

BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
STATE OF NEVADA

SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator,
REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT
OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY,
STATE OF NEVADA,

Petitioner,

vs.

BEVERLY SCHAEFFER,

Respondent.

Case No. 2019-490

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REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
BY *Emily Patten*

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The REAL ESTATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA ("Division") hereby notifies BEVERLY SCHAEFFER (RESPONDENT), of an administrative hearing before the STATE OF NEVADA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION ("Commission"). The hearing will be held pursuant to Chapters 233B and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"). The purpose of the hearing is to consider the allegations stated below and to determine if RESPONDENT should be subject to an administrative penalty as set forth in NRS 645.633 and/or NRS 645.630 and/or NRS 622.400, and the discipline to be imposed, if violations of law are proven.

JURISDICTION

RESPONDENT BEVERLY SCHAEFFER was at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint, licensed as a broker under B.0143231.LLC and holds a property manager permit and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and the Commission, and the provisions of NRS chapter 645 and NAC chapter 645.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. RESPONDENT is licensed by the Division as a broker under license B.0143231.LLC, which license is currently active and also holds an active property manager permit.

2. RESPONDENT is an owner and manager of Choice One Properties & Management L.L.C., a Nevada limited liability company (the "Company").

1 3. Respondent's Company entered into a property management agreement with the Diamond
2 Family Trust ("Owner") to manage that certain residential rental property located at 2737 Valley Downs,
3 Las Vegas, NV 89134 (the "Property").

4 4. Respondent's Company was to hold in trust the tenant's security and cleaning deposits paid by
5 tenant in connection with renting the Property in the amount of \$1,245.00 (the "Deposit").

6 5. On or around January of 2019, the Property Owner contacted Diane Romano, a broker
7 salesperson and licensed property manager with Signature Real Estate Group ("Signature").

8 6. The Property Owner stated that they wanted Signature to manage the Property instead of
9 RESPONDENT's company.

10 7. Signature agreed to manage the Property for Owner.

11 8. On March 29, 2019, Signature prepared the Transfer of Security Deposit form to transfer the
12 Deposit from RESPONDENT's Company to Signature and emailed it to RESPONDENT's Company.

13 9. During the week of April 22, 2019, RESPONDENT's Company delivered a check for the
14 Deposit to Signature's office.

15 10. On April 29, 2019, Signature's bookkeeper notified Ms. Romano of Signature that the
16 check for the Deposit was returned by the bank due to insufficient funds in RESPONDENT's Company's
17 bank account.

18 11. On or around May 6, 2019, Ms. Romano of Signature notified the Division regarding the
19 RESPONDENT's Company's check for the Deposit and its failure to clear the bank due to insufficient
20 funds.

21 12. The Division opened an investigation regarding the allegations set forth herein, and on
22 May 14, 2019, properly notified the RESPONDENT of its investigation.

23 13. The Division requested RESPONDENT complete an affidavit and provide it along with
24 any relevant documents to the Division by May 28, 2019.

25 14. RESPONDENT failed to respond to the Division.

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1 **VIOLATIONS**

2 RESPONDENT committed the following violations of law:

3 RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.630(1)(f) by failing, within a reasonable time, to account for
4 or to remit money in her possession that belongs to others when she allowed a check for the Deposit to
5 be drawn from the Company's account that did not have sufficient funds and could not timely transfer
6 the Deposit to Signature.

7 RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(h) pursuant to NAC 645.605(11)(a) for failing to
8 comply with a request by the Division to provide documents and/or a written response.

9 **DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED**

10 1. Pursuant to NRS 645.630 and NRS 645.633, the Commission is empowered to impose an
11 administrative fine of up to \$10,000 per violation against RESPONDENT and further to suspend, revoke
12 or place conditions on the license of RESPONDENT.

13 2. Additionally, under NRS Chapter 622, the Commission is authorized to impose costs of the
14 proceeding upon RESPONDENT, including investigative costs and attorney's fees, if the Commission
15 otherwise imposes discipline on RESPONDENT.

16 3. Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission take such disciplinary action as it deems
17 appropriate under the circumstances.

18 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

19 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that a disciplinary hearing has been set to consider the
20 Administrative Complaint against the above-named Respondent in accordance with Chapters 233B and
21 645 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

22 **THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE on March 10, 2020 commencing at 9:00 a.m., or as**
23 **soon thereafter as the Commission is able to hear the matter, and each day thereafter commencing**
24 **at 9:00 a.m. through March 12, 2020 or earlier if the business of the Commission is concluded. The**
25 **Commission meeting will be held on March 10, 2020, at the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East**
26 **Washington Avenue, Room 4401, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. The meeting will continue on March**
27 **11, 2020 at the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Room 4401, Las Vegas,**
28 **Nevada 89101, commencing at 9:00 a.m., and on March 12, 2020, should business not be concluded,**

1 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Room 4401, Las
2 Vegas, Nevada 89101.

3 **STACKED CALENDAR:** Your hearing is one of several hearings scheduled at the same
4 time as part of a regular meeting of the Commission that is expected to last from March 10, 2020
5 through March 12, 2020, or earlier if the business of the Commission is concluded. Thus, your
6 hearing may be continued until later in the day or from day to day. It is your responsibility to be
7 present when your case is called. If you are not present when your hearing is called, a default may
8 be entered against you and the Commission may decide the case as if all allegations in the complaint
9 were true. If you have any questions please call Evelyn Pattee, Commission Coordinator at (702)
10 486-4074.

11 **YOUR RIGHTS AT THE HEARING:** except as mentioned below, the hearing is an open
12 meeting under Nevada's open meeting law, and may be attended by the public. After the evidence and
13 arguments, the commission may conduct a closed meeting to discuss your alleged misconduct or
14 professional competence. You are entitled to a copy of the transcript of the open and closed portions of
15 the meeting, although you must pay for the transcription.

16 As the Respondent, you are specifically informed that you have the right to appear and be heard
17 in your defense, either personally or through your counsel of choice. At the hearing, the Division has the
18 burden of proving the allegations in the complaint and will call witnesses and present evidence against
19 you. You have the right to respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved.
20 You have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and cross-examine opposing
21 witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues involved.

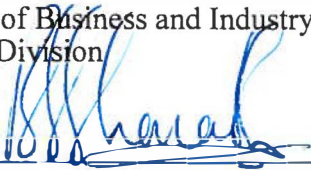
22 You have the right to request that the Commission issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify
23 and/or evidence to be offered on your behalf. In making the request, you may be required to demonstrate
24 the relevance of the witness' testimony and/or evidence. Other important rights you have are listed in
25 NRS 645.680 through 645.990, NRS Chapter 233B, and NAC 645.810 through 645.875.

26 The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the Respondent has violated NRS 645 and/or NAC
27 645 and if the allegations contained herein are substantially proven by the evidence presented and
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1 to further determine what administrative penalty is to be assessed against the RESPONDENT, if any,
2 pursuant to NRS 645.235, 645.633 and or 645.630.

3 DATED this 5th day of February, 2020.

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