

### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

#### BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING

IN THE MATTER OF INVESTIGATING Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington (chapter 19.146 RCW) by:

NO. C-09-258-10-FO01

GLOBAL FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS INC..

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

Respondent.

#### I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

A. Procedural History. This matter has come before the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) pursuant to RCW 34.05.464. On September 9, 2009, the Director, through Consumer Services Division Director, Deborah Bortner, entered a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Impose Fine and Collect Investigation Fee (Statement of Charges) against Global Financial Solutions Inc., Respondent. A copy of the Statement of Charges is attached and incorporated into this order by this reference. The Statement of Charges was accompanied by a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding for Global Financial Solutions Inc. The Department served the Statement of Charges, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding for Global Financial Solutions Inc. on Respondent, on September 9 2009, by First-Class mail and Federal Express overnight delivery.

Brief Adjudicative Proceeding Final Decision and Order In re Global Financial Solutions Inc. No. C-09-318-10-F001 Page 1 of 6 Pages On September 30, 2009, the Department received from Respondent's representative, Tahn

Cam Ha, a completed Application for Brief Adjudicative Proceeding. On October 1, 2009, the

Division of Consumer Services made a request to the BAP Hearing Officer, Joseph M. Vincent,

(BAP Hearing Officer Vincent) to schedule and conduct a hearing on the Statement of Charges. On

October 16, 2009, BAP Hearing Officer Vincent issued a Notice of Assignment & Time to File

Additional Materials giving Respondent until Friday, October 30, 2009, to provide additional

materials.

On February 11, 2010, BAP Hearing Officer Vincent issued an Initial Decision and Order.

This Initial Decision and Order includes the following Findings of Fact:

• Respondent was required to file a Mortgage Broker Annual Report (MBAR) on or

before March 31, 2009.

• The Division did not receive the 2008 MBAR by March 31, 2009.

• Respondent did not timely file the 2007 MBAR.

The Initial Decision and Order ordered Respondent to pay a fine of \$3,000 and to pay investigative

costs of \$96. On February 11, 2010, the Initial Decision and Order was mailed to Respondent via

First-Class mail and Federal Express overnight delivery. On February 23, 2010, the documents sent

via Federal Express overnight delivery were returned to the Department as undeliverable. On

February 25, 2010, the Department served the Initial Decision and Order on Respondent by sending

packages containing the documents to the residential address of Respondent's Designated Broker by

First-Class mail and via Federal Express overnight delivery. The package sent via First-Class mail

was delivered on February 26, 2010. The package sent via Federal Express overnight delivery was

returned to the Department as undeliverable after three attempts at trying to reach the Designated

Broker for signature.

Brief Adjudicative Proceeding Final Decision and Order In re Global Financial Solutions Inc. No. C-09-291-10-FO01 Pursuant to RCW 34.05.464 and WAC 10-08-211, Respondent had twenty (20) days from the date of service of the Initial Decision and Order to file a Petition for Review of the Initial Decision and Order. Respondent did not file a Petition for Review during the statutory period.

- B. <u>Record Presented</u>. The record presented to the Director for his review and for entry of a final decision included the following:
  - 1. Statement of Charges, and Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, with documentation of service;
  - 2. Completed application for Brief Adjudicative Proceeding for Global Financial Solutions Inc.;
  - 3. Letter requesting the scheduling of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding;
  - 4. Notice of Assignment & Time To File Additional Materials dated October 16, 2009; and
  - 5. Initial Decision and Order dated February 11, 2010, with documentation of service.
- C. <u>Factual Findings and Grounds For Order</u>. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.461, the Director hereby adopts the Initial Decision and Order, which is attached hereto.

#### II. FINAL ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, and the Director having considered the record and being otherwise fully advised, NOW, THEREFORE:

#### A. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That:

- 1. Respondent Global Financial Solutions Inc. pay a fine of \$3,000; and
- 2. Respondent Global Financial Solutions Inc. pay an investigative fee of \$96.

B. Reconsideration. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, Respondent has the right to file a Petition for Reconsideration stating the specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The Petition must be filed in the Office of the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions by courier at 150 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501, or by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, Washington 98504-1200, within ten (10) days of service of the Final Order upon Respondent. The Petition for Reconsideration shall not stay the effectiveness of this order nor is a Petition for Reconsideration a prerequisite for seeking judicial review in this matter.

A timely Petition for Reconsideration is deemed denied if, within twenty (20) days from the date the petition is filed, the agency does not (a) dispose of the petition or (b) serve the parties with a written notice specifying the date by which it will act on a petition.

- C. <u>Stay of Order</u>. The Director has determined not to consider a Petition to Stay the effectiveness of this order. Any such requests should be made in connection with a Petition for Judicial Review made under chapter 34.05 RCW and RCW 34.05.550.
- D. <u>Judicial Review</u>. Respondent has the right to petition the superior court for judicial review of this agency action under the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. For the requirements for filing a Petition for Judicial Review, see RCW 34.05.510 and sections following.
- E. <u>Non-compliance with Order</u>. If Global Financial Solutions Inc. does not comply with the terms of this order, the Department may seek its enforcement by the Office of Attorney General to include the collection of the fine and fees imposed herein.
- F. <u>Service.</u> For purposes of filing a Petition for Reconsideration or a Petition for Judicial Review, service is effective upon deposit of this order in the U.S. mail, declaration of service attached hereto.

Dated this <u>Usday</u> of <u>Soptember</u> 2010, at Tumwater, Washington.

SCOTT JARVIS, Director

Washington State Department of Financial Institutions

#### NOTICE TO THE PARTIES

Judicial Review of this Final Decision and Order is available to a party according to the provisions set out in Part V of the Washington Administrative Procedure Act, RCW 34.05.510 through RCW 34.05.598, inclusive. Judicial Review may be made by filing a Petition for Judicial Review (RCW 34.05.570) within thirty (30) days of the date of the Final Decision and Order, as permitted under RCW 34.05.542(2). The contents of the Petition for Review shall be according to the requirements of RCW 34.05.546.

This is to certify that the above FINAL DECISION AND ORDER has been served upon the following parties on 2/2, 2010, by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid.

SUSAN PUTZIER

#### Mailed to the following:

ATTN: Tahn Cam Ha Designated Broker Global Financial Solutions Inc. 2607 Jones Ave NE Renton, WA 98056

James R. Brusselback Enforcement Chief Department of Financial Institutions Division of Consumer Services P.O. Box 41200 Olympia, Washington 98504-1200



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## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

#### **BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING**

IN THE MATTER OF INVESTIGATING Whether has been a violation of the Washington Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Ch. 19.146 RCW) by:

TAHN CAM HA, d/b/a GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES,

DCS - BAP - C-09-258-09-IO

INITIAL DECISION AND ORDER

Respondent.

THIS MATTER having come before Joseph M. Vincent, General Counsel for the Department of Financial Institutions ("Department"), sitting in his capacity as Presiding Officer ("Presiding Officer") for Brief Adjudicative Proceedings ("BAP") for the Division of Consumer Services ("Division"), in relation to a State of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Impose Fine and Collect Investigation Fee ("Statement of Charges") under the Washington Mortgage Broker Practices Act, Chapter 19.146 RCW ("Act"), against TAHN CAM HA, d/b/a GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, the Respondent ("Respondent");

NOW THEREFORE, the Presiding Officer issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Initial Decision and Order:

#### 1.0 RECORD

The Presiding Officer has considered the following material documents, which comprise the relevant record in this matter ("Record"):

- 1.1 Statement of Charges, dated September 9, 2009;
- 1.2 Request for Brief Adjudicative Proceeding, received by the Division on September 30, 2009, in which the designated broker/owner of Respondent, TAHN CAM HA ("Designated Broker") declined a qualified interpreter or to be represented by an attorney;

1.3 Letter from James Brusselback, Enforcement Chief of the Division, dated October 1, 2009; and

1.4 Notice of Assignment and Time to File Additional Materials, from the Presiding Officer, dated October 16, 2009.

#### 2.0 FINDINGS OF FACT

Based upon the Record, the following facts undisputed as between the Division and the Respondent:

2.1 Respondent was required to file a Mortgage Broker Annual Report ("MBAR") of mortgage activity with the Division on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> of every year following any year in which it held a mortgage broker license.

2.2 This change went into effect on January 1, 2007, so the first MBAR was due to the Division no later than March 31, 2008.

2.3 It is noted in passing that Respondent did not submit its 2007 MBAR when it was due on March 31, 2008.

2.4 The 2008 MBAR was due to the Division by March 31, 2009, but the Division did not receive it.

2.5 The Department waited and did not issue its Statement of Charges until September 9,2009, at a time when the Respondent had still not filed its 2008 MBAR.

2.6 Despite written notice dated October 16, 2009, of an opportunity to present additional materials explaining the failure to file the 2008 MBAR, no such materials were received from the Respondent or its Designated Broker.

2.7 The MBAR is a tool for measuring the activity of Mortgage Broker Licensees so that the Division may allocate its scarce resources in determining such matters as which Mortgage Broker Licensees ought to be examined. It is not an annual report in the manner of renewing one's corporation license with the Secretary of State. Because of the MBAR's purpose, it is essential that it be filed – and filed timely.

2.8 Respondent appears not to have treated the MBAR filing requirement or this Department with the respect they deserve.

- 2.9 The Presiding Officer finds that Respondent has shown a disregard for the Department and the Department's applicable laws and regulations in Respondent's untimely filing of the 2008 MBAR.
- 2.10 Two staff hours were devoted to this investigation.

#### 3.0 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Findings of Fact above, the Presiding Officer must conclude, as follows:

- 3.1 In its untimely filing of the 2008 MBAR, Respondent violated RCW 19.146.290(1) and WAC 208-660-400(1), (2), and (3).
- 3.2 Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(2)(e), the Department may impose fines on a Mortgage Broker Licensee for any violation of the Act.
- 3.3 Pursuant to RCW 19.146.228(2), WAC 208-660-520 and WAC 208-660-550(4), upon completion of any investigation of the books and records of a licensee, the Department will furnish to the licensee a billing to cover the cost of investigation.
- 3.4 The investigative charge will be calculated at the rate of \$48 per hour for each staff person of the Department devoted to the investigation.

#### 4.0 INITIAL DECISION AND ORDER

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 4.1 Respondent, TAHN CAM HA, d/b/a GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, pay a fine of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00); and
- 4.2 Respondent, TAHN CAM HA, d/b/a GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, pay an investigative fee of Ninety-Six Dollars (\$96.00).

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Dated and mailed on February 11, 2010, at Tumwater, Washington.

Joseph M. Vincent, Presiding Officer Brief Adjudicative Proceedings

Division of Consumer Services

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#### **FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS**

Under the Washington Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 34.05 RCW, and WAC 10-08-211, any party to an adjudicative proceeding may file a *Petition for Review* of this Initial Decision and Order. Any *Petition for Review* shall be filed with the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions within twenty (20) days of service of the Initial Decision and Order. The deadline to file a Petition for Review is March 3, 2010.

#### Address for filing the Petition for Review:

Scott Jarvis, Director
Washington State Department of Financial Institutions
P.O. Box 41200
Olympia, Washington 98504-1200

A copy of any such *Petition for Review* must also be served upon the Division of Consumer Services, Washington State Department of Financial Institutions, P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, Washington 98504-1200, at the time the *Petition for Review* is filed with the Director.

A **Petition for Review** shall specify the portions of the **Initial Decision and Order** to which exception is taken and shall refer to the evidence of record which is relied upon to support the **Petition for Review**. Any party may file a reply to a **Petition for Review**. Replies must be filed with the Director within ten (10) days of the date of the service of the **Petition for Review**, and copies of the reply must be served upon all other parties or their representatives at the time the reply is filed with the Director.

At the time for filing a *Petition for Review* has elapsed, the Director of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions will issue a *Final Decision and Order* in this matter. In accordance with RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 10-08-215, any *Petition for Reconsideration* of such *Final Decision and Order* must be filed with the Director within ten (10) days of the service of the *Final Decision and Order*. NOTE: *Petitions for Reconsideration* do <u>not</u> stay the effectiveness of the *Final Decision and Order*.

Judicial Review of the Final Decision and Order is available to a party according to the provisions set out in the Washington Administrative Procedures Act, at RCW 34.05.570.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Susan Putrier	_, certify that I personally delivered or mailed a copy of the
Initial Decision and Order to pa	ties named below at their respective addresses, postage pre-paid,
on the date stated hereinabove.	

#### Mailed to the following:

Tahn Cam Ha Global Financial Solutions Inc. 212 Wells Avenue S., Suite 101 Renton, WA 98057

# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by:

NO. C-09-258-09-SC01

GLOBAL FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS INC,

STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER AN ORDER TO IMPOSE FINE AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEE

Respondent.

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES Global Financial Solutions Inc C-09-258-09-SC01

#### INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220 and RCW 19.146.223, the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act). After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 19.146.235, and based upon the facts available as the date of this Statement of Charges, the Director, through his designee, Division of Consumer Services Director Deborah Bortner, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows:

#### I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1.1 Respondent Global Financial Solutions Inc (Respondent) was licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker at all times relevant to the conduct alleged.
- 1.2 Failure to File Mortgage Broker Annual Report. By March 31, 2009, Respondent was required to file an annual report of mortgage broker activity to include the total number of closed loans originated and the total volume of closed loans originated. As of the date of this Statement of Charges Respondent has not filed the 2008 mortgage broker annual report.
- 1.3 On-Going Investigation. The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by Respondent continues to date.

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#### II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

2.1 Requirement to File Mortgage Broker Annual Report. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent is in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.290(1) and WAC 208-660-400(1), (2), (3), and (4) for failing to file the mortgage broker annual report.

#### III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

- 3.1 Authority to Impose Fine. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(2)(e) the Director may impose fines on a licensee or other person subject to the Act for any violations of the Act.
- 3.2 Authority to Collect Investigation Fee. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.228(2), WAC 208-660-520, and WAC 208-660-550(4), upon completion of any investigation of the books and records of a licensee or other person subject to the Act, the Department will furnish to the licensee or other person subject to the Act a billing to cover the cost of the investigation. The investigation charge will be calculated at the rate of \$48 per hour that each staff person devoted to the investigation.

#### IV. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER ORDER

Respondent's violations of the provisions of chapter 19.146 RCW and chapter 208-660 WAC, as set forth in the above Factual Allegations, Grounds for Entry of Order, and Authority to Impose Sanctions, constitute a basis for the entry of an Order under RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221 and RCW 19.146.223. Therefore, it is the Director's intention to ORDER that:

- 4.1 Respondent Global Financial Solutions Inc pay a fine of \$3,000; and
- 4.2 Respondent Global Financial Solutions Inc pay an investigation fee, which as of the date of these charges is \$96 calculated at \$48 per hour for two staff hours devoted to the investigation; and
- 4.3 Respondent Global Financial Solutions Inc file the 2008 annual report of mortgage broker activity.

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#### V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Impose Fine and Collect Investigation Fee (Statement of Charges) is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.223 and RCW 19.146.230, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW (The Administrative Procedure Act). Respondent may make a written request for a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING accompanying this Statement of Charges.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

DEBORAH BORTNER

Director

Division of Consumer Services Department of Financial Institutions

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# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING
Whether there has been a violation of the
Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington
by:

No. C-09-258-09-SC01

GLOBAL FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS INC,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

Global Financial Solutions Inc

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a STATEMENT OF CHARGES has been issued by the Department of Financial Institutions, a true and correct copy of which is attached and made a part hereof.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you may file a Request for Brief Adjudicative Proceeding before the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions on the Statement of Charges. Service of this notice is deemed complete upon deposit in the United States mail. YOUR REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU RECEIVED THIS NOTICE. If you request a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding, you will be notified of the schedule and oral argument, if any, at least seven (7) days in advance.

The Brief Adjudicative Proceeding will be as informal as is practical within the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (see chapter 34.05 RCW). If you are limited English- speaking or hearing impaired, you have the right to have an interpreter appointed at no cost to you, as discussed below.

INTERPRETER AVAILABILITY. If you are a person who, because of non-English-speaking cultural background, cannot readily speak or understand the English language, or if you are a person who, because of a hearing impairment or speech defect, cannot readily understand or communicate in spoken language, including persons who are deaf, deaf and blind, or hard of hearing, <u>AND YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER</u>, then a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to you. You may request the appointment of a qualified interpreter by indicating your request on the attached Request for Brief Adjudicative Proceeding form.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if the Department of Financial Institutions does not <u>RECEIVE</u> the Request for Brief Adjudicative Proceeding form within twenty (20) days from the date you received this notice, this will constitute a waiver of your right to a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding and the Director will find that you do not contest the allegations of the Statement of Charges. Upon such a finding by the Director a final order will be immediately entered disposing of this matter as described in the Statement of Charges. If you desire a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding in this matter, please return the attached Request for Brief Adjudicative Proceeding to:

Department of Financial Institutions Division of Consumer Services Attn: Fatima Batie PO Box 41200 Olympia, Washington 98504-1200

Dated this 9th day of September 2009.

DEBORAH BORTNER

Director

Division of Consumer Services
Department of Financial Institutions

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