

# GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

## WEEKLY AGENCY REPORT

### OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 2014

#### Successes for Week Ending April 3, 2014

#### 1. Licensing and Registration

- Division of Securities
  - Applications Received: 949
  - Applications Approved: 944
  - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 12
  
- Division of Consumer Finance
  - Applications Received: 425
  - Applications Approved: 512
  - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 10
  
- Division of Financial Institutions
  - Applications Received: 49
  - Applications Approved: 2
  - Applications Denied/Withdrawn: 0

#### 2. Regulatory Sanctions

##### Final Order for \$71,380 Fine Against a Broker Dealer

On March 26, 2014, the Division of Securities entered a Final Order against RBC Capital Markets, LLC for failing to establish an adequate system to monitor the registration status of client services associates and to enforce established written procedures. The Final Order follows an investigation into the registration of RBC's client service associates and supervisory system by the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) Multi-State Working Group. A \$71,380 administrative fine was paid.

##### Permanent Bar and \$ 3,125,000 in Total Fines Against an Unregistered Broker Dealer and Associated Person for Fraud

On March 31, 2014, the Division of Securities entered a Final Order against Neofat Industries, Inc., k/n/a Microlipid Technologies, Inc., and Gus Papathanasopoulos permanently barring the firm and him from seeking future registration as a dealer, investment adviser or associated person under the Florida Securities and Investor Protection Act, Chapter 517, F. S., after they failed to request a hearing. The Final Order follows an Administrative Complaint, which alleged Mr. Papathanasopoulos and Neofat Industries, Inc., offered and sold unregistered securities; engaged in securities business in Florida without

being registered and conducted fraudulent securities transactions. A total of \$3,125,000 in administrative fines was assessed.

## **New Issues**

### **1. Outreach Activities**

On March 26, 2014, two members of the Division of Financial Institutions represented the OFR at a regulator roundtable at the League of Southeastern Credit Union's Government Affairs Conference in Tallahassee with NCUA Regional Director Myra Toeppe. There were approximately 60 people in attendance.

### **2. Appointments**

On March 27, 2014, the State Regulatory Registry (SRR), Board of Managers approved the appointment of Jason Booth, Bureau Chief of Registration in the OFR's Division of Consumer Finance, to the Mortgage Testing and Education Board (MTEB). The appointment is a two-year term, which began immediately and will end in March, 2016. The SRR currently owns and operates the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System & Registry (NMLS) that has been developed by state mortgage regulators.