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IN THE MATTER OF: *
*
EDWARD T. WEBER d/b/a *
LAW OFFICES OF EDWARD T. WEBER *
*
(“Respondent”) *

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Banking Commissioner (“Commissioner”) is charged with the administration of Part XII of Chapter 669, Sections 36a-800 to 36a-814, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, “Consumer Collection Agencies”, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, Sections 36a-809-6 to 36a-809-17, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (“Regulations”);

WHEREAS, Respondent is an attorney licensed in the State of California with a principal address at 17151 Newhope Street, Suite 203, Fountain Valley, California;

WHEREAS, Respondent has never been admitted to practice law in Connecticut and has never been licensed to act as a consumer collection agency in Connecticut;

WHEREAS, the Department of Banking has received at least one complaint concerning Respondent;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner, through the Consumer Credit Division of the Department of Banking, has investigated the activities of Respondent pursuant to Section 36a-17 of the Connecticut General Statutes to determine if he had violated, was violating or was about to violate the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes or Regulations within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner;

WHEREAS, as a result of such investigation, on September 10, 2020, the Commissioner, acting pursuant to Sections 36a-804(b), 36a-52(a) and 36a-50(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, issued a Notice of Intent to Issue Order to Cease and Desist, Notice of Intent to Impose Civil Penalty and Notice of Right to Hearing against Respondent (collectively “Notice”), which Notice is incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner alleged in the Notice that Respondent acted within this state as a consumer collection agency without a consumer collection agency license, in violation of Section 36a-801(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner also alleged in the Notice that Respondent used false, deceptive or misleading representations or means in connection with the collection of debt from a Connecticut resident, in violation of Section 36a-809-11 of the Regulations;

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2020, the Notice was sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Respondent (Certified Mail No. 70191640000015848983);

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2020, Respondent requested a hearing, which is currently scheduled for February 2, 2021;

WHEREAS, Section 4-177(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 36a-1-55(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies provide that a contested case may be resolved by consent order, unless precluded by law;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner and Respondent acknowledge the possible consequences of formal administrative proceedings and Respondent voluntarily agrees to consent to the entry of the term described below solely for the purpose of obviating the need for further formal administrative proceedings concerning the allegations contained in the Notice and set forth herein;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner and Respondent now desire to resolve the matters alleged in the Notice and set forth herein;

WHEREAS, Respondent represents that he has no knowledge of, and had no involvement in the Connecticut collection attempt referenced in the Notice, and that such collection attempt was conducted by persons unknown to him misappropriating his name and letterhead for such purposes;

WHEREAS, Respondent represents that he has never acted within this state as a consumer collection agency, nor has he authorized anyone to do so on his behalf;

WHEREAS, Respondent agrees that the Notice may be used in construing the provisions of this Consent Order and agrees to the language of this Consent Order;

WHEREAS, Respondent specifically assures the Commissioner that the violations alleged herein shall not occur with Respondent's knowledge in the future;

WHEREAS, Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order is a public record and is a reportable event for purposes of the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry ("NMLS"), as applicable;

AND WHEREAS, Respondent, through his execution of this Consent Order, voluntarily agrees to waive his procedural rights, including a right to a hearing as it pertains to the allegations contained in the Notice and set forth herein, and voluntarily waives his right to seek judicial review or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order.

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF TERM

WHEREAS, Respondent, through his execution of this Consent Order, attests to the representations made herein and consents to the Commissioner's entry of a Consent Order imposing the following term:

Respondent shall not act as a consumer collection agency in this state without a license, in violation of Section 36a-801(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and shall not use false, deceptive or misleading representations or means in connection with the collection of debt from a Connecticut resident, in violation of Section 36a-809-11 of the Regulations.

CONSENT ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, the Commissioner enters the following:

1. The Term set forth above be and is hereby entered;
2. Upon issuance of this Consent Order by the Commissioner, this matter will be resolved and the Commissioner will not take any future enforcement action against Respondent based upon the allegations set forth herein; provided that issuance of this Consent Order is without prejudice to the right of the Commissioner to take enforcement action against Respondent based upon a violation of this Consent Order or the matters underlying its entry, if the Commissioner determines that compliance with the terms herein is not being observed or if any representation made by Respondent and reflected herein is subsequently discovered to be untrue;
3. Respondent shall not take any action or make or permit to be made any public statement, including in regulatory filings or otherwise, denying, directly or indirectly, any allegation referenced in this Consent Order or create the impression that this Consent Order is without factual basis;
4. Subject to the foregoing, and so long as this Consent Order is promptly disclosed by Respondent on NMLS, as applicable, nothing in the issuance of this Consent Order shall adversely affect the ability of Respondent to apply for or obtain licenses or renewal licenses under Part XII of Chapter 669, Sections 36a-800 to 36a-814, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, provided that all applicable legal requirements for any such license are satisfied and the terms of this Consent Order are being followed;
5. This Consent Order shall be binding upon Respondent and his successor and assigns; and
6. This Consent Order shall become final when issued.

Issued at Hartford, Connecticut
this 14th day of January 2021.

/s/

Jorge L. Perez
Banking Commissioner

I, Edward T. Weber d/b/a Law Offices of Edward T. Weber, state that I have read the foregoing Consent Order; that I know and fully understand its contents; that I attest to the representations made herein and agree freely and without threat or coercion of any kind to comply with the terms and conditions stated herein; and that I consent to the entry of this Consent Order.

By: /s/ _____
Edward T. Weber
d/b/a Law Offices of Edward T. Weber

State of: California

County of: Orange

On this the 13th day of January, 2021, before me, Edward T. Weber, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Edward T. Weber, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

/s/ _____
Notary Public – M. Galy
Date Commission Expires: June 22, 2021