

1 State of New Hampshire Banking Department

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3 In re the Marriage of:) Case No.: 06-087
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 4 State of New Hampshire Banking) Notice of Hearing - Cease and Desist
) Order
 5 Department,)
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 6 Petitioner,)
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 7 and)
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 8 MAK Investments LLC, Brian Colsia,)
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 9 Gabe Cohen and Laura Cohen,)
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 10 Respondents)

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12 NOTICE OF HEARING

13 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:18 II, the Banking Department of the State of New
14 Hampshire (hereinafter the "Department") has the authority to issue and cause
15 to be served an order requiring any person engaged in any act or practice
16 constituting a violation of RSA 397-A or any rule or order thereunder, to
17 cease and desist from violations of RSA 397-A.

18 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:21, the Commissioner has the authority to
19 suspend, revoke or deny any license and to impose administrative penalties of
20 up to \$2,500.00 for each violation of New Hampshire banking law and rules.

21 Pursuant to the New Hampshire Banking laws, RSA 397-A:3 requires any
22 person not exempt under RSA 397-A:4 that, in its own name or on behalf of
23 other persons, engages in the business of making or brokering first mortgage
24 loans secured by real property located in this state shall be required to
obtain a license from the banking department.

25 Pursuant to RSA 383:10-d The commissioner shall have exclusive authority
and jurisdiction to investigate conduct that is or may be an unfair or

1 deceptive act or practice under RSA 358-A and exempt under RSA 358-A:3, I or
2 that may violate any of the provisions of Titles XXXV and XXXVI and
3 administrative rules adopted thereunder. The commissioner may hold hearings
4 relative to such conduct and may order restitution for a person or persons
5 adversely affected by such conduct.

6 The Department issued the Respondent a Cease and Desist Order on June
7 29, 2006 and an Amended Cease and Desist Order on November 14, 2006. The
8 Respondent filed a timely request for a hearing regarding this matter.

9 The Department alleges the following:

10 **Issue 1:** Whether MAK Investements et al are required to obtain licensure in
11 order to take mortgage deeds as security for consumer loans.

12 **Issue 2:** Whether MAK Investments et al must permanently Cease and Desist
13 from engaging in mortgage banking activities.

14 **Issue 3:** Whether MAK Investments et al's action requiring consumers to make
15 their first mortgage payments to MAK Investments, and MAK Investments'
16 forwarding those payments to the creditors constitutes unlicensed Debt
Adjustment pursuant to RSA 399-D.

17 **Issue 4:** Whether the Department is entitled to a permanent Cease and Desist
18 Order against MAK Investments et al from engaging in Debt Adjustment
19 services.

20 **Issue 5:** Whether Restitution should issue.

21 Accordingly, an adjudicative proceeding shall be commenced pursuant to
22 541-A:31 and Chapter 200 of the Department's rules (NH Code of
23 Administrative Rules BAN 200) for the purpose of permitting the Respondent to
24 show compliance with RSA 397-A:3, 399-D, and 383:10-d.

25 Each party has the right to have an attorney present to represent the
party at the party's expense, or may represent itself. Each party has the
right to have the Department provide a certified shorthand court reporter at

1 the requesting party's expense. Any such request must be submitted in
2 writing to the Department at least 10 days prior to a scheduled hearing date.

3 THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the Respondent appear before the New
4 Hampshire Banking Department on March 19, 2007 at 10:00 am, at the
5 Department's offices at 64B Old Suncook Road, Concord, New Hampshire, for the
6 purpose of participating in an adjudicative proceeding, at which time the
7 Respondent will have the opportunity to demonstrate why the cease and desist
8 order should not become permanent; and

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if the Respondent elects to be represented
10 by Counsel, said Counsel shall file notice of appearance at the earliest
11 possible date; and

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that James Shepard, Staff Attorney, New
13 Hampshire Banking Department is designated as Hearing Counsel in this matter
14 with authority to represent the public interest within the scope of the
15 Department's authority. Hearing Counsel shall have the status of a party to
16 this proceeding; and

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commissioner shall designate a member
18 of the Department, who shall serve as the Presiding Officer in this
19 proceeding and shall issue a RECOMMENDED DECISION in this matter which shall
20 be reviewed and approved, disapproved or modified by the Bank Commissioner;
21 and

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that any proposed exhibits shall be pre-marked,
23 for identification only, and filed with the Department and provided to the
24 opposing party as soon as possible. Hearing Counsel shall pre-mark the
25 Department's exhibits with Arabic numbers. The Respondent People shall pre-
mark exhibits with capital letters. An index/list of exhibits providing a
brief description of each exhibit with its corresponding pre-marked number or
letter shall be filed by both parties simultaneous with the filing of
exhibits; and

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the parties shall exchange a list of all
2 exhibits and witnesses to be called at the hearing with a brief summary prior
3 to March 16, 2007, and shall at the same time file a copy of their respective
4 witness lists with the Presiding Officer; and

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all periods referenced in this notice shall
6 be calendar days. If the last day of the period so computed falls on a
7 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the time period shall be extended to
8 include the first business day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal
9 holiday; and

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Department shall burden of setting forth
11 a *prima fascia* case, then the Respondent shall have the burden of showing
12 compliance with applicable law by a preponderance of the evidence;

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondent's failure to appear at the time,
14 date, and place specified may result in the hearing being held *in absentia*
15 and/or default ruling in favor of the Department, without further notice or
16 opportunity to be heard; and

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the entirety of all oral proceedings shall
18 be recorded verbatim by the Banking Department. Upon request of any party, or
19 upon the Presiding Officer's own initiative, such record shall be transcribed
20 by a certified court reporter designated by the Presiding Officer, and that
21 all costs shall be borne solely by the requesting party. Any such request
22 shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer prior to hearing.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all documents shall be filed with the
24 Presiding Officer in the form of an original and one (1) copy and shall bear a
25 certification that a copy is being delivered to Hearing Counsel and any other
parties to this matter in accordance with NH Code of Administrative Rules Ban
204.08. All documents shall be filed by mailing or delivering them to the New
Hampshire Banking Department, ATTN: Presiding Officer, 64-B Old Suncook Road,

