

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
SECRETARY OF STATE
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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AGGRESSIVE LENDING COMPANY, its)	
managers, officers, affiliates, subsidiaries,)	
representatives, successors, and assigns;)	
)	
JAMIE LENDWAY, an individual;)	File No. 1800453
)	
PFC GROUP, INC., its managers, officers,)	
affiliates, subsidiaries, representatives,)	
successors, and assigns;)	
)	
WILLIAM BRANNEN, an individual)	
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NOTICE OF HEARING

TO THE RESPONDENTS: Aggressive Lending Company
6351 West Montrose Avenue, Suite 102
Chicago, IL 60634

Jamie Lendway
7222 West Bryn Mawr Avenue
Chicago, IL 60631

PFC Group, Inc.
32303 Millard Circle
Warrenville, IL 60555

William Brannen
32303 Millard Circle
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TO ATTORNEY FOR
RESPONDENTS: The Fish Law Firm P.C.
Attention: Seth Matus
200 East 5th Avenue, Suite 123
Naperville, IL 60563

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You are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 15-45 of the Illinois Loan Brokers Act of 1995 [815 ILCS 175/15-1 et. Seq.] (The "Act") and Ill. Adim. Code 145, Subpart C, a public hearing will be held at 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on the 15th day of August, 2019, at the hour of 10:00 AM, or as soon as possible thereafter, before George Berbas or such duly designated Hearing Officer of the Secretary of State.

Said Hearing will be held to determine whether an Order shall be entered pursuant to Section 15-55 of the Act to permanently prohibit Respondents from acting as a loan broker in the State of Illinois, and/or granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act including but not limited to imposition of a monetary fine in the maximum amount pursuant to 5-55(a) of the Act.

COUNT I

FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A LOAN BROKER

The grounds for such proposed actions are as follows:

1. Respondent Aggressive Lending Company ("ALC") is an Illinois Corporation incorporated on July 10, 2013, and has the last known address of 6351 West Montrose Avenue, Suite 102, Chicago, IL 60634. Respondent Jamie Lendway is listed as the President of Respondent ALC.
2. Respondent PFC Group, Inc. d.b.a. PFC Commercial Group ("PFC") is an Illinois Corporation incorporated on April 24, 2017, and has the last known address of 32303 Millard Circle, Warrenville, IL 60555. Respondent William Brannen is listed as the President of Respondent PFC.
3. Respondents ALC and PFC, through their website <https://www.aggressivelending.com>, offer assistance in the procurement of business loans. The business loans listed on their website include among other things Commercial Installment Loans, Business Equipment Financing, Business Start Up, Commercial Bridge Loans, and Unsecured Business Lines of Credit.
4. Respondents ALC and PFC state on their website that:

"Aggressive Lending / PFC Commercial Group has [sic] built relationships with 50+ Commercial Lenders and utilize [sic] Over 100 Different Loan & Financing Programs. Our team is hungry to creatively look at your business's financial situation and come up with a solution that can take your business to the next level. Our 25+ years of advanced underwriting experience can get your business the loans it needs!"
5. During the course of its investigation, The Illinois Secretary of State has obtained copies of Non-Circumvention, Fee and Acknowledge Agreements between Respondents and at

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least two Illinois residents whereby Respondents ALC and PFC state: "ALC/PFC is a 27 year old financial consulting, re-capitalization, and referral specialist," and "This Agreement & term sheet is specifically designed for the purpose of assisting in consulting, financial underwriting, and funding."

6. Illinois defines a Loan Broker as any person who, in return for a fee, commission, or other compensation from any person, promises to procure a loan for any person or assist any person in procuring a loan from any third party, or who promises to consider whether or not to make a loan to any person. Illinois Loan Brokers Act of 1995 [815 ILCS 175/15-5.15] the ("Act").
7. Since at least 2015, Respondent has entered into at least eight (8) contracts/agreements with Illinois residents to act as a loan broker and provide them assistance in obtaining a loan in return for a fee.
8. Section 15-10 states that it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of loan brokering unless registered under this Act.
9. Upon review of the Department's records, Respondents ALC and PFC are currently not registered, nor ever have been, as loan brokers in the State of Illinois.

You are further notified that you are required pursuant to Section 145.400 of the Rules to file an answer to the allegations outlined above, or other responsive pleading within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of this notice. Your failure to do this within the prescribed time shall be deemed an admission of the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing and waives your right to a hearing.

Furthermore, you may be represented by legal counsel; may present evidence; may cross-examine witnesses and otherwise participate. A failure to appear shall constitute default by you.

A copy of the Rules and Regulations promulgated under the Illinois Loan Brokers Act and the Illinois Securities Law pertaining to hearings held by the Office of the Secretary of State, Illinois Securities Department, are available at the Department's website:

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/securities/abtil.html>

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Delivery of notice to the designated representative of any Respondent constitutes service upon such Respondent.

Dated: This 12th day of June, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse White". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

JESSE WHITE
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State of Illinois

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