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## STATE OF CALIFORNIA **BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY**

2		<b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>	CORPORATIONS	
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4	TO:	Loan Shop		
5		Loanshoponline.com Loan Shop Online		
6		Loan Shop Online, LLC The Loan Shop Online		
7		Cimarron Ventures		
8		Geneva Roth Ventures Geneva Roth Capital		
9		Geneva Roth Holdings, Inc.		
10		Centurion Fund Loan Pointe LLC		
11		2207 Concord Pike #250 and #505	P.O. Box 148	
12		Wilmington, DE 19803	Shawnee Mission, KS 66201	
13		14100 W. Olympic Blvd., 15th Floor	1923 Foxridge Drive	
14		West Los Angeles, CA 90064	Kansas City, KS 66106	
15		and 1338 South Foothill Drive, Suite 325 Salt Lake City, Utah 84108		
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18		GeteCash 357 South 670, Suite 170		
19		Lindon, Utah 84042		

## AMENDED DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

(For violations of California Financial Code sections 23005, 23035, 23036 and 23037)

The California Corporations Commissioner ("Commissioner") finds that:

1. Loan Shop, Loanshoponline.com, Loan Shop Online, Loan Shop Online, LLC, The Loan Shop Online, Cimarron Ventures, Geneva Roth Ventures, Geneva Roth Capital, Geneva Roth Holdings, Inc., Centurion Fund, Loan Pointe LLC, GeteCash, and their affiliates (hereinafter "payday lenders") advertised their payday loans to California consumers from various locations and websites.

- 2. The Commissioner of the Department of Corporations ("Department") is responsible for enforcing the California Deferred Deposit Transaction Law ("CDDTL") found in California Financial Code section 23000 *et seq*. The Commissioner has not issued a license to the foregoing payday lenders to engage in the business of deferred deposit transactions pursuant to California Financial Code section 23005. These payday lenders are not exempt from the licensing requirement of the CDDTL.
- 3. Since at least 2007, the foregoing payday lenders have engaged in the business of deferred deposit transactions by offering, originating and making deferred deposit transactions as described below.
- 4. A deferred deposit transaction is a written transaction whereby one person gives funds to another person upon receipt of a personal check and it is agreed that the personal check shall not be deposited until a later date. These loans are sometimes referred to as "payday advances" or "payday loans."
- 5. The above payday lenders offer California consumers payday loans but fail to provide the disclosures required under California law.
- 6. The payday lenders arrange for an electronic deposit of funds to the consumer's respective bank account and have access to a consumer's account to withdraw funds to repay the loan on the due date of the deferred deposit transaction.
- 7. However, when the due date on the deferred deposit transaction arrives, these payday lenders do not withdraw the agreed upon repayment from the consumer's bank account, even though adequate funds are available to do so. Instead, they usually withdraw an amount less than the amount owed. For example, they withdraw \$90, which they state consist of a \$45 fee and a \$45 interest charge. The payday lenders then make successive withdrawals of \$90 from the consumer's account withdrawing several times the amount of the original loan. As a result customers find it necessary to close their bank account to prevent repeated unauthorized withdrawals by the payday lenders. When consumers close their account, the payday lenders demand further funds and threaten consumers with legal action.

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- 8. To date the Department has no record of these payday lenders or anyone else ever filing on their behalf for a CDDTL license.
- 9. The payday lenders have engaged in deferred deposit business without a license from the Commissioner and engaged in deferred deposit transactions that violated various statutory provisions of the CDDTL including lack of the requisite disclosures, charging excessive fees and extension of the loans in violation of California Financial Code sections 23035, 23036 and 23037.

By reason of the foregoing, Loan Shop, Loanshoponline.com, Loan Shop Online, Loan Shop Online, LLC, The Loan Shop Online, Cimarron Ventures, Geneva Roth Ventures, Geneva Roth Capital, Geneva Roth Holdings, Inc., Centurion Fund, Loan Pointe LLC, GeteCash, and their affiliates have engaged in the business of deferred deposit transactions without having first obtained a license from the Commissioner and have engaged in deferred deposit transactions in violation of California Financial Code sections 23005, 23035, 23036 and 23037.

## California Financial Code section 23050 states:

Whenever, in the opinion of the commissioner, any person is engaged in the business of deferred deposit transactions, as defined in this division, without a license from the commissioner, or any licensee is violating any provision of this division, the commissioner may order that person or licensee to desist and to refrain from engaging in the business or further violating this division. If within 30 days, after the order is served, a written request for a hearing is filed and no hearing is held within 30 days thereafter, the order is rescinded.

Pursuant to Financial Code section 23050, Loan Shop, Loanshoponline.com, Loan Shop Online, Loan Shop Online, LLC, The Loan Shop Online, Cimarron Ventures, Geneva Roth Ventures, Geneva Roth Capital, Geneva Roth Holdings, Inc., Centurion Fund, Loan Pointe LLC, GeteCash, and their affiliates are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from engaging in the business of deferred deposit transactions in the State of California without licensure or exemption in violation of California Financial Code section 23005 and from violations of California Financial Code sections 23035, 23036 and 23037. This Order is necessary for the protection of consumers and consistent with the purposes, policies and provisions of the CDDTL.

	1	This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commissioner.	
State of Calitornia – Department of Corporations	2	Dated: November 23, 2009	
	3	Los Angeles, California	
	4	PRESTON DuFAUCHARD	
	5	California Corporations Commissioner	
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	8	ALAN S.WEINGER Deputy Commissioner	
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