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AMERICAN MITIGATION LAW GROUP, INC.

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Department of Banking (the "Department") is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's administrative agency authorized and empowered to administer and enforce the Mortgage Licensing Act, 7 Pa. C.S. § 6101 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Compliance, Investigation and Licensing (the "Bureau") is primarily responsible for administering and enforcing the Mortgage Licensing Act for the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage Licensing Act amended the Mortgage Act on August 5, 2009. See 7 Pa. C.S. § 6101 et seq., amended by Act 31 of 2009, H.B. 1654 (P.N. 2448); and

WHEREAS, American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. maintains a website, www.amlgloanmodification.com (the "Website"); and

WHEREAS, the Website advertises that American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. is in mortgage loan modification business. See Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Website has a page dedicated to loan modifications in Pennsylvania.

See Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania-dedicated page on the Website specifically solicits Pennsylvania consumers to contact American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. for a mortgage loan modification. See Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Website also states that American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. mitigates mortgage loans in Pennsylvania with no advance fees. See Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage Licensing Act applies to any mortgage loan that is "(i) negotiated, offered or otherwise transacted within this Commonwealth, in whole or in part, whether by the ultimate lender or any other person; (ii) made or executed within this Commonwealth; or (iii) notwithstanding the place of execution, secured by real property located in this Commonwealth." 7 Pa. C.S. § 6135(1) (emphasis added); and

WHEREAS, Section 6102 of the Mortgage Licensing Act defines "mortgage loan business" as "[t]he business of advertising, causing to be advertised, soliciting, negotiating or arranging in the ordinary course of business or offering to make or making mortgage loans." 7 Pa. C.S. § 6102; and

WHEREAS, Section 6102 of the Mortgage Licensing Act defines a "first mortgage loan" as a loan which is "(1) made primarily for personal, family or household use; and (2) secured by any first lien mortgage, deed of trust, or equivalent consensual security interest on a dwelling or on residential real estate." 7 Pa. C.S. § 6102; and

WHEREAS, Section 6102 of the Mortgage Licensing Act defines a "secondary mortgage loan" as "(1) made primarily for personal, family or household use; and (2) secured by any secondary lien mortgage, deed of trust, or equivalent consensual security interest on a dwelling or on residential real estate." 7 Pa. C.S. § 6102; and

WHEREAS, Section 6102 of the Mortgage Licensing Act defines a "mortgage loan" as "[a] first or secondary mortgage loan, or both, as the context may require." 7 Pa. C.S. § 6102; and

WHEREAS, Section 6102 of the Mortgage Licensing Act defines a "mortgage originator" as "(1) [a]n individual [who] takes a mortgage loan application or offers or negotiates terms of a mortgage loan for compensation or gain." 7 Pa. C.S. § 6102; and

WHEREAS, by advertising the loan modification business to Pennsylvania consumers, American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. has engaged in the "mortgage loan business" as defined in the Mortgage Licensing Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 6111(a) of the Mortgage Licensing Act provides that "... no person shall engage in the mortgage loan business in this Commonwealth without being licensed as a mortgage broker, mortgage lender, mortgage loan correspondent or mortgage originator as provided under this chapter. A mortgage originator may not engage in the mortgage loan business unless the mortgage originator is employed and supervised by a licensed mortgage broker, mortgage lender or mortgage loan correspondent..." 7 Pa. C.S. § 6111(a); and

WHEREAS, American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. does not meet any of the exceptions to licensure in Sections 6111(b) and 6112 of the Mortgage Licensing Act. See 7 Pa. C.S. § 6111(b), 6112; and

WHEREAS, American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. is not licensed to engage in the mortgage loan business in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. has violated the Mortgage Licensing
Act by engaging in the mortgage loan business in Pennsylvania without a license; and

WHEREAS, Section 6138(a)(4) of the Mortgage Licensing Act provides the Department with authority to issue orders as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the mortgage loan business and the enforcement of the Mortgage Licensing Act. 7 Pa. C.S. § 6138(a)(4); and

WHEREAS, Section 6140(a) of the Mortgage Licensing Act provides, in relevant part that "[a] person subject to the provisions of this chapter and not licensed by the department who violates any provision of this chapter or who commits any action which would subject a license to suspension, revocation or nonrenewal under section 6139 (relating to suspension, revocation or refusal) may be fined by the department up to \$10,000 for each offense." 7 Pa. C.S. § 6140(a); and

AND NOW, THEREFORE, since American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. has engaged in unlicensed activity, the Bureau, pursuant to its authority referenced above hereby imposes the following Order:

- Loan Origination. Upon the effective date of this Order, American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. and any and all officers, members, managers, employees, independent contractors or agents of American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. shall cease and desist from engaging in the mortgage loan business subject to the Mortgage Licensing Act, including, but not limited to, advertising (including website advertising), accepting applications and negotiating mortgage loans and mortgage loan modifications in Pennsylvania or to Pennsylvania consumers, unless and until such time that American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. and all loan originators as defined by the Mortgage Licensing Act are licensed by the Department pursuant to the Mortgage Licensing Act.
- 2. <u>Pipeline Report</u>. Upon the effective date of this Order, American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. shall provide a list of Pennsylvania consumers who American Mitigation Law

Group. Inc. has worked with in order to negotiate mortgage loan modifications (the "Pipeline Report"). The Pipeline Report shall include, but is not limited to:

- a. The names, addresses and phone numbers of consumers that have responded to American Mitigation Law Group, Inc.'s advertisements or that American Mitigation Law Group, Inc.has as clients; and
- b. The amount of fees collected from the consumers; and
- c. The current rate, term and payment of the consumers' loans; and
- d. The proposed rate, term and payment of the loans subsequent to the loan modification; and
- e. The current status and/or resolution of the loan modification.

The list shall be sent to John Talalai, Administrator, Compliance Division, at jtalalai@state.pa.us, by 5:00 PM eastern time on the effective date of this Order.

- 3. Advertising. Upon the effective date of this Order, American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. shall provide a list of any other websites or copies of any other advertising that American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. utilizes including, but not limited to, mail solicitations. The information shall be sent to John Talalai, Administrator, Compliance Division, at italalai@state.pa.us, by 5:00 PM eastern time on the effective date of this Order.
- 4. <u>Contact Information</u>. Upon the effective date of this Order, American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. shall provide a list of all owners, officers and employees of American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. The list shall include the name, address telephone number and position of these individuals. The information shall be sent to John Talalai, Administrator, Compliance Division, at jtalalai@state.pa.us, by 5:00 PM eastern time on the effective date of this Order.

5. <u>Non-prohibited Conduct.</u> Nothing in this Order shall prevent American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. from negotiating loan modifications for consumers listed on the Pipeline Report if the consumers listed on the Pipeline Report provided the consumer wants

American Mitigation Law Group, Inc. to proceed on his/her behalf.

6. Reservation of Rights. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Bureau from taking any further administrative action as deemed necessary including, but not limited to imposing fines pursuant to Section 6140(a) or (b) of the Mortgage Licensing Act or seeking restitution for consumers.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

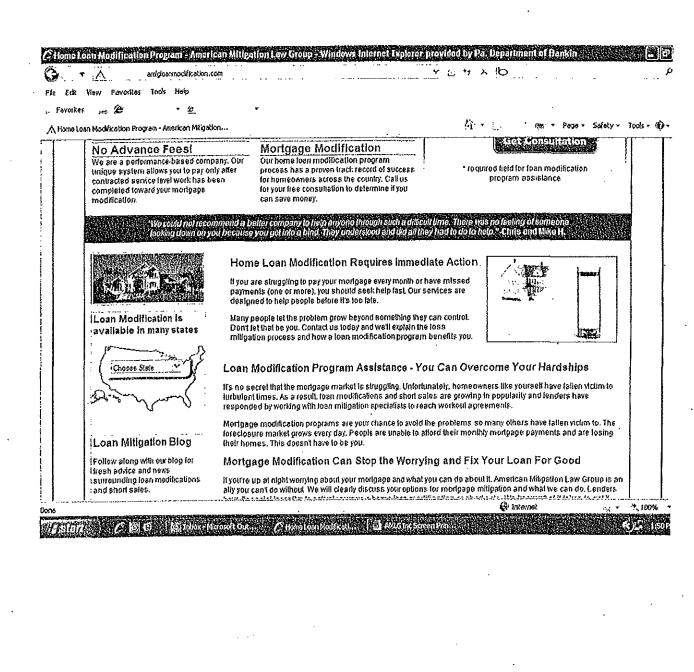
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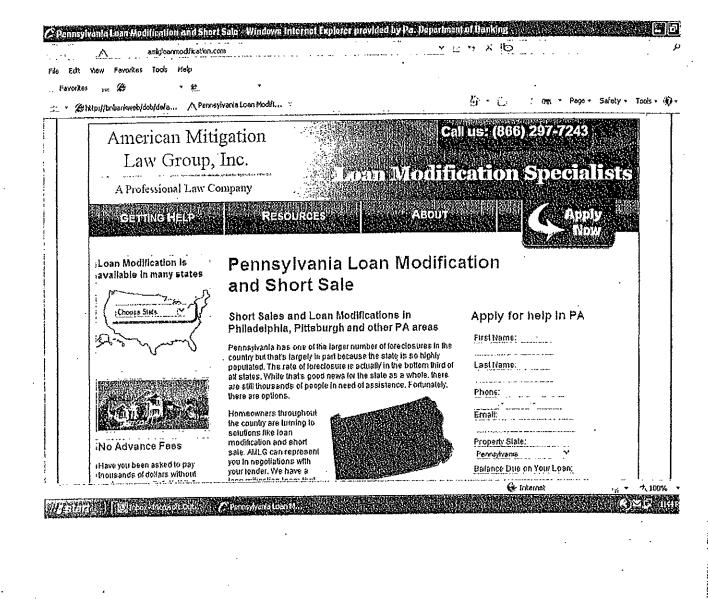
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing Order upon the parties below, who constitute the only parties of record in this proceeding, in accordance with the requirements of 1 Pa. Code §§ 33.35, 33.36 and 33.37:

BY CERTIFIED AND FIRST CLASS MAIL AND FASCIMILE

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Dated this 15th day of January, 2010.

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