# STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

WIKINDSON PHILIPPE,

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HUD Case No. 04-09-0108-8

Petitioner,

FCHR Case No. 2009H0038

v.

DOAH Case No. 09-0979

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.,

FCHR Order No. 10-034

Respondent.

# FINAL ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM A DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE

### **Preliminary Matters**

Petitioner Wikindson Philippe filed a housing discrimination complaint pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, Sections 760.20 - 760.37, <u>Florida Statutes</u> (2007), alleging that Respondent Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., committed a discriminatory housing practice in the origination of a mortgage loan on the basis of Petitioner's race (Black).

The allegations set forth in the complaint were investigated, and, on January 16, 2009, the Executive Director issued a determination finding that there was no reasonable cause to believe that a discriminatory housing practice had occurred.

Petitioner filed a Petition for Relief from a Discriminatory Housing Practice and the case was transmitted to the Division of Administrative Hearings for the conduct of a formal proceeding.

An evidentiary hearing was held in Kissimmee, Florida, on October 22, 2009, before Administrative Law Judge J. D. Parrish.

Judge Parrish issued a Recommended Order of dismissal, dated February 2, 2010. The Commission panel designated below considered the record of this matter and determined the action to be taken on the Recommended Order.

## Findings of Fact

We find the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact to be supported by competent substantial evidence.

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact.

#### Conclusions of Law

We find the Administrative Law Judge's application of the law to the facts to result in a correct disposition of the matter.

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We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's conclusions of law.

# **Exceptions**

Neither of the parties filed exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order.

#### Dismissal

The Petition for Relief and Housing Discrimination Complaint are DISMISSED with prejudice.

The parties have the right to seek judicial review of this Order. The Commission and the appropriate District Court of Appeal must receive notice of appeal within 30 days of the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Commission. Explanation of the right to appeal is found in Section 120.68, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, and in the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110.

DONE AND ORDERED this <u>20<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>April</u>, 2010. FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

Commissioner Donna Elam, Panel Chairperson; Commissioner Watson Haynes, II; and Commissioner Billy Whitefox Stall

Filed this <u>20<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>April</u>, 2010, in Tallahassee, Florida.

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J. D. Parrish, Administrative Law Judge, DOAH

James Mallue, Legal Advisor for Commission Panel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed to the above listed addressees this <u>20<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>April</u>, 2010.

Clerk of the Commission

Florida Commission on Human Relations