

# STATE OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SECURITIES

## BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES

In the Matter of:	DM-15-0042
Rennick, Young, Cohen & Associates LLC,	Final Order to Cease and Desist and Order Assessing Civil Penalties Entered By Default
Respondent.	

On June 22, 2015, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the State of Oregon (hereinafter "the Director"), acting pursuant to the authority contained in the Oregon Mortgage Lender Law, Oregon Revised Statutes ("ORS") 86A.100 *et seq.*, and Oregon Administrative Rules ("OAR") 441-850-0005 through 441-885-0010 (hereinafter "the Oregon Mortgage Lender Law") and ORS 697.602 to 697.842 and OAR 441-910-0000 through 441-910-0120 (hereinafter "the Oregon Debt Management Service Provider law"), issued Administrative Order No. DM-15-0042, (Order) Order to Cease and Desist, Proposed Order Assessing Civil Penalties and Notice of Right to a Rennick, Young, Cohen & Associates LLC (RYC).

On June 23, 2015, a true copy of the Order was mailed by regular, first-class mail and by certified mail postage prepaid addressed to RYC at 7948 Baymeadows Way Ste. 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256. On July 2, 2015, the certified mail was returned by the United States Post Office marked Return to Sender Unable to Forward.

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On June 23, 2015, a true copy of the Order was mailed by regular, first-class mail and by certified mail postage prepaid addressed to Edward Rennick (Rennick) at 1102 Shipwatch Dr., Jacksonville, FL 3225. Rennick was the last known registered agent for the company. Records from the United States Post Office indicate that the document was signed for on June 29, 2015 by Rennick.

On June 23, 2015, pursuant to ORS 60.731(3), a copy of the Order was hand delivered to the Oregon Secretary of State at 255 Capitol Street NE, Salem, Oregon.

No written request for hearing has been received by the Division and the time to request a hearing has lapsed.

#### FINDINGS OF FACTS

The Director finds that:

- 1. At all times material to this Order, RYC was a Florida limited liability company with a reported principal place of business of 7960 Baymeadows Way, Suite 300 Jacksonville, Florida.
- 2. RYC filed Articles of Organization on May 18, 2009 in the state of Florida and was administratively dissolved on September 23, 2011.
- 3. RYC has never been registered with the Oregon Secretary of State to do business in Oregon.
- 4. RYC has never held a license to engage in residential mortgage transactions as a mortgage broker in Oregon and has never been registered to provide debt management services in Oregon.
- 5. At all times material to this Order, consumers MA and DA were Oregon residents and were party to a home mortgage loan secured by real estate located in Oregon.
- 6. On or about March, 2010, MA was contacted by RYC. RYC offered to negotiate a loan modification with MA's lender.

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7. On or about March of 2010 MA and DA began making payments to RYC for their promise to modify the couple's mortgage. The payments totaled \$1,850 and were made as follows:

\$600	3-18-10
\$200	4-14-10
\$200	5-21-10
\$200	6-15-10
\$200	7-23-10
\$250	9-17-10
\$200	payment by money gram (undated)

8. After RYC received the entire payment of \$1,850, RYC stopped communicating with MA. MA made numerous requests for a refund but was finally told in December of 2010 that he had not submitted all of the required paperwork in order for RYC to negotiate a modification with MA and DA's lender.

9. MA did not receive a loan modification or a refund from RYC.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Director concludes that:

- 1. RYC acted as a "mortgage broker" under ORS 86A.100(5)(a)(C) when RYC, for compensation, or in the expectation of compensation, either directly or indirectly made, negotiated, or offered to make or negotiate a modification to the terms and conditions of a mortgage loan for MA and DA.
- 2. RYC engaged in "residential mortgage transactions in this state" under ORS 86A.103(2) by acting as a mortgage broker when RYC offered to negotiate a modification to the terms and conditions of MA and DA's residential mortgage loan secured by property located in Oregon.
- 3. RYC violated ORS 86A.103(1) by engaging in residential mortgage transactions for MA and DA in Oregon without first obtaining a license as a mortgage broker under ORS 86A.095 to 86A.198.

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- 4. RYC received money or expected to receive money from RA and DA for providing advice, assistance, instruction or instructional material concerning a debt management service, or modifying the terms and conditions of an existing loan under ORS 697.602(2)(c), in violation of ORS 697.612(1)(b)(E) as the company was not registered as a debt management service provider.
- 5. RYC violated ORS 697.692(1)(a) by accepting or receiving an initial fee of more than \$50 from MA and DA.
- 6. RYC knowingly misrepresented to MA an DA that they would provide loan modification services and then failed to provide loan modification services, and failed to provide a refund in violation of ORS 86A.154(2).

#### **ORDERS**

### NOW, THEREFORE, THE DIRECTOR ISSUES THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

- 1. Pursuant to ORS 86A.127(4) and 697.825(1)(a), the Director hereby orders RYC and all entities owned or controlled by RYC, to cease and desist from violating the Oregon statutes regulating mortgage lending, ORS 86A.100 et seq., and debt management service providers, ORS 697.602 to 697.842.
- 2. Pursuant to ORS 86A.992, the Director may assess a civil penalty in an amount of not more than \$5,000 per violation against any person who violates or who procures, aids or abets in the violation of any provision of ORS 86A.095 to 86A.198 or any rule or order issued under ORS 86A.124 or 86A.242. Pursuant to the authority of ORS 697.832, the Director may assess a civil penalty in an amount of not more than \$5,000 per violation against any person who violates ORS 697.612 or 697.642 to 697.702, rules adopted under ORS 697.632, or any order issued under ORS 697.825.
- 3. The Director orders Respondent to pay civil penalties in the amount of \$15,000 as follows:

1	a. \$5,000 for committing one violation of ORS 86A.103(1) or 697.612(1)(b)(E);	
2	b. \$5,000 for committing one violation of ORS 697.692(1)(a);	
3	c. \$5,000 civil penalty for committing one violation of ORS 86A.154(2).	
4	4. The entry of this Order in no way further limits remedies that may be available to the	
5	Director under Oregon law.	
6	Dated this 24th day of August, 2015.	
7	PATRICK M. ALLEN, Director	
8	Department of Consumer and Business Services	
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10	/S/ David Tatman David C. Tatman, Administrator	
11	Division of Finance and Corporate Securities	
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13	NOTICE: You may be entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained	
14	by filing a petition with the Court of Appeals in Salem, Oregon within 60 days from the service	
15	of this Order. Judicial review is pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.482 to the Oregon Court	
16	of Appeals.	
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