19.146 RCW and chapter 208-660 WAC, as set forth above constitute a basis for the entry of an Order under RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221, and RCW 19.146.223. Therefore, it is the Acting Director's intent to ORDER that:

- **4.1** Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. and Jeffrey Michael Halliday cease and desist engaging in the business of a mortgage broker and loan originator.
- **4.2** Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. and Jeffrey Michael Halliday be prohibited from participation, in any manner, in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director for a period of five years.
- **4.3** Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. and Jeffrey Michael Halliday jointly and severally pay refunds to the consumers identified Appendix A to this Statement of Charges in the amount set forth therein, and to each Washington State consumer with whom Respondents entered into a contract for residential mortgage loan modification services and each consumer with whom they entered into a contract for residential mortgage loan modification services related to real property in State Washington equal to the amount collected from those consumer for those services in an amount to be determined at hearing.
- **4.4** Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. and Jeffrey Michael Halliday jointly and severally pay a fine, which as of the date of this Statement of Charges totals \$15,000.00.
- **4.5** Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. and Jeffrey Michael Halliday jointly and severally pay an investigation fee, which as of the date of this Statement of Charges totals \$801.60.
- **4.6** Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. and Jeffrey Michael Halliday maintain records in compliance with the Act and provide the Department with the location of the books, records and other information relating to Respondents' provision of residential mortgage loan modification services in Washington, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.
 - **4.7** Respondents Legal Loan Repair Inc. and Jeffrey Michael Halliday pay the Department's costs and expenses for prosecuting violations of the Act in an amount to be determined at hearing or by declaration with supporting documentation in event of default by Respondent.

V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE 1 2 This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 19.146.220, RCW 3 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). Respondents may make a written request for a hearing as 4 set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING 5 6 accompanying this Statement of Charges. 7 Dated this 31st day of January, 2017. 8 9 10 11 CHARLES E. CLARK 12 Director, Division of Consumer Services Department of Financial Institutions 13 14 Presented by: 15 16 AMANDA J. HERNDON 17 Financial Legal Examiner 18 19 Approved by: 20

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STEVEN C. SHERMAN

Enforcement Chief

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