

ORDER
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
DIVISION OF BANKING

TO: Robert F. Steller

Respondent

PURPOSE

This is an order issued by the Administrator, State of Wisconsin, Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Banking and directed to respondent.

FINDINGS

The division finds as follows:

1. Respondent was served by regular and registered US mail with an Amended Complaint and Notice of Hearing and Notice of Prehearing Conference ("Amended Notice") issued by the division. Pursuant to the Amended Notice, respondent was directed to provide an answer to the Amended Notice by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2013. The regular mailing was not returned to the division. The registered mailing delivered. **Ex. 1.**
2. Respondent failed to provide an answer to the Amended Notice.
3. By his failure to answer the Amended Notice, respondent is in default. As a result of the default, respondent has admitted to the matters asserted and the violations set forth in the Amended Notice, pursuant to s. 220.04(9)(d), Stats., and ss. DFI—Bkg 11.11 and 11.12, Admin. Code.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Steller shall immediately cease and desist from operating as a collection agency or a solicitor or a collector.

Steller shall immediately discontinue any and all other violations of s. 218.04, Stats., and ch. DFI—Bkg 74, Admin. Code.

Steller shall have no involvement in the activities of any collection agency, or any other entity licensed or regulated by the division, either as full or partial owner, officer, member, manager, partner, or employee.

The provisions of the order shall remain effective and enforceable except to the extent that, and until such time as, any provisions of this order shall have been modified, terminated, suspended, or set aside by the division.

The effective date of this order shall be the date it is served, and service is complete upon mailing. Secs. 227.48(1), Stats., and DFI—Bkg 11.09, Admin. Code.

Any person who shall violate any provision of s. 218.04, Stats., shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, for each and every such offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Sec. 218.04(12), Stats.

JURISDICTION and AUTHORITY

The State of Wisconsin, Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Banking ("division") shall enforce all laws relating to collection agencies in the State of Wisconsin, and shall enforce and cause to be enforced every law relating to the supervision and control thereof, pursuant to s. 220.02(2)(b), Stats.

The intent of s. 220.02(2)(b), Stats., is to give the division jurisdiction to enforce and carry out all laws relating to collection agencies in the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to s. 220.02(3), Stats.

The division shall have the duty, power, jurisdiction and authority to investigate, ascertain and determine whether s. 218.04, Stats., or lawful orders issued hereunder are being violated and for such purposes the division shall have all the powers conferred by ss. 218.04(4) and (5), Stats., pursuant to s. 218.04(13), Stats.

Respondent is not licensed under s. 218.04, Stats., with the division. Upon information and belief, respondent is located at the address indicated above.

Respondent is a regulated entity under the supervision and control of the division. Sec. 220.04(9)(a)2., Stats.

The division may issue and serve on the official or regulated entity an order to cease and desist from the violation or practice. The order may require the official or regulated entity to correct the conditions resulting from the violation or practice. Sec. 220.04(9)(d), Stats.

As part of any such order, the division may impose a forfeiture of up to \$10,000 for each violation or practice. Sec. 220.04(9)(f), Stats.

A regulated entity who violates an order issued under s. 220.04(9)(d), Stats., shall, for each violation, forfeit not more than \$1,000 per day for each day the violation continues. Sec. 220.04(9)(f)2., Stats.

Pursuant to ss. 218.04(7)(a) and (d), Stats., the division may issue any special order in execution of or supplementary to ch. 218, Stats., to protect the public from oppressive or deceptive practices of licensees and to prevent evasions of this chapter, and to make all necessary or proper orders for the administration and enforcement of s. 218.04, Stats.

Dated and mailed at Madison, Wisconsin this 19th day of APRIL, 2013.

By: _____
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APPEAL

Pursuant to ss. 227.48 and 227.49, Stats., respondent may file a petition for rehearing which shall be **received by the division within 20 days** after the effective date of this order. Rehearing will be granted only on the basis of some material error of law or fact, or the discovery of new evidence sufficiently strong to reverse or modify the order, and which could not have been previously discovered by due diligence.

The request shall be sent to:

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Pursuant to ss. 227.48(2) and 227.52, Stats., respondent may file a petition for judicial review within 30 days after the effective date of this order. The identification of the party to be named as respondent therein is the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.