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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
BANKING AND FINANCE

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1018(a), the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance ("Department") hereby orders you, **Michael W. Stone**, to cease and desist from engaging in activities in violation of the Georgia Residential Mortgage Act ("GRMA"), O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1000 *et seq.* Specifically, the Department has evidence showing that you provided false information on your mortgage loan originator license application when asked whether you have ever been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere ("no contest") in a domestic, foreign, or military court to any felony in violation of O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1013(11).

Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1018, you may request a hearing to contest this Order. The hearing will be held before an administrative law judge of the Office of State Administrative Hearings. You may retain counsel of your choice and subpoena witnesses and documentary evidence. The Office of the Attorney General will represent the Department.

The request for a hearing must be made in writing within twenty days of the date of this Order. Please be advised that if you do not request a hearing in writing within twenty days of the date of this Order, this Order shall become a final order. As a result, a licensed mortgage broker or mortgage lender will be prohibited from employing you for a period of five years to perform any functions governed by the GRMA. O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1004. This restriction in no way prohibits you from engaging in business with a mortgage broker or mortgage lender that is not licensed or required to be licensed by this Department. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Felicia Faison-Holmes, Non-Depository Financial Institutions Division Attorney, at (770) 986-1648.

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Georgia law prohibits a person from engaging in residential mortgage broker and lender activities unless that person is licensed by the Department or is acting within an applicable exemption. O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1002(a). The Department may not issue a license to a person that has been convicted of a felony. O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1004. There is an employee exemption. O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1001(14). However, you do not qualify for the employee exemption because Georgia law prohibits felons from being employed in the residential mortgage industry. O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1004.

This Order shall be final thirty days from the date of issuance. O.C.G.A. § 7-1-1018(a). However, within this thirty-day period you may provide the Department with documentation showing that you are not a convicted felon. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Felicia Faison-Holmes, Non-Depository Financial Institutions Division Attorney, at (770) 986-1648.

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