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# STATE OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

In the Matter of:

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Case No. DM-21-0063

DOLLIEMAC, LLC, dba ELITE DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS,

FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST AND FINAL ORDER ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTIES, ENTERED BY DEFAULT

Respondent.

On April 28, 2022, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the State of Oregon (the "Director"), through the Division of Financial Regulation (the "Division") and pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes ("ORS") 697.602 through 697.842 and Oregon Administrative Rules ("OAR") 441-910-0000 through 441-910-0200 (collectively, the "Oregon Debt Management Service Provider Law"), properly served Dolliemac, LLC, dba Elite Document Management Solutions ("Elite" or the "company") an Order to Cease and Desist, Proposed Order Assessing Civil Penalties, and Notice of Right to a Hearing ("Notice Order") via regular and certified United States mail at its business addresses.

The Notice Order offered Elite an opportunity for a hearing, if requested in writing within 20 days of service. The Notice Order further informed Elite that if a hearing was not conducted because it did not timely request a hearing or otherwise defaulted, then the designated portion of Division's file, which includes all materials Elite submitted, would automatically become part of the contested case record to prove a *prima facie* case.

On May 4, 2022, Elite requested a hearing in writing. The Division referred this matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") on September 21, 2022. On

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October 31, 2022, the OAH notified the parties that the hearing in this matter was scheduled for February 9, 2023, and on that date, the OAH convened a hearing. The Division appeared at the hearing and was represented by Senior Assistant Attorney General Jacob Gill. Justice Rillera, a financial enforcement office for the Division, also appeared on behalf of the Division. Elite failed to appear. Accordingly, Elite defaulted and a hearing was not held.

After considering the relevant portions of the Division's file in this matter, the Director finds that the record proves a *prima facie* case. Now, therefore, the Director makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Orders.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

The Director FINDS that:

- Elite is a document preparation and management company with a business address of 4203 Genesee Ave., Suite 406, San Diego, California 92117. It has the following websites: www.elitedms.net, www.elitemgtsol.com, and https://elitedms.puzl.com/.
- 2. Elite has never been registered with the Oregon Secretary of State to conduct business in Oregon or registered with the Director, through the Division, to provide advice, assistance, instruction, or instructional material regarding debt management services.
- 3. In addition to document preparation and management, the company offers or provides consumers "Financial Rehabilitation Services," i.e., debt validation/dispute and credit monitoring services, for a fee.
- On or about, January 15, 2020, EE, an Oregon consumer, availed of Elite's 4. Financial Rehabilitation Services by signing the company's Client Services Agreement ("Agreement").
- Per the Agreement, Elite's Financial Rehabilitation Services included assistance in drafting debt validation documents to send to creditors and debt collectors, instruction on how to communicate with creditors and debt collectors, and consultation on how to achieve the consumer's financial goals.

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6.	Elite charged EE a monthly fee of \$959.90 for 19 months. EE paid the company
over \$9.50	0.00 before canceling the Financial Rehabilitation Services.

7. The company eventually gave EE a partial refund.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Director CONCLUDES that:

- 8. By offering or providing an Oregon consumer the services described in paragraphs 3 to 6 of this Order, Elite offered or provided advice, assistance, instruction, or instructional material concerning a debt management service.
- By offering or providing advice, assistance, instruction, or instructional material concerning a debt management service to an Oregon consumer without registering with the Director through the Division, Elite violated ORS 697.612(1)(b)(E).
- 10. By charging an Oregon consumer a fee of \$959.90 for the first month, Elite violated ORS 697.692(1)(a), which limits the initial fee to \$50.00 or less.
- 11. Because the Director has reason to believe that Elite violated ORS 697.612(1)(b)(E) and ORS 697.692(1)(a), the Director is authorized under ORS 697.825(1)(a) to order Elite to cease and desist from violating these statutes.
- 12. ORS 697.832(1) authorizes the Director to assess up to a \$5,000.00 civil penalty against Elite per violation of the Oregon Debt Management Service Provider Law.

## **ORDER**

Now therefore, the Director issues the following ORDERS:

- 13. As authorized by ORS 697.825(1)(a), the Director ORDERS Elite to CEASE AND DESIST from violating ORS 697.612(1)(b)(E) and ORS 697.692(1)(a).
- As authorized by ORS 697.832(1), the Director ORDERS Elite to pay 14. \$10,000.00 in CIVIL PENALTIES, allocated as follows:
  - A. \$5,000.00 for violating ORS 697.612(1)(b)(E), and
  - B. \$5,000.00 for violating ORS 697.692(1)(a).