

BROKERS CAN'T NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENTS ON BEHALF OF CLIENTS!

CMBA has forwarded a clearly worded letter to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs of Ontario opposing the recent law restricting Mortgage Brokerages from conducting Debt Settlements on behalf of their clients.

Since the enactment of Bill 55 on July 1st, 2015 it is deemed illegal for Broker/Agents to assist their clients in negotiating settlements on their debts.

"This is a foolish restriction on the activities of Mortgage Broker/Agents. We have been successfully performing this function for decades. It's just part of what we do and we do it well!" states Gary Berthiaume Broker Rose City Mortgage, Windsor.

"I don't understand the rationale, that a collection agency whose goal it is to collect money for creditors can also represent debtors. You can't wear two hats at the same time successfully." said Richard Morgan Broker/Owner, Capital Mortgages Ottawa.

This is an issue that must be brought to the forefront and there must be an exemption for practicing Mortgage Broker Agents in Ontario.

Read Bill 55 here:

http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&BillID=2776