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Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule ("TSR"), 16 C.F.R. Part 310, and the Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Rule ("MARS Rule"), 16 C.F.R. Part 322, recodified as Mortgage Assistance Relief Services (Regulation O), 12 C.F.R. Part 1015 ("Regulation O"), in connection with the marketing and sale of mort

- C. formulating or providing, or arranging for the formulation or provision of, any marketing support material or service, including but not limited to, web or
 Internet Protocol addresses or domain name registration for any Internet websites, affiliate marketing services, or media placement services;
- D. providing names of, or assisting in the generation of, potential customers;
- E. performing marketing, billing, or payment services of any kind; and
- F. acting or serving as an owner, officer, director, manager, or principal of any entity.
- 2. **"Competent and reliable evidence"** means tests, analyses, research, studies, or other evidence based on the expertise of professionals in the relevant area, that has been conducted and valuated in an objective manner by persons qualified to do so, using procedures generally accepted in the profession to yield accurate and reliable results.
- 3. "Corporate Defendants" means Prime Legal Plans LLC; Consumer Legal Plans LLC (Nevada); Consumer Legal Plans, LLC (Wyoming), also d/b/a CLP Associates; Freedom Legal Plans LLC; Frontier Legal Plans LLC; Reaching U Network, Inc., also d/b/a Legal Billing Services, Legal Servicing Partners, Forensic Auditor Services, 123 Save Our Home, Save Our Home Plan, Home Savers, Legal Network Association, and Homeowners Rescue Mission; 123 Save a Home, Inc.; American Hardship LLC; Back Office Support Systems LLC; and Consumer Acquisition Network, LLC, also d/b/a Consumer Legal Network, Legal Servicing & Billing Partners, Forensic Auditor Services, Telefunding Services, Mortgagesavers.org, First Capital Land Trust, and Florida Land Trust Consultants; Legal Servicing and Billing Partners LLC and their successors and assigns.

- 4. **"Customer"** means any person who has paid, or may be required to pay, products, services, plans, or programs offered for sale or sold by any other person.
- 5. **"Debt relief product or service"** means any product, service, plan, or program represented, expressly or by implication, to renegotiate, settle, or in any way alter the terms of payment or other terms of the debt or obligation, including but not limited to a tax debt or obligation, between a person and one or more unsecured creditors or debt collectors, including but not limited to, a reduction in the balance, interest rate, or fees owed by a person to an unsecured creditor or debt collector.
- "Defendants" means all of the Individual Defendants and the Corporate Defendants, individually, collectively, or in any combination.
- 7. "Established business relationship" means a relationship between the seller and a person based on: (a) the person's purchase, rental, or lease of the seller's goods or services or a financial transaction between the person and seller, within the eighteen (18) months immediately preceding the date of the telemarketing call; or (b) the person's inquiry or application regarding a product or service offered by the seller, within the three (3) months immediately preceding the date of a telemarketing call.
- 8. "Federal homeowner relief or financial stability program" means any program
 (including its sponsoring agencies, telephone numbers, and Internet websites) operated or
 endorsed by the United States government to provide relief to homeowners or stabilize
 the economy, including but not limited to:
 - A. the Making Home Affordable Program;
 - B. the Financial Stability Plan;

- C. the Troubled Asset Relief Program and any other program sponsored or operated by the United States Department of the Treasury;
- D. the HOPE for Homeowners program, any program operated or created pursuant to the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act, and any other program sponsored or operated by the Federal Housing Administration; or
- E. any program sponsored or operated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), the HOPE NOW Alliance, the Homeownership Preservation Foundation, or any other HUD-approved housing counseling agency.
- 9. **"Financial-related product or service"** means any product, service, plan, or program represented, expressly or by implication, to:
 - A. provide any consumer, arrange for any consumer to receive, or assist any consumer in receiving, credit, debit, or stored value cards;
 - B. improve, or arrange to improve, any consumer's credit record, credit history, or credit rating;
 - C. provide advice or assistance to any consumer with regard to any activity or service the purpose of which is to improve a consumer's credit record, credit history, or credit rating;
 - D. provide any consumer, arrange for any consumer to receive, or assist any consumer in receiving a loan or other extension of credit; or
 - E. provide any consumer, arrange for any consumer to receive, or assist any consumer in receiving any service represented, expressly or by implication, to renegotiate, settle, or in any way alter the terms of payment or other terms of any

debt or obligation (other than a debt or obligation secured by a mortgage on a consumer's dwelling), including but not limited to a tax debt or obligation, between a consumer and one or more secured creditors, servicers, or debt collectors.

- "Individual Defendants" means Lazaro Dinh, a/k/a Mario Lazaro Sopena a/k/a Lazaro Sopena; Kim E. Landolfi; Derek B. Radzikowski; Andrew Primavera; Christopher N. Edwards; and Jason C. Desmond.
- 11. "**Mortgage assistance relief product or service**" means any product, service, plan, or program, offered or provided to a consumer in exchange for consideration, that is represented, expressly or by implication, to assist or attempt to assist the consumer with any of the following:
 - A. stopping, preventing, or postponing any mortgage or deed of trust foreclosure sale for the consumer's dwelling, any repossession of the consumer's dwelling, or otherwise saving the consumer's dwelling from foreclosure or repossession;
 - B. negotiating, obtaining, or arranging a modification of any term of a dwelling loan, including a reduction in the amount of interest, principal balance, monthly payments, or fees;
 - C. obtaining any forbearance or modification in the timing of payments from any dwelling loan holder or servicer on any dwelling loan;
 - D. negotiating, obtaining, or arranging any extension of the period of time within which the consumer may (i) cure his or her default on a dwelling loan, (ii) reinstate his or her dwelling loan, (iii) redeem a dwelling, or (iv) exercise any right to reinstate a dwelling loan or redeem a dwelling;

- E. obtaining any waiver of an acceleration clause or balloon payment contained in any promissory note or contract secured by any dwelling; or
- F. negotiating, obtaining, or arranging (i) a short sale of a dwelling, (ii) a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, (iii) or any other disposition of a dwelling other than a sale to a third party that is not the dwelling loan holder.

The foregoing shall include any manner of claimed assistance, including, but not limited to, cash for keys programs and land trust services, auditing or examining a consumer's mortgage or home loan application and offering to provide or providing legal services, or offering to sell a consumer a plan or subscription to a service that provides such assistance.

12. "National Do Not Call Registry" means the National Do Not Call Registry, which is the "do-not-call" registry maintained by the Commission pursuant to 16 C.F.R. § 310.4(b)(1)(iii)(B).

- 17. **"Telemarketer"** means any person who, in connection with telemarketing, initiates or receives telephone calls to or from a customer or donor.
- 18. **"Telemarketing"** means a plan, program, or campaign which is conducted to induce the

A. Advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, or selling any mortgage assistance relief product or service; and

B. Assisting others engaged in advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or selling any mortgage assistance relief product or service.

II.

BAN ON DEBT RELIEF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant, whether acting directly or

through any other person, is permanently restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, or selling any debt relief product or service; and
- B. Assisting others engaged in advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, or selling any debt relief product or service.

III.

PROHIBITED MISREPRESENTATIONS RELATING TO FINANCIAL RELATED PRODUCTS OR SERVICES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant and his officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons or entities in active concert or participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission, email, or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of any financial related product or service, are hereby permanently restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, expressly or by implication, any material fact, including but not limited to:
 - 1. The terms or rates that are available for any loan or other extension of

credit, including but not limited to:

a. closing costs or other fees;

- 3. That any person can improve any consumer's credit record, credit history, or credit rating by permanently removing negative information from the consumer's credit record, credit history, or credit rating, even where such information is accurate and not obsolete;
- 4. That any person can obtain a reduction of any secured tax debt by renegotiating, settling, or in any other way altering the terms of a debt owed to any taxing entity; or
- 5. That a consumer will receive legal representation.
- B. Advertising or assisting others in advertising credit terms other than those terms that actually are or will be arranged or offered by a creditor or lender.

IV.

PROHIBITED MISREPRESENTATIONS RELATING TO ANY PRODUCTS OR SERVICES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant and his officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons or entities in active concert or participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission, email, or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of any product, service, plan, or program are hereby permanently restrained and enjoined from misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, expressly or by implication, any material fact, including but not limited to:

A. Any material aspect of the nature or terms of any refund, cancellation, exchange, or repurchase policy, including, but not limited to, the likelihood of a consumer

obtaining a full or partial refund, or the circumstances in which a full or partial refund will be granted to the consumer;

- B. That any person is affiliated with, endorsed or approved by, or otherwise connected to any other person; government entity; any federal homeowner relief or financial stability program; public, non-profit, or other non-commercial program; or any other program;
- C. That they themselves provide the product, service, plan, or program;
- D. That any person providing a testimonial has purchased, received, or used the product, service, plan, or program;
- E. That the experience represented in a testimonial of the product, service, plan, or program represents the person's actual experience resulting from the use of the product, service, plan, or program under the circumstances depicted in the advertisement;
- F. The total costs to purchase, receive, or use, or the quantity of, the product, service, plan, or program;
- G. Any material restriction, limitation, or condition on purchasing, receiving, or using the product, service, plan, or program; or
- H. Any material aspect of the performance, efficacy, nature, or characteristics of the product, service, plan, or program.

V.

SUBSTANTIATION FOR BENEFIT, PERFORMANCE, AND EFFICACY CLAIMS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant and his officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons or entities in active concert or participation with any

of them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission, email, or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of any financial related product or service are hereby permanently restrained and enjoined from making any representation or assisting others in making any representation, expressly or by

- 2. the seller has an established business relationship with such person and that person has not previously stated that he or she does not wish to receive outbound telephone calls made by or on behalf of the seller;
- B. Initiating any outbound telephone call to a telephone number within a given area code when the annual fee for access to the telephone numbers within that area code that are on the National Do Not Call Registry has not been paid by or on behalf of the seller on whose behalf the telephone call is made, unless the telephone call is:
 - 1. a solicitation to induce charitable contributions;
 - 2. to a business; or
 - 3. on behalf of a seller who initiates, or causes others to initiate, telephone calls solely to (i) persons who have given the seller their express agreement, in writing and signed, to receive calls from that seller, or (ii) persons who have an established business relationship with that seller pursuant to 16 C.F.R. § 310.2(o);

Provided, however, that if the Commission promulgates rules that modify or supersede the Telemarketing Sales Rule, in whole or part, Defendants shall comply fully and completely with all applicable requirements thereof, on and after the effective date of any such rules.

VII.

PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCLOSING CONSUMER INFORMATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant and his officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons or entities in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting

directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, are hereby permanently restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Disclosing, using, or benefitting from consumer information, including the name, address, telephone number, email address, social security number, other identifying information, or any data that enables access to a consumer's account (including a credit card, bank account, or other financial account) of any person that Settling Defendant obtained prior to entry of this Order in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or provision of any financial-related product or service, and
- B. Failing to dispose of such consumer information in all forms in Settling
 Defendant's possession, custody, or control within thirty (30) days after the Court
 has entered a final order as to all Defendants, or within fifteen (15) days after a
 written request made to Settling Defendant by the FTC, whichever is sooner.
 Disposal shall be by means that protect against unauthorized access to the
 consumer information, such as by burning, pulverizing, or shredding any papers,
 and by erasing or destroying any electronic media, to ensure that the consumer
 information cannot practicably be read or reconstructed.

Provided, however, that consumer information need not be disposed of, and may be disclosed, to the extent requested by a government agency or required by a law, regulation, or court order.

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B. Any funds received by the FTC pursuant to this Section shall be deposited into a fund administered by the FTC or its agent to be used for equitable relief, including but not limited to consumer redress and any attendant expenses for the administration of any redress funds. In the event that direct redress to consumers is wholly or partially impracticable or funds remain after redress is completed, the FTC may apply any remaining funds for such other equitable relief, including but not limited to consumer information remedies, as the FTC determines to be reasonably related to the practices alleged in the Complaint. Any funds not used for such equitable relief shall be depo

Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(A), and that this Order shall have collateral estoppel effect for such purposes.

- E. The judgment entered pursuant to this Section is equitable monetary relief, solely remedial in nature, and not a fine, penalty, punitive assessment or forfeiture.
- F. Upon request, Settling Defendant is hereby required, in accordance with 31
 U.S.C. § 7701, to furnish to the FTC his tax identification number, which shall be used for purposes of collecting and reporting on any delinquent amount arising out of this Order.

IX.

RIGHT TO REOPEN

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the FTC's agreement to, and the Court's approval of, this Order is expressly premised on the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of Settling Defendant's financial statement and supporting documentation previously submitted to the FTC. If, upon motion by the FTC, the Court finds that the financial statement of Settling contains any material misrepresentation or omission, the judgmeporting on

X.

ASSET FREEZE

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, upon entry of this Order and the satisfaction of all payments identified in Section VIII above, the freeze of the Settling Defendant's assets shall be dissolved.

XI.

COOPERATION WITH FTC

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant shall, in connection with this action or any subsequent investigation or litigation related to or associated with the transactions or the occurrences that are the subject of the FTC's Complaint as it may be amended, cooperate in good faith with the FTC and appear at such places and times as the FTC shall reasonably request, after written notice, for interviews, conferences, pretrial discovery, review of documents, and for such other matters as may be reasonably requested by the FTC. If requested in writing by the FTC, Settling Defendant shall appear and provide truthful testimony in any trial, deposition, or other proceeding related to or associated with the transactions or the occurrences that are the subject of the Complaint as it may be amended, without the service of a subpoena, *provided, however*, that Settling shall be entitled to receive any witness fees and expenses allowable pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45.

XII.

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant obtain acknowledgments of receipt of this Order:

- A. Settling Defendant, within seven (7) days of entry of this Order, must submit to the FTC an acknowledgment of receipt of this Order sworn under penalty of perjury.
- B. For five (5) years after entry of this Order, Settling Defendant, for any business he, individually or collectively with any other Defendant, is the majority owner or directly or indirectly controls, must deliver a copy of this Order to: (1) all principals, officers, directors, and managers; (2) all employees, agents, and representatives who participate in conduct related to the subject matter of the Order; and (3) any business entity resulting from any change in structure as set forth in the Section XIII, entitled Compliance Reporting. Delivery must occur within seven (7) days of entry of this Order for current personnel. To all others, delivery must occur before they assume their responsibilities.
- C. From each individual or entity to which Settling Defendant delivered a copy of this Order, Settling Defendant must obtain, within 30 days, a signed and dated acknowledgment of receipt of this Order.

XIII.

COMPLIANCE REPORTING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant make timely submissions to the FTC:

- A. One (1) year after entry of this Order, Settling Defendant must submit a compliance report, sworn under penalty of perjury.
 - 1. Settling Defendant must: (a) designate at least one telephone number and an email, physical, and postal address as points of contact, which

representatives of the FTC may use to communicate with the Settling Defendant; (b) identify all of the Settling Defendant's businesses by all of their names, telephone numbers, and physical, postal, email, and Internet addresses; (c) describe the activities of each business, including the products and services offered, the means of advertising, marketing, and sales, and the involvement of any other Defendant (which the Settling Defendant must describe if he knows or should know due to his own involvement); (d) describe in detail whether and how the Settling Defendant is in compliance with each Section of this Order; and (e) provide a copy of each Order Acknowledgment obtained pursuant to this Order, unless previously submitted to the FTC;

- 2. Additionally, Settling Defendant must: (a) identify all telephone numbers and all email, Internet, physical, and postal addresses, including all residences; (b) identify all titles and roles in all business activities, including any business for which the Settling Defendant performs services whether as an employee or otherwise and any entity in which the Settling Defendant has any ownership interest; and (c) describe in detail the Settling Defendant's involvement in each such business, including title, role, responsibilities, participation, authority, control, and any ownership.
- B. For 20 years following entry of this Order, Settling Defendant must submit a compliance notice, sworn under penalty of perjury, within 14 days of any change in the following:

 Settling Defendant must report any change in: (a) any designated point of contact; or (b) the structure of any entity that the Settling Defendant has Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580. The subject line must begin: *FTC v. Prime Legal Plans, LLC, et al.*, X120056.

XIV.

RECORDKEEPING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendant must create certain records for 20 years after entry of the Order, and retain each such record for five (5) years. Specifically, for any business in which Settling Defendant, individually or collectively with any other Defendant, is a majority owner or directly or indirectly controls, must maintain the following records:

- A. Accounting records showing the revenues from all goods or services sold, all costs incurred in generating those revenues, and the resulting net profit or loss;
- B. Personnel records showing, for each person providing services, whether as an employee or otherwise, that person's: name, addresses, and telephone numbers; job title or position; dates of service; and, if applicable, the reason for termination;
- C. Complaints and refund requests, whether received directly or indirectly, such as through a third party, and any response; and
- All records necessary to demonstrate full compliance with each provision of this
 Order, including all submissions to the FTC.

XV.

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of monitoring Settling Defendant's compliance with this Order, including the financial representations upon which part of the judgment was suspended and any failure to transfer any assets as required by this Order:

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