#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, SS.

COMMISSIONER OF BANKS MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSING Docket No. 2010-280

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In the Matter of	Ć	
TATYANA A. DUDUCAL	)	FINDINGS OF FACT AND
	)	TEMPORARY ORDER TO
	)	CEASE AND DESIST
Mortgage Loan Originator License No. MLC	)188502)	
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The Commissioner of Banks ("Commissioner") having determined that Tatyana A. Duducal, ("Tatyana Duducal" or the "Licensee"), has engaged in, or is engaging in, or is about to engage in, acts or practices constituting violations of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255F and applicable regulations found at 209 CMR 41.00 *et seq.*, hereby issues the following FINDINGS OF FACT AND TEMPORARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST ("Temporary Order") pursuant to General Laws chapter 255F, section 11(a).

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. The Division of Banks ("Division"), has jurisdiction over the licensing and regulation of persons engaged in the activities of a mortgage loan originator in Massachusetts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255F, section 2.
- 2. Tatyana Duducal is, and at all relevant times has been, a Massachusetts licensed mortgage loan originator doing business in the Commonwealth.
- 3. On July 31, 2009, Governor Deval Patrick signed into law Chapter 44 of the Acts of 2009, "An Act Adopting the Federal Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage

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Licensing Act of 2008" ("Chapter 44"). Chapter 44 amended Massachusetts General Laws

chapter 255F governing the licensing of mortgage loan originators and brought Massachusetts

into compliance with the federal Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of

2008 ("SAFE Act").

4. Chapter 44 included amendments to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255F

mandating that applicants for a mortgage loan originator license comply with certain revised

requirements, including but not limited to, the following: (a.) Completion of a minimum of

twenty (20) hours of pre-licensing education approved by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing

System (NMLS); (b.) Achievement of a passing score, defined as not less than seventy-five

percent (75%) correct, on the written SAFE Mortgage Loan Originator Test developed by the

NMLS; and (c.) Submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a

criminal history background check (collectively, the "SAFE Requirements").

5. Pursuant to SECTION 4 of Chapter 44, applicants for a mortgage loan

originator license who applied after August 1, 2009, would be granted until July 31, 2010 to

satisfy the SAFE Requirements to ensure compliance with Massachusetts General Laws

chapter 255F and 209 CMR 41.00 et seq.

6. Effective September 15, 2009, the Division revised its regulations 209 CMR

41.00 et seq., governing mortgage loan originators, to ensure that the regulations were

compliant with Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255F, as amended by Chapter 44.

7. In implementing the testing requirement referenced above in Section 4(b.), the

Division's regulation 209 CMR 41.04(2)(f) set forth that a license applicant would be

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required to achieve a passing score, as so defined, on both the National and Massachusetts

components of the written SAFE Mortgage Loan Originator Test developed by the NMLS.

8. The Division initially notified licensees of the above referenced SAFE

Requirements, and the corresponding compliance timing deadlines, by an industry letter that

was dated and published on the Division's website as of September 17, 2009, and included a

link to the relevant portion of the Division's website which contained a series of Frequently

Asked Ouestions on Chapter 44 ("FAQs") describing the SAFE Requirements.

9. The FAQs provided the following notice and disclosure: "If a currently

licensed mortgage loan originator does not meet all requirements for licensure under Chapter

44 by the stated deadlines, [the Division] will be unable to approve the mortgage loan

originator for continued licensure."

10. On October 23, 2009, the Division issued instructions regarding the 2010

Streamlined License Renewal Process for Mortgage Loan Originators ("Renewal

Instructions") to all licensed mortgage loan originators. The Renewal Instructions again

directed mortgage loan originators to information relative to the SAFE Requirement deadlines

that would apply during 2010.

11. The Division also sent numerous Reminder Notifications alerting all qualifying

licensed mortgage loan originators of the approaching July 31, 2010 SAFE Requirement

compliance deadline, including but not limited to, email notifications dated June 14, 2010,

June 24, 2010, July 2, 2010, and July 8, 2010.

12. On July 13, 2010, the Division issued a Final Notice to all qualifying licensed

mortgage loan originators of the July 31, 2010 SAFE Requirement compliance deadline,

notifying such individuals that failure to comply with the SAFE Requirements would result in the entering of a Temporary Cease and Desist Order by the Division against the individual after July 31, 2010.

## A. Failure to Obtain a Passing Score on the Massachusetts SAFE Mortgage Loan Originator Test

13. Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255F, section 6(a) states, in part:

An applicant for a mortgage loan originator's license shall pass . . . a qualified written examination developed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.

14. The Division's regulation 209 CMR 41.04(2)(f) states, in part:

An Applicant must pass a qualified written test developed by the NMLS and administered by a test provider approved by the NMLS. Such test shall include a national component and a Massachusetts component. An applicant must pass each component with a test score of not less than 75% correct answers to questions.

15. As of the date of this Temporary Order, Tatyana Duducal has failed to obtain a passing score on the Massachusetts component of the SAFE Mortgage Loan Originator Test according to records maintained in the NMLS.

# B. Failure to Obtain a Passing Score on the National SAFE Mortgage Loan Originator Test

16. Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255F, section 6(a) states, in part:

An applicant for a mortgage loan originator's license shall pass . . . a qualified written examination developed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.

17. The Division's regulation 209 CMR 41.04(2)(f) states, in part:

An Applicant must pass a qualified written test developed by the NMLS and administered by a test provider approved by the NMLS. Such test shall include a national component and a Massachusetts component. An applicant must pass each component with a test score of not less than 75% correct answers to questions.

18. As of the date of this Temporary Order, Tatyana Duducal has failed to obtain a passing score on the National component of the SAFE Mortgage Loan Originator Test according to records maintained in the NMLS.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 19. Based upon the information contained in Paragraphs 1 through 18, by failing to obtain a passing score on the Massachusetts component of the SAFE Mortgage Loan Originator Test, Tatyana Duducal has violated Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255F, section 6(a) and the Division's regulation 41.04(2)(f).
- 20. Based upon the information contained in Paragraphs 1 through 18, by failing to obtain a passing score on the National component of the SAFE Mortgage Loan Originator Test, Tatyana Duducal has violated Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255F, section 6(a) and the Division's regulation 41.04(2)(f).
- 21. Based upon the information contained in Paragraphs 1 through 18, the Commissioner has determined that:
  - (a) Tatyana Duducal has engaged in, is engaging in, or is about to engage in, acts or practices which warrant the belief that Tatyana Duducal has failed to demonstrate the character, reputation, integrity, and general fitness such as to command the confidence of the community in violation of the standards governing the licensing and conduct of a mortgage loan

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originator including, but not limited to, the provisions of the Division's

regulations at 209 CMR 41.00 et seq.; and

(b) Tatyana Duducal is currently in violation of Massachusetts General Laws

chapter 255F and the Division's regulation 209 CMR 41.00 et seq.

22. Based upon the information contained in Paragraphs 1 through 18, had the

facts and conditions found therein existed at the time of Tatyana Duducal's original mortgage

loan originator license application, the Commissioner would have been warranted in refusing

to issue such license. Further, the facts and conditions set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 18

present sufficient grounds for the revocation of Tatyana Duducal's mortgage loan originator

license pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 255F, section 11 and the Division's

regulation at 209 CMR 41.10(21).

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

23. After taking into consideration the FINDINGS OF FACT and

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW stated herein, it is hereby:

24. ORDERED that Tatyana Duducal shall immediately cease engaging in the

activities of a mortgage loan originator, as those activities are defined under Massachusetts

General Laws chapter 255F, section 1 and 209 CMR 41.00 et seq., relative to any residential

property in Massachusetts not otherwise expressly permitted by the terms of this Temporary

Order. Therefore, Tatyana Duducal is ordered to immediately cease accepting Massachusetts

residential mortgage loan applications and to cease offering or negotiating terms of a

residential mortgage loan for residential property located in Massachusetts.

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25. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Tatyana Duducal shall immediately transfer

all pending Massachusetts residential mortgage loan applications originated by Tatyana

Duducal to Tatyana Duducal's Sponsoring Entity for placement with a mortgage loan

originator licensed in Massachusetts.

26. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Tatyana Duducal shall submit to the

Commissioner a detailed record, prepared as of the date of submission, of all of the pending

residential mortgage loan applications originated by Tatyana Duducal for property located in

Massachusetts. The records to be produced shall be submitted to the Commissioner within

five (5) days of the effective date of this Temporary Order and shall include all information

on file regarding her open application list, including but not necessarily limited to, the

following:

(a) The names of all individuals from whom Tatyana Duducal has accepted an

application for a residential mortgage loan; the applicants' addresses and

telephone numbers; the amount of each loan; application status (i.e. filed,

submitted to lenders, cleared to close, etc.); scheduled closing dates; rate

lock status; a description of any fees collected from the applicant; and a list

identifying the lender with whom each applicant's application was placed.

27. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Temporary Order shall become effective

immediately and shall remain in effect unless set aside, limited, or suspended by the

Commissioner or upon court order after review under Massachusetts General Laws chapter

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(a) It is understood that the Licensee may petition the Commissioner to vacate

or modify this Temporary Order upon presenting to the Division

satisfactory evidence that the Licensee has fully remedied the deficiencies

set forth in the Temporary Order.

28. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Temporary Order shall not be construed

as approving any act, practice, or conduct not specifically set forth herein which was, is, or

may be in violation of relevant state or federal laws and regulations.

29. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing will be scheduled on this matter to

determine whether or not such Temporary Order shall become permanent and final only upon

receipt of a written request for such a hearing from Tatyana Duducal within twenty (20) days

of the effective date of this Temporary Order. If no hearing is requested within this twenty

(20) day period, this Temporary Order shall become permanent and final until it is modified

or vacated by the Commissioner.

BY ORDER AND DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKS.

Dated at Boston, Massachusetts, this 9th day of August , 2010.

Steven L. Antonakes

Commissioner of Banks

Commonwealth of Massachusetts