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"Utah Division of Consumer Protection awarded Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Consumer Protection Partner Award"

"FTC recognizes Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Consumer Protection for its dedication and achievements in fighting consumer fraud with this national award"

(For immediate release...)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah - Francine A. Giani, Executive Director of the Department of Commerce, announced today that the Utah Division of Consumer Protection was awarded the "Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Consumer Protection Partner Award" on June 14, 2019 at the Heber M. Wells Building. The Federal Trade Commission award was presented by FTC Western Regional Director, Tom Dahdouh, and FTC attorney – Western Region, Emily Cope Burton to Executive Director Francine Giani, Division Director Daniel O'Bannon, and Division of Consumer Protection staff. With this annual award, the FTC selects a state partner to honor for their dedication and achievements in fighting consumer fraud. The Federal Trade Commission recognized Utah's Division of Consumer Protection for their commitment to consumer outreach through two successful consumer education "Common Ground" conferences, the Division's investigative contributions to national fraud cases, and their invaluable partnership in ongoing outreach efforts.

"We are grateful to the Federal Trade Commission for this important distinction. The Department of Commerce, Division of Consumer Protection values our federal partners in fighting fraud and will continue our steadfast mission to protect Utah consumers," stated Francine A. Giani.

The FTC also highlighted the important work being done by the Division's investigative team in going after the coaching industry with cases against; Coaching Department, Vision Solution Marketing, Internet Teaching and Training, and Lift International. The Division was also commended for their efforts in the Federal Trade Commissions' case against Sellers Playbook.

"The Division of Consumer Protection values our ongoing collaboration with the Federal Trade Commission in going after fraudsters. It is an honor to receive this award from our federal partners," remarked Daniel O'Bannon.

For more information on the Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Consumer Protection Partner Award 2019 click here; https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/blogs/business-blog/2019/06/bee-lieving-power-partnership?utm_source=govdelivery

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