## **OCCC CASE NO. L20-00145**

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	BEFORE THE
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MASTER FILE NO.: 1700058345	§	OFFICE OF CONSUMER
CAESAR FINANCE, LLC	§	
d/b/a ADVANCED FINANCIAL	§	CREDIT COMMISSIONER
100 OCEANSIDE DRIVE	§	
NASHVILLE, TENNESSE 37204	§	STATE OF TEXAS

# ORDER TO FILE TIMELY AND ACCURATE QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS

The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner ("OCCC") issues this Order to File Timely and Accurate Quarterly and Annual Reports against Caesar Finance, LLC d/b/a Advanced Financial ("Advanced Financial").<sup>1</sup>

#### Statement of Facts and Law

Advanced Financial is a credit services organization licensed to act as a credit access business under Chapter 393 of the Texas Finance Code. Advanced Financial operates under master file number 1700058345 at one licensed location, under license number 159783. Advanced Financial's compliance officer is Courtney Gilmer, and its designated contact address is 100 Oceanside Drive, Nashville, Tennesse 37204.

A credit access business must file quarterly and annual reports with the Consumer Credit Commissioner ("Commissioner").<sup>2</sup> A credit access business must submit for each of its licensed locations its 2020 1st quarter reports on or before April 30, 2020.<sup>3</sup> For the 2020 1st quarter reports, the OCCC allowed 30 additional days (until May 31, 2020) for credit access businesses to file reports. All information provided on the quarterly and annual reports must be accurate and calculated in accordance with the OCCC's instructions.<sup>4</sup>

Advanced Financial did not file its 2020 1st quarter reports with the Commissioner on or before May 31, 2020.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tex. Fin. Code §§ 393.622, 393.627.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.5001.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.5001(a).

The Commissioner may issue an injunction ordering a credit access business to file one or more complete, accurate, and timely quarterly or annual reports if the Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that the credit access business is violating Chapter 393 of the Texas Finance Code.<sup>5</sup>

The Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that Advanced Financial is violating Chapter 393 of the Texas Finance Code, and therefore issues this Order, because Advanced Financial failed to timely file its 2020 1st quarter reports.

## Order

IT IS ORDERED that Caesar Finance, LLC d/b/a Advanced Financial:

- 1. comply with, and cease and desist from violating, the reporting requirements set forth in Section 393.627 of the Texas Finance Code and Title 7, Section 83.5001 of the Texas Administrative Code;
- 2. file its 2020 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report within 30 days of service of this Order, if it has not already done so; and
- 3. timely file complete and accurate future quarterly and annual reports.

Credit access business quarterly and annual reports must be submitted through the OCCC's Application Licensing Examination and Compliance System (ALECS): alecs.occc.texas.gov. Instructions are available by clicking the "File Annual Report" button on the OCCC's home page, occc.texas.gov.

# Violation of Order

You may be assessed an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000 for each day of violation of this Order.<sup>6</sup> Multiple violations may also result in the suspension or revocation of your license.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.5001(e)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c); 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.5001(e)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 393.614; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 83.5001(e)(3).

# **Right to Request Hearing**

You have the right to request a hearing regarding this Order.<sup>8</sup> Your request must be made in writing and sent to the OCCC not later than 30 days after you receive this Order. You must send your request to:

Audrey Spalding Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner 2601 N. Lamar Blvd. Austin, Texas 78705

If you request a hearing, a hearing on this matter will be set and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001 of the Texas Government Code.<sup>9</sup> If you fail to request a hearing by this deadline, this Order is considered final and enforceable.<sup>10</sup>

All communications with the OCCC concerning this matter must be through Audrey Spalding, Assistant General Counsel, who may be contacted by mail at 2601 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705, by telephone at (512) 936-7659, or by email to audrey.spalding@occc.texas.gov.

Signed this 11 day of September, 2020.

/s/Leslie L. Pettijohn
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(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c).

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the 11 day of September, 2020, a true and correct copy of this Injunctive Order to File Timely and Accurate Quarterly and Annual Reports has been sent to Caesar Finance, LLC d/b/a Advanced Financial by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

CMRRR #9214 8901 9403 8300 0014 7665 40 Caesar Finance, LLC Attn: Courtney Gilmer, Compliance Officer 100 Oceanside Drive Nashville, TN 37204

CMRRR #9214 8901 9403 8300 0014 7665 57 Caesar Finance, LLC Attn: Registered Agents Inc., Registered Agent 700 Lavaca St., Suite 401 Austin, TX 78701

/s/Audrey Spalding\_

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