



Federal Housing Finance Agency

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FINAL SUSPENSION ORDER

The Federal Housing Finance Agency, as safety and soundness regulator of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the eleven Federal Home Loan Banks (collectively the “regulated entities”), is issuing this Final Order pursuant to the following legal authorities:

1. Section 1313 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (Safety and Soundness Act), which authorizes FHFA to exercise such incidental powers as may be necessary in the supervision and regulation of the regulated entities. *See* 12 U.S.C. § 4513(a)(2);
2. Section 1313B of the Safety and Soundness Act, which authorizes FHFA to establish standards for the regulated entities regarding prudential management of risks. FHFA is authorized to issue orders requiring the regulated entities to take any action that will best carry out the purposes of that section. *See* 12 U.S.C. § 4513b(b)(2)(B)(iii); and
3. Section 1319G of the Safety and Soundness Act, which authorizes FHFA to issue any orders necessary to ensure that the purposes of the Safety and Soundness Act are accomplished. *See* 12 U.S.C. § 4526(a).

Consistent with these authorities, FHFA has determined that any business relationship between Robert Kelske and any of the regulated entities would present excessive risk to their safety and soundness.

This determination is based on the following findings:

1. During all relevant times, Robert Kelske was a real estate broker licensed in Georgia.
2. Kelske and others purchased real properties and induced mortgage lenders to fund mortgages on residential properties by submitting materially false and fraudulent loan applications, making fraudulent representations and submitting fabricated documentation that falsely represented buyers’ occupation, employment, income and assets.
3. As part of the conspiracy, Kelske coordinated with co-conspirators, who edited genuine documents and fabricated entirely new documents that were submitted to potential mortgage lenders by, or on behalf of, the borrowers. Some of these document fabricators received payments from co-conspirators, including homebuyer conspirators, for their acts furthering the conspiracy.

4. Robert Kelske obtained commissions and fees in connection with the fraudulently procured loans.
5. On January 23, 2023, pursuant to a guilty plea, Robert Kelske was convicted by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia of conspiracy to commit bank and wire fraud (18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1344 and 371), and was sentenced to a term of fifteen (15) months imprisonment and three (3) years of supervised release.
6. The conduct underlying the conviction described above occurred in connection with a mortgage business and financial transactions.

With this Final Order, FHFA is directing each regulated entity to cease or refrain from engaging in any business relationship with Robert Kelske indefinitely, beginning on December 31, 2023. This suspension extends to any individual, company, partnership or other group that FHFA determines to be an affiliate of Robert Kelske's.

The Final Order's requirement for regulated entities to cease any business relationship with Robert Kelske does not apply to the existing or future purchase, sale, modification, foreclosure alternative transaction, or other foreclosure-related transaction of a residential mortgage loan owned by a regulated entity if Robert Kelske is the borrower of such residential mortgage loan and the transaction is for the borrower's own personal or household residence.

This Final Order is a final action of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Clinton Jones,
Suspending Official