#### OCCC CASE NO. L19-00084

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	<b>BEFORE THE</b>
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MASTER FILE NO. 15909	§	
KATHRYN ANN MARTIN	§	<b>OFFICE OF CONSUMER</b>
D/B/A THE JACK OF PAWNS	§	CREDIT COMMISSIONER
1704 E. MARSHALL AVENUE	§	
LONGVIEW, TEXAS 75601	§	STATE OF TEXAS

#### ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner ("OCCC") issues this Order to Cease and Desist against Kathryn Ann Martin d/b/a The Jack of Pawns ("The Jack of Pawns") based on the violations of law described below.<sup>1</sup>

#### Statement of Facts and Law

A pawnbroker may not employ an individual to write pawn transactions, buy or sell merchandise, or supervise another employee who writes pawn transactions or buys or sells merchandise to a consumer unless the individual holds a pawnshop employee license or the individual applies for a license not later than the 75th day after beginning employment.<sup>2</sup> A pawnbroker is responsible for its employees in the conduct of the pawnshop business.<sup>3</sup>

The Jack of Pawns is licensed by the OCCC as a pawnshop under Chapter 371 of the Texas Finance Code. The Jack of Pawns operates under master file number 15909. The Jack of Pawns's compliance officer is Kathryn Martin, and its designated contact address is 1704 E. Marshall Avenue, Longview, Texas 75601.

Attached to this Order as <u>Exhibit A</u> is a list of one or more individuals employed by The Jack of Pawns. The Jack of Pawns employed each individual as a pawnshop employee for more than 75 days without the individual holding or applying for a pawnshop employee license, in violation of Section 371.101(c) of the Texas Finance Code.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 371.101(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.604(b)(9).

#### Authority

If the Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that a person is violating Chapter 371, the Commissioner may issue an order to cease and desist from the violation, take affirmative action, or both, to enforce compliance.<sup>4</sup>

The Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that The Jack of Pawns is violating Chapter 371 by employing individuals to write pawn transactions, buy or sell merchandise, or supervise another employee who writes pawn transactions or buys and sells merchandise without holding a pawnshop employee license or applying for a license within 75 days of beginning employment.

## Order

IT IS ORDERED that Kathryn Ann Martin d/b/a The Jack of Pawns cease and desist from employing a person to write pawn transactions, buy or sell merchandise, or supervise another employee who writes pawn transactions or buys or sells merchandise to a consumer unless the person holds a pawnshop employee license or the person applies for a license not later than the 75th day after beginning employment.

# Violation of Order

The Jack of Pawns may be assessed an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000 for each day of violating this Order after it becomes final.<sup>5</sup> Multiple violations may also result in license revocation.<sup>6</sup>

# **Right to Request Hearing**

The Jack of Pawns has the right to request a hearing regarding this Order.<sup>7</sup> A request must be made in writing and sent to the OCCC not later than 30 days after receiving this Order. The request must be sent to:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 371.251; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.604(b)(5), (7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

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If The Jack of Pawns requests a hearing, a hearing on this matter will be set and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001 of the Texas Government Code.<sup>8</sup> If The Jack of Pawns does not request a hearing by the deadline, this Order is considered final and enforceable.<sup>9</sup>

All communications with the OCCC concerning this matter must be through Michael Rigby, General Counsel, who may be contacted by mail at 2601 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705, by telephone at (512) 936-7623, or by email to michael.rigby@occc.texas.gov.

Signed this 9th day of November, 2018.

<u>/s/Leslie L. Pettijohn</u> Leslie L. Pettijohn Consumer Credit Commissioner State of Texas

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c).

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on November 15, 2018, a true and correct copy of this Order to Cease and Desist has been sent to Kathryn Ann Martin d/b/a The Jack of Pawns by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

CMRRRR# 91 7199 9991 7038 3483 1078 Kathryn Ann Martin ATTN: Kathryn Martin, Compliance Officer 1704 E. Marshall Avenue Longview, TX 75601

CMRRR# 91 7199 9991 7038 3483 1085 Kathryn Ann Martin ATTN: Kathryn Ann Martin, Registered Agent 410 Fenton Rd. Longview, TX 75604

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# EXHIBIT A

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Applicant	License	License	Application	Employed
Name	Number	Status	Date	Before
				Applying
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