

ORDER

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

TO: First American Financial Services, Inc.
3506 Oakwood Mall Drive, Suite A
Eau Claire, WI 54701
Respondent

Michael J. Mills
[REDACTED]
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Respondent

PURPOSE

1. This is an order issued by the Administrator, State of Wisconsin, Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Banking and directed to respondent First American Financial Services, Inc. ("FAFS") and respondent Michael J. Mills ("Mills").

JURISDICTION and AUTHORITY

2. The State of Wisconsin, Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Banking ("division") shall enforce all laws relating to mortgage bankers, loan originators and mortgage brokers 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)(g), Stats.

3. The intent of s. 220.02(2)(g), Stats., is to give the division jurisdiction to enforce and carry out all laws relating to mortgage bankers, loan originators and mortgage brokers in the State of Wisconsin. Sec. 220.02(3), Stats.

4. FAFS holds a certificate of registration as a mortgage broker under ch. 224, subch. III, Stats., with the division, license #38518. Address of record is indicated above.

5. Mills holds a certificate of registration as a loan originator under ch. 224, subch. III, Stats., with the division, license #18377. Address of record is indicated above.

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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. The division may issue general and special orders necessary to prevent or correct actions by a mortgage banker, loan originator or mortgage broker that constitute cause under s. 224.77, Stats., for revoking, suspending or limiting a certificate of registration. Sec. 224.77(3)(a), Stats.

11. Special orders may direct a mortgage banker, loan originator or mortgage broker to cease and desist from engaging in a particular activity or may direct the mortgage banker, loan originator or mortgage broker to refund or remit certain amounts. Sec. 224.77(3)(b), Stats.

12. For proceedings brought solely under ch. 224, subch. III and not brought under ch. 220, the division may assess against a person who is registered under ch. 224, Stats., a forfeiture of not more than \$2,000 for each violation enumerated under ss. 224.77(1)(a) to (o) or (r), Stats. Sec. 224.77(1m), Stats.

FINDINGS

The division finds as follows:

13. FAFS and Mills were properly served with a Notice of Hearing and Notice of Prehearing Conference ("Notice") issued by the division. **Ex. I.** Pursuant to this Notice, respondents were directed to provide an answer, and appear at a prehearing conference and hearing.

14. FAFS and Mills failed to provide an answer to the Notice.

15. By failure to answer the Notice, FAFS and Mills are in default. As a result of the default, respondents have admitted to the matters asserted and the violations set forth in the 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:

16. FAFS's certificate of registration as a mortgage broker is revoked.

17. Mills' certificate of registration as a loan originator is revoked.

18. The provisions of this order shall be binding upon FAFS and FAFS's directors, officers, employees, agents, successors, assigns, and other persons participating in the conduct of its affairs.

19. The provisions of this order shall be binding upon Mills.

20. The provisions of this 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.

21. 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.

Dated and mailed at Madison, Wisconsin this 7th day of March, 2008.

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.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT ATTORNEYS

A non-resident attorney may file a pleading or appear at a proceeding in a matter before the administrator if he or she is 1) licensed to practice law in Wisconsin or 2) not licensed to practice law in Wisconsin but employed as in-house counsel for a single employer-client. See SCR 10.03(4), as interpreted in *Lee R. Krahenbuhl, DDS v. Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing* (Memorandum Decision, February 26, 2003, Case No. 02-CV-1148, Dane County); see also SCR 20:5:5. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to the Deputy General Counsel, Department of Financial Institutions, Office of the Secretary, tel. (608) 267-1705.