

1 State of New Hampshire Banking Department

2 In re the Matter of:) Case No.: 07-090
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 3 State of New Hampshire Banking) Order to Show Cause
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 4 Department,)
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 5 Petitioner,)
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 6 and)
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 7 Alpine Financial Services, LLC,)
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 8 Respondent)
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10 NOTICE OF ORDER

11 This Order commences an adjudicative proceeding under the provisions of
12 RSA 397-A:17, RSA 541-A and BAN 200.

13 LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

14 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, the Banking Department of the State of New
15 Hampshire (hereinafter the "Department") has the authority to issue an order
16 to show cause why license revocation penalties for violations of New
17 Hampshire Banking laws should not be imposed.

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 NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

22 The above named respondent has the right to request a hearing on this
23 Order to Show Cause, as well as the right to be represented by counsel at the
24 Respondent's own expense. All hearings shall comply with RSA 541-A. Any such
25 request for a hearing shall be in writing, and signed by the respondent or
the duly authorized agent of the above named respondent, and shall be
delivered either by hand or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the

1 Banking Department, State of New Hampshire, 64B Old Suncook Road, Concord, NH
2 03301. Such hearings will be scheduled within 10 days of the request. If the
3 Respondent fails to appear at the hearing after being duly notified, such
4 person shall be deemed in default, and the proceeding may be determined against
5 the Respondent upon consideration of the Order to Show Cause, the allegations
6 of which may be deemed to be true. Respondents are entitled to at least 30
7 days' notice regarding the hearing date.

8 If the Respondent fails to request a hearing within 30 calendar days of
9 receipt of such order or reach formal settlement with the Department within
10 that time frame, then such person shall likewise be deemed in default, and the
11 orders shall, on the thirty-first day, become permanent, and shall remain in
12 full force and effect until and unless later modified or vacated by the
13 commissioner, for good cause shown.

14 **STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS, APPLICABLE LAWS AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

15 The Staff Petition dated April 25, 2007 (a copy of which is attached
16 hereto) is incorporated by reference hereto.

17 **ORDER**

18 WHEREAS, finding it necessary and appropriate and in the public
19 interest, and consistent with the intent and purposes of the New Hampshire
20 banking laws, and

21 WHEREAS, finding that the allegations contained in the Staff Petition,
22 if proved true and correct, form the legal basis of the relief requested,

23 It is hereby ORDERED, that the Respondent shall show cause why:

24 1. Administrative penalties of \$5,000.00 should not be imposed;

25 and

2. Respondents license should not be revoked; and

3. Failure to request a hearing within 30 days of the date of

receipt of this Order shall result in a default judgment being

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rendered, license revocation and administrative penalties
imposed upon the defaulting Respondent.

SIGNED,

Dated: 4/26/07

/S/
PETER C. HILDRETH
BANK COMMISSIONER

1 State of New Hampshire Banking Department

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3 State of New Hampshire Banking) Staff Petition
4 Department,)
5 Petitioner,) April 25, 2007
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7 Alpine Financial Services, LLC,)
8 Respondent)
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10 STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

11 I. The Staff of the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire
12 (hereinafter referred to as the "Department") alleges the following
13 facts:

- 14 1. On or about August 28, 2006 the Department was scheduled to begin
15 an examination of Alpine Financial Services, LLC (hereinafter
16 "Respondent").
- 17 2. Respondent was licensed as a Mortgage Broker and at all times
18 relevant to this action held a Department license since at least
19 2005.
- 20 3. The Department sent a notice of an upcoming examination to the
21 Respondent via US Certified Mail on July 21, 2006 (mail piece
22 number: 7006 0100 0000 7310 7530). The Respondent received and
23 signed for the mail piece on or about July 26, 2006.
- 24 4. The Respondent failed to submit any loan files or other exam
25 materials as requested in the notice.

1 5. On September 28, 2006 the Department sent the Respondent via US
2 Certified Mail a second letter (mail piece number: 7002 2030 0000
3 9677 0230) referencing the first letter and requesting the
4 information. The Respondent received and signed for the mail
5 piece on or about October 1, 2006.

6 6. On December 26, 2006 the Department sent a third and final notice
7 to the Respondent via facsimile. The fax was transmitted
8 successfully at 9:52 am.

9 7. To date, the Respondent has failed to provide any exam materials
10 to the Department.

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12 **ISSUES OF LAW**

13 II. The staff of the Department, alleges the following issues of law:

14 1. The Department realleges the above stated facts in paragraphs 1
15 through 7.

16 2. The Department has jurisdiction over the licensing and
17 regulation of persons engaged in mortgage broker activities
18 pursuant to NH RSA 397-A:3.

19 3. Pursuant to New Hampshire Banking law, RSA 397-A:12 the
20 Department may examine the business affairs of any licensee or
21 any other person, whether licensed or not, as it deems necessary
22 to determine compliance with this Chapter and the rules adopted
23 pursuant to it and with the Consumer Credit Protection Act, as
24 amended (15 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.). In determining compliance,
25 the Department may examine the books, accounts, records, files,
and other documents or matters of any licensee or person. RSA

1 397-A:12 further requires every person being examined, and all
2 of the officers, directors, employees, agents, and
3 representatives of such person shall make freely available to
4 the commissioner or his examiners, the accounts, records,
5 documents, files, information, assets, and matters in their
6 possession or control relating to the subject of the examination
7 and shall facilitate the examination. The Respondent violated
8 this provision by failing to provide the examination materials
9 as required in the First Day Letter.

10 4. RSA 397-A:11 requires licensees to submit a list of loans within
11 7 days of the Department's request. That statute further
12 requires requested files be provided to the Department within 14
13 days of the request. The Respondent failed to submit a list of
14 loans within 7 days of request.

15 5. RSA 397-A:17 II allows the Department to immediately suspend a
16 license for 30 days pending the investigation of that licensee.

17 6. RSA 397-A:21 IV provides that any person who, either knowingly
18 or negligently, violates any provision of Chapter 397-A, may
19 upon hearing, and in addition to any other penalty provided for
20 by law, be subject to an administrative fine not to exceed
21 \$2,500, or both. Each of the acts specified shall constitute a
22 separate violation, and such administrative action or fine may
23 be imposed in addition to any criminal penalties or civil
24 liabilities imposed by New Hampshire Banking laws.

25 **RELIEF REQUESTED**

