ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number: C-12-1056

Name(s):			w Offices of B. Diego Hellewell, LLC; ors; Ryan G. Zimmerman;		
Order Number:	C-12-1056-13	-FO02			
Effective Date:	March 4, 2013	3			
License Number: Or NMLS Identifier [U/L] License Effect:		l, stayed, application denied or st specifically note the ending			
Not Apply Until:	3/4/2018				
Not Eligible Until:	3/4/2018				
Prohibition/Ban Until:	3/4/2018				
Investigation Costs	\$1,104	Due	Paid ☐ Y ⊠ N	Date	
Fine	\$3,000	Due	Paid ☐ Y ⊠ N	Date	
Assessment(s)	\$	Due	Paid N N	Date	
Restitution	\$2,000	Due	Paid Y N	Date	
Judgment	\$	Due	Paid N	Date	
Satisfaction of Judgment I	No. of Victims:	☐ Y ☐ N			
Comments:					

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-12-1056-13-FO02

AMERICAN FORENSIC LOAN AUDITORS, RYAN G. ZIMMERMAN, Owner, THE LAW OFFICE OF B. DIEGO HELLEWELL, LLC, and BENJAMIN DIEGO HELLEWELL, President,

FINAL ORDER

Respondents.

I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

A. Default. This matter has come before the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director), through his designee, Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner (Director's designee), pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1). On January 7, 2013, the Director, through the Director's designee, issued an Amended Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Produce Records, Cease and Desist Business, Prohibit from Industry, Order Restitution, Impose Fine, and Collect Investigation Fee (Statement of Charges) against American Forensic Loan Auditors (Respondent AFLA), Ryan G. Zimmerman (Respondent Zimmerman), The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell, LLC (Respondent Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell), and Benjamin Diego Hellewell (Respondent Hellewell) (collectively, Respondents). 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 cover letter dated January 24, 2013, a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondents (collectively, accompanying documents).

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1	On January 25, 2013, the Department served Respondents Hellewell and Law Office of B.					
2	Diego Hellewell with the Statement of Charges and accompanying documents by ABC Legal					
3	Services. On February 5, 2013, the Department served Respondents Zimmerman and AFLA with the					
4	Statement of Charges and accompanying documents by ABC Legal Services.					
5	Respondents did not request an adjudicative hearing within twenty calendar days after the					
6	Department served the Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, as provided fo					
7	in WAC 208-08-050(2).					
8	B. Record Presented. The record presented to the Director's designee for her review and					
9	for entry of a final decision included the following: Statement of Charges, cover letter dated January					
10	24, 2013, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for					
11	Adjudicative Hearing for Respondents, with documentation for service.					
12	C. <u>Factual Findings and Grounds for Order</u> . Pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1), the					
13	Director's designee hereby adopts the Statement of Charges, which is attached hereto.					
14	II. <u>FINAL ORDER</u>					
15	Based upon the foregoing, and the Director's designee having considered the record and being					
16	otherwise fully advised, NOW, THEREFORE:					
17	A. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That:					
18	Respondents American Forensic Loan Auditors, Ryan G. Zimmerman, The Law					
19	Office of B. Diego Hellewell, and Benjamin Diego Hellewell cease and desist from engaging in the business of a mortgage broker or loan originator.					
20	2. Respondents American Forensic Loan Auditors, Ryan G. Zimmerman, The Law					
21	Office of B. Diego Hellewell, and Benjamin Diego Hellewell be prohibited from participation, in any manner, in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker					
22	subject to licensure by the Director for a period of five years.					
23	3. Respondents American Forensic Loan Auditors, Ryan G. Zimmerman, The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell, and Benjamin Diego Hellewell pay \$2,000 in					
24	restitution to the consumer identified by the Department in paragraph 1.2 of the					

FINAL ORDER C-12-1056-13-FO02 AMERICAN FORENCIS LOAN AUDITORS, RYAN G. ZIMMERMAN, THE LAW OFFICE OF B. DIEGO HELLEWELL, and BENJAMIN DIEGO HELLEWELL DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
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Statement of Charges. This restitution shall be joint and several with any other Respondents determined to have violated the Act.

- 4. Respondents American Forensic Loan Auditors, Ryan G. Zimmerman, The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell, and Benjamin Diego Hellewell pay a fine of \$3,000. This fine shall be joint and several with any other Respondents determined to have violated the Act.
- 5. Respondents American Forensic Loan Auditors, Ryan G. Zimmerman, The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell, and Benjamin Diego Hellewell pay an investigation fee of \$1,104. This investigation fee shall be joint and several with any other Respondents determined to have violated the Act.
- 6. Respondents American Forensic Loan Auditors, Ryan G. Zimmerman, The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell, and Benjamin Diego Hellewell maintain records in compliance with the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act) and provide the Department with the location of the books, records and other information relating to Respondents' provision of residential mortgage loan modification services in Washington, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.
- B. Reconsideration. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, Respondents have 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 Respondents. 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's designee 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.

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	D.	<u>Judicial Review</u> .	Respondents have the right to petition the superior court for judicia
reviev	v of this	agency action und	ler the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. For the requirements for
filing	a Petitio	n for Judicial Rev	iew, see RCW 34.05.510 and sections following.

- E. <u>Non-compliance with Order</u>. If any Respondents do not comply with the terms of this order, including payment of any amounts owed within 30 days of receipt of this order, the Department may seek its enforcement by the Office of the Attorney General to include the collection of the fines, fees, and restitution imposed herein. The Department also may assign the amounts owed to a collection agency for collection.
- 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 4 day of March, 2013



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

DEBORAH BORTNER
Director
Division of Consumer Services

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was served and defaulted under C-12-1056-SC01. STATEMENT OF CHARGES

C-12-1056-12-SC02 American Forensic Loan Auditors, Ryan G. Zimmerman, The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell, LLC, and Benjamin Diego Hellewell No. C-12-1056-12-SC02

AMENDED STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER AN ORDER TO PRODUCE RECORDS, CEASE AND DESIST BUSINESS, PROHIBIT FROM INDUSTRY, ORDER RESTITUTION, IMPOSE FINE, AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEE

Respondents.

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). On September 27, 2012, the Department issued Statement of Charges C-12-1056-12-SC01 identifying Ryan "D." Zimmerman as a Respondent. This Statement of Charges C-12-1056-12-SC02 is issued to correct the scrivener's error. After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 19.146.235, and based upon the facts available as of 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 Respondents.

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A. American Forensic Loan Auditors (AFLA) has never been licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.

¹ Additionally, Amir H. Ahmadi, co-owner of American Forensic Loan Auditors has been removed from the caption as he

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- B. **Ryan G. Zimmerman (Zimmerman)** is an Owner of Respondent AFLA. During the relevant time period, Respondent Zimmerman was not licensed by the Department to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.
- C. The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell, LLC (The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell) has never been licensed by the Department to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.
- D. **Benjamin Diego Hellewell (Hellewell)** is President of Respondent The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell. During the relevant time period, Respondent Hellewell was not licensed by the Department to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.
- 1.2 Unlicensed Activity. On or about March 19, 2010, AFLA, Zimmerman, The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell, and Hellewell (collectively "Respondents") were offering residential mortgage loan modification services to Washington consumers on property located in Washington State. Respondents entered into a contractual relationship with at least one Washington consumer to provide those services and collected an advance fee for the provision of those services. The Department has received at least one complaint from a Washington consumer alleging Respondents provided or offered to provide residential mortgage loan modification services while not licensed by the Department to provide those services. Consumer paid Respondents a fee of \$2,000.
- 1.3 Misrepresentations and Omissions. Respondents represented that they were licensed to provide the residential mortgage loan modification services or omitted disclosing that they were not licensed to provide those services. During the relevant time period, Respondent Hellewell represented that he was licensed to practice law in Washington or omitted disclosing that he was not licensed to practice law in the State of Washington.

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1.4 On-Going Investigation. The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by Respondents continues to date.

II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

- 2.1 Mortgage Broker Defined. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(14) and WAC 208-660-006, "Mortgage Broker" means any person who, for compensation or gain, or in the expectation of compensation or gain (a) assists a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan or (b) holds himself or herself out as being able to make a residential mortgage loan or assist a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan. Pursuant to WAC 208-660-006, a person "assists a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan' by, among other things, counseling on loan terms (rates, fees, other costs), [and] preparing loan packages...."
- 2.2 Loan Originator Defined. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(11), "loan originator" means a natural person who for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain: takes a residential mortgage loan application for a mortgage broker; offers or negotiates terms of a mortgage loan; or holds themselves out to the public as able to perform any of these activities.
- **2.3 Prohibited Acts.** Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(2) & (3) engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice toward any person and obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation.
- **2.4** Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Mortgage Broker License. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.200(1) for engaging in the business of a mortgage broker for Washington residents or property without first obtaining a license to do so.

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5.7 Respondents maintain records in compliance with the Act and provide the Department with the location of the books, records and other information relating to Respondents' provision of residential mortgage loan modification services in Washington, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.

V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221, RCW 19.146.223, and RCW 19.146.230, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW (The Administrative Procedure Act). Respondents may make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Statement of Charges.



DEBORAH BORTNER

Director

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Division of Consumer Services

Department of Financial Institutions

Presented by:



DEVON P. PHELPS

Financial Legal Examiner

Approved by:

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CHARLES E. CLARK Enforcement Chief

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES C-12-1056-12-SC02 American Forensic Loan Auditors, Ryan G. Zimmerman, The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell, LLC, and Benjamin Diego Hellewell

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES

No. C-12-1056-12-SC01

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I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1.1 Respondent American Forensic Loan Auditors (Respondent AFLA) has never been licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.
- 1.2 Respondent Ryan D. Zimmerman (Respondent Zimmerman) is an Owner of Respondent AFLA. During the relevant time period, Respondent Zimmerman was not licensed by the Department to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.

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1	1.3 Respondent Amir H. Ahmadi (Respondent Ahmadi) is an Owner of Respondent AFLA.
2	During the relevant time period, Respondent Ahmadi was not licensed by the Department to conduct
3	business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.
4	1.4 Respondent The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell, LLC (Respondent The Law Office of B.
5	Diego Hellewell) has never been licensed by the Department to conduct business as a mortgage broke
6	or loan originator.
7	1.5 Respondent Benjamin Diego Hellewell (Respondent Hellewell) is President of Respondent
8	The Law Office of B. Diego Hellewell. During the relevant time period, Respondent Hellewell was
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against any person subject to the Act for any violation of the Act.

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Presented by:

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DEBORAH BORTNER
Director, Division of Consumer Services
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DEVON P. PHELPS Financial Legal Examiner

Approved by:

CHARLES E. CLARK

Enforcement Chief

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