

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Before the Director of the Department of Insurance and Financial Services

In the matter of:

Lawrence Adell Sefa,

Enforcement Case No. 19-15674

Respondent.

Issued and entered
on September 6, 2019
by Teri L. Morante
Chief Deputy Director

ORDER OF PROHIBITION

WHEREAS, the Director (Director) of the Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) is statutorily charged with the responsibility and authority to administer and implement the Mortgage Brokers, Lenders, and Servicers Licensing Act (MBLSLA), 1987 PA 173, as amended, MCL 445.1651 *et seq.*, and the Mortgage Loan Originator Licensing Act (MLOLA), 2009 PA 75, MCL 493.131 *et seq.*, pursuant to provisions therein; and,

WHEREAS, Section 18a(8) of the MBLSLA, MCL 445.1668a(8), and Section 27(8) of the MLOLA, MCL 493.157(8), provide for the prohibition of a person convicted of a felony involving fraud, dishonesty, or breach of trust, from being a licensee or registrant and from being employed by, an agent of, or control person of any licensee or registrant under the MBLSLA and the MLOLA, or a licensee or registrant under a financial licensing act; and,

WHEREAS, Section 18a(8) of the MBLSLA, MCL 445.1668a(8), and Section 27(8) of the MLOLA, MCL 493.157(8), provide that a person subject to an Order issued thereunder, may apply to the Director to terminate the Order after 5 years from the date of the Order; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 18b(2) of the MBLSLA, MCL 445.1668b(2) and Section 27(11) of the MLOLA, MCL 493.157(11), Lawrence Adell Sefa (Respondent) may have a right to judicial review of this Order; and,

WHEREAS, Respondent operated LAS Loan Assistance Centers, which accepted payments from clients in exchange for the service of mortgage assistance and/or debt settlement, but Respondent did not perform such services. On or about April 12, 2019, Respondent pleaded guilty to one count of Conducting a Criminal Enterprise. At the sentencing hearing, Respondent paid \$116,615 in restitution to consumers and was sentenced to one year in county jail; and,

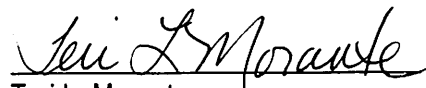
WHEREAS, that conviction having involved fraud, dishonesty, or breach of trust, Respondent is subject to prohibition by the Director, pursuant to MCL 445.1668a(8) and MCL 493.157(8); and,

WHEREAS, the Director finds and concludes as a matter of law and fact that Respondent shall be and is eligible for and subject to prohibition by the Director, pursuant to MCL 445.1668a(8) and MCL 493.157(8),

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Lawrence Adell Sefa is prohibited from being a licensee or registrant, and from being employed by, an agent of, or control person of any licensee or registrant, under the Mortgage Brokers, Lenders, and Servicers Licensing Act, 1987 PA 173, as amended, MCL 445.1651 *et seq.*, and the Mortgage Loan Originator Licensing Act, 2009 PA 75, MCL 493.131 *et seq.*, or a licensee or registrant under a financial licensing act.
2. This Order shall be and is effective on the date it is issued and entered, as shown in the caption hereof. This Order shall remain in effect until terminated, modified, or set aside in writing by the Director.

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Teri L. Morante
Chief Deputy Director