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8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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11 To:

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14) MICHAEL TUBBIOLA, individually and doing
15) business as American Mortgage Modification, Inc.,
16) American Mortgage Modification, Debt Advisory
17) Alliance, Loan Modification Solutions,
18) Home Retention Solutions, Foreclosure Avoidance
19) Network.com, Loanmodpro.com,
20) Landmark Mortgage Services, Inc., and/or any
21) other names or fictitious names used by
22) Michael Tubbiola.
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NO. H-36065 LA

ORDER TO
DESIST AND REFRAIN
(B&P Code Section 10086)

24 The Commissioner ("Commissioner") of the California Department of Real Estate
25 ("Department") caused an investigation to be made of the activities of MICHAEL TUBBIOLA
26 ("TUBBIOLA") doing business as American Mortgage Modification, Inc., American Mortgage
27 Modification, Debt Advisory Alliance, Loan Modification Solutions, Home Retention Solutions,
Foreclosure Avoidance Network.com, Loanmodpro and Landmark Mortgage Services, Inc.
Based on that investigation, the Commissioner has determined that TUBBIOLA has engaged in,
is engaging in, or is attempting to engage in, acts or practices constituting violations of the

1 California Business and Professions Code ("Code") Sections 10085 and 10085.5 and Title 10,
2 Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations"), Sections 2970 and 2731.

3 Furthermore, based on the investigation, the Commissioner hereby issues the
4 following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Desist and Refrain Order under the
5 authority of Code Section 10086.

6 Whenever acts referred to below are attributed to TUBBIOLA, those acts are
7 alleged to have been done by TUBBIOLA, acting by himself, or by and/or through one or more
8 agents, associates, affiliates, and/or co-conspirators, and using the names "American Mortgage
9 Modification, Inc.", "American Mortgage Modification", "Debt Advisory Alliance", "Loan
10 Modification Solutions", "Home Retention Solutions", "Foreclosure Avoidance Network.com",
11 "Loanmodpro" and "Landmark Mortgage Services, Inc.", or other names or fictitious names
12 unknown at this time.

13 FINDINGS OF FACT

14 1.

15 At all times herein mentioned, you, MICHAEL TUBBIOLA ("TUBBIOLA"),
16 were licensed and/or have license rights under the Code as a real estate broker. You, MICHAEL
17 TUBBIOLA, engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as
18 a real estate broker in the State of California, within the meaning of Code Section 10131(d) and
19 13121.2 (offering to perform services for borrowers in connection with loans secured by real
20 property and charging, collecting or handling advance fees in connection with loan modification
21 services)

22 2.

23 For an unknown period of time beginning no later than April, 2008, and
24 continuing to the present time, you, MICHAEL TUBBIOLA, advertised, and continue to
25 advertise, services under one or more business names including, but not limited to, "American
26 Mortgage Modification, Inc.", "American Mortgage Modification", "Debt Advisory Alliance",
27 "Loan Modification Solutions", "Home Retention Solutions", "Foreclosure Avoidance

1 Network.com”, “Loanmodpro” and/or “Landmark Mortgage Services, Inc.” in various print and
2 electronic media, including, though not limited to, the following websites:

3 <http://www.modmymortgage.com> and <http://www.americanmortgagemod.com>. Those
4 advertisements solicited, and continue to solicit, borrowers and offering loan modification
5 services.

6 At all times herein mentioned, American Mortgage Modification, Inc., is and was
7 a California corporation. TUBBIOLA is the Secretary of American Mortgage Modification, Inc.
8 At all times relevant herein, TUBBIOLA has owned or controlled more than 10% of American
9 Mortgage Modification, Inc.’s stock. American Mortgage Modification is a fictitious business
10 name of American Mortgage Modification, Inc. and TUBBIOLA.

11 3.

12 At all times material herein, in the State of California, you, MICHAEL
13 TUBBIOLA, doing business as American Mortgage Modification, Inc., American Mortgage
14 Modification, Debt Advisory Alliance, Loan Modification Solutions, Home Retention Solutions,
15 Foreclosure Avoidance Network.com, Loanmodpro and/or Landmark Mortgage Services, Inc.,
16 engaged in the business of claiming, demanding, charging, receiving, collecting or contracting,
17 for the collection of advance fees, within the meaning of Section 10026 of the Code, including,
18 but not limited to, offering to contract for the performance of loan modification services with
19 respect to loans which are secured by liens on real property in exchange of an advance fee
20 payment to you. Examples of the advance fees you collected from borrowers for the purpose of
21 providing loan modifications include, but are not limited to, the following transactions:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>
22 April 1, 2008	Sandra Mendoza	\$2,000.00
23 June 12, 2008	Delia Santos	\$ 800.00
24 July 2, 2008	Delia Santos	\$ 800.00
25 July 11, 2008	Jaime Velasco	\$1,000.00
26 Unknown	Jaime Velasco	\$1,400.00

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>
Sept. 10, 2008	Kathy M. Nunes	\$3,500.00
Oct. 10, 2008	Robert Rodriguez	\$1,300.00
Nov. 12, 2008	Robert Rodriguez	\$1,300.00

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Said advance fees were collected pursuant to written agreements which constituted advance fee agreements within the meaning of Code Section 10085.

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At all times material herein, you, MICHAEL TUBBIOLA, used unlicensed fictitious business names, "American Mortgage Modification, Inc.", "American Mortgage Modification", "Debt Advisory Alliance", "Loan Modification Solutions", "Home Retention Solutions", "Foreclosure Avoidance Network.com", and "Loanmodpro", for activities requiring a real estate license without filing an application for the use of such name with the Department as required by the provisions of Code Section 10159.5 and Section 2731(a) of the Regulations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6.

You claimed, demanded, charged, received, collected or contracted for advance fees as described above without submitting a written advance fee agreement to the Commissioner ten days prior to claiming, demanding, charging, receiving, collecting or contracting for the collection of advance fees as discussed in Paragraph 4 above, in violation of Sections 10085, 10085.5 of the Code and Section 2970 of the Regulations.

7.

You used unlicensed fictitious business names, as discussed in Paragraph 5, in violation of Code Section 10159.5 and Section 2731(a) of the Regulations.

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

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2 Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated herein, you,
3 MICHAEL TUBBIOLA, whether doing business under your own name, or any other names or
4 fictitious names, ARE HEREBY ORDERED to:

5 1. Immediately desist and refrain from soliciting borrowers and/or performing
6 services for borrowers or lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one
7 or more liens on real property, using the fictitious business names "American Mortgage
8 Modification, Inc.", "American Mortgage Modification", "Debt Advisory Alliance", "Loan
9 Modification Solutions", "Home Retention Solutions", "Foreclosure Avoidance Network.com",
10 "Loanmodpro", and "Landmark Mortgage Services, Inc.," or other names or fictitious names
11 unknown at this time, and

12 (ii) from charging, demanding, or collecting an advance fee for any of the
13 services you offer to others, unless and until you demonstrate and provide evidence satisfactory
14 to the Commissioner that you are in full compliance with all of the requirements of the Code and
15 Regulations as set forth in this Order, and specifically relating to charging, collecting, and
16 accounting for advance fees.

17 2. Immediately desist and refrain from using unlicensed fictitious business names
18 including, but not limited to, "American Mortgage Modification, Inc.", "American Mortgage
19 Modification", "Debt Advisory Alliance", "Loan Modification Solutions", "Home Retention
20 Solutions", "Foreclosure Avoidance Network.com", "Loanmodpro", or other names or fictitious
21 names unknown at this time for acts requiring a real estate license and specifically, to solicit
22 borrowers and/or offer to perform services for borrowers or lenders in connection with loans
23 secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property.

24 3. Immediately desist and refrain from collecting advance fees, as that term is
25 defined in Section 10026 of the Code, in any form and particularly with respect to loan
26 modification, loan refinance, principal reduction, foreclosure abatement or short sale services,
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1 unless and until you demonstrate and provide evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that you
2 have:

3 (i) an advance fee agreement which has been submitted to the Department and
4 which is in compliance with Sections 2970 and 2972 of the Regulations;

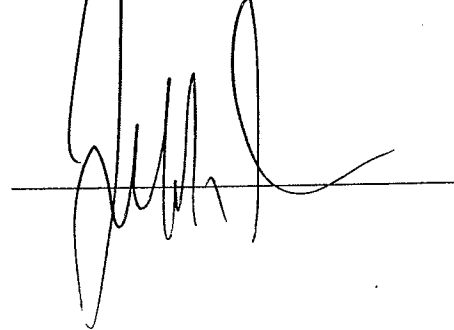
5 (ii) placed all previously collected advance fees into a trust account for that
6 purpose and are in compliance with Section 10146 of the Code; and

7 (iii) provided an accounting to trust fund owner-beneficiaries pursuant to Section
8 2972 of the Regulations.

9 DATED: _____ 6-16, 2009

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11 JEFF DAVI
12 Real Estate Commissioner

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