## BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: LOCAL BANK & TRUST CO. – ATLANTA, GEORGIA and CASSIDY HARRIS

## ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

The Department of Banking and Finance of the State of Georgia ("Department") is authorized to issue an Order to Cease and Desist to any person or corporation conducting business as a bank or other financial institution "without authority" under Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. O.C.G.A. §7-1-5; see §§7-1-91(d), 7-1-241(c), and 7-1-243.

Local Bank & Trust Co. – Atlanta, Georgia and Cassidy Harris, according to documentation obtained by the Department, are representing themselves to be a bank purportedly located in Atlanta, Georgia as well as at 369 Montezuma Avenue, Sante Fe, New Mexico 87501-2835 and using the following telephone and/or facsimile numbers: (888) 998-7928, (888) 551-0668, and (505) 501-8373.

The Department has no record of Local Bank & Trust Co. – Atlanta, Georgia and has not approved this entity to organize a bank and/or conduct a banking business in Georgia. Furthermore, the Department has not granted Local Bank and Trust Co. – Atlanta, Georgia permission to use "bank" and/or "trust" in its name.

The official requirements and procedures for conducting a banking business in Georgia are prescribed in the Financial Institutions Code of Georgia. It is unlawful to conduct and/or be affiliated with a banking business in Georgia without a state or federal bank charter. It is also unlawful to use the words "bank" and/or "trust" in any entity's name without the permission of the Department.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§7-1-91(d), 7-1-241(c) and 7-1-243, the Department does hereby order Local Bank & Trust Co. – Atlanta, Georgia, its successors and assigns and the officers, employees and directors of Local Bank & Trust Co. – Atlanta, Georgia to:

1) Immediately Cease and Desist from using "bank," "trust," or any derivative thereof in its name in any form, including any internet website, marketing material, signage, correspondence, and/or legal documentation that could reach Georgia consumers without the written authorization of the Department pursuant to O.C.G.A. §7-1-243.

- 2) Immediately Cease and Desist from using "bank," "trust," or any derivative thereof in its name in any form, including any internet website, marketing material, signage, correspondence, and/or legal documentation originating from within this State without the written authorization of the Department pursuant to O.C.G.A. §7-1-243.
- 3) Immediately Cease and Desist from claiming to be a bank, in any form, including any internet website, marketing material, signage, correspondence, and/or legal documentation that could reach Georgia consumers.
- 4) Immediately Cease and Desist from claiming to be a bank, in any form, including any internet website, marketing material, signage, correspondence, and/or legal documentation originating from within this State.
- 5) Immediately Cease and Desist from providing any financial products or services to the citizens of Georgia by any delivery system, including the internet, while using the word "bank," "trust," or any derivative thereof without the written authorization of the Department pursuant to O.C.G.A. §7-1-241(c).
- 6) Immediately Cease and Desist from providing any financial products or services from within this State by any delivery system, including the internet, while using the word "bank," "trust," or any derivative thereof without the written authorization of the Department pursuant to O.C.G.A. §7-1-241(c).
- 7) Immediately Cease and Desist from engaging in the business of banking from within the State of Georgia and/or into the State of Georgia.
- 8) Respond to the Department by December 29, 2017, indicating the actions taken regarding compliance with the provisions of this Order. The Department may take further legal action through the State Attorney General or otherwise as authorized by law.

The above provisions are effective on December 18, 2017, the date of issuance of this

Order.

KEVIN B. HAGLER

Commissioner

Department of Banking and Finance

State of Georgia