BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION [] [] [] 1 2 STATE OF NEVADA JUL 29 2020 3 SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator, REAL ESTATE COMMISSION REAL ESTATE DIVISION. 4 DEPARTMENT Case No. OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, 5 STATE OF NEVADA, 6 COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF Petitioner. HEARING 7 vs. 8 RON HOY, 9 Respondent. 10 11 The REAL ESTATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA ("Division"), by and through its counsel, Aaron 12 13 D. Ford, Attorney General of the State of Nevada, and Peter Keegan, Deputy Attorney 14 General, hereby notifies RESPONDENT RON HOY ("RESPONDENT") of an administrative hearing before the STATE OF NEVADA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION 15 16 ("Commission"). The hearing will be held pursuant to Chapter 233B and Chapter 645 of the 17 Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Administrative Code 18 ("NAC"). The purpose of the hearing is to consider the allegations stated below and to 19 determine if the RESPONDENT should be subject to an administrative penalty or other 20 discipline authorized by NRS 645 and/or NAC 645, if violations of law are proven. **JURISDICTION** 21 At all times relevant, RESPONDENT held a real estate broker license, 22 B.0017991.CORP. RESPONDENT engaged in activities which require a license as a real 23 estate broker, real estate broker-salesperson, or real estate salesperson, and/or a permit to 24 engage in property management, issued by the Division and is, therefore, subject to the 25 jurisdiction of the Division and the Commission, and the provisions of NRS and NAC 645. 26 111 27

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# PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 1. On or about December 11, 2018, the Division received an email from the Sherine Kuckhoff ("Kuckhoff") indicating that she had recently lost her property management permit and that she had neglected to renew it.
- 2. On or about December 11, 2018, the Division responded to Kuckhoff and informed her that her property management permit had expired on January 31, 2013.
- 3. On or about December 18, 2018, Kuckhoff met with the Division's investigator and explained that she had acted in the capacity of a property manager since February of 2013, while being unaware her property management's permit had expired.
- 4. On or about December 18, 2018, an investigation opening-letter was sent to Kuckhoff and required her to provide a sworn statement explaining her failure to timely renew her property management permit.
- 5. On or about December 18, 2018, an investigation opening-letter was also sent to Kuckhoff's broker-salesperson manager, Ronald B. Stichter ("Stichter"), BS.0032575.MGR, at Coldwell Banker Select Real Estate of Nevada Inc., requiring him to provide a sworn statement explaining how Kuckhoff, while under his supervision, was allowed to act in the capacity of a property manager without a valid property manager's permit.
- 6. On or about December 18, 2018, an investigation opening-letter was also sent to RESPONDENT, B.0017991.CORP, Kuckhoff's broker of record, requiring him to provide a sworn statement explaining how Kuckhoff, while under his supervision, was allowed to act in the capacity of a property manager without a valid property manager's permit.
- 7. On or about December 29, 2018, the Division received Kuckhoff's sworn affidavit.
- 8. On or about December 28, 2018, the Division received Stichter's sworn affidavit.
- 9. On or about January 2, 2019, the Division received RESPONDENT's sworn affidavit.

- 10. On or about May 28, 2019, the Division sent Kuckhoff an NRS 233B letter indicating that the Division's investigation had obtained sufficient evidence to commence disciplinary action by filing a complaint with the Nevada Real Estate Commission ("Commission").
- 11. On or about May 28, 2019, the Division sent Stichter an NRS 233B letter indicating that the Division's investigation had obtained sufficient evidence to commence disciplinary action by filing a complaint with the Nevada Real Estate Commission ("Commission").
- 12. On or about May 28, 2019, the Division sent RESPONDENT an NRS 233B letter indicating that the Division's investigation had obtained sufficient evidence to commence disciplinary action by filing a complaint with the Nevada Real Estate Commission ("Commission").

# **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 1. At all times relevant, Kuckhoff held a real estate broker-salesperson license, BS.005345.
- 2. Kuckhoff's property management permit, PM.0163303.DES, which issued in March of 2008, expired on January 31, 2013.
- 3. At all times relevant, Stichter held a broker salesperson's license, BS.0032575.MGR, which the Division issued on July 13, 1994.
- 4. Stichter affiliated with Coldwell Banker Select Real Estate as Incline Village branch office as the managing broker-salesperson on January 7, 2014, and was responsible for managing Kuckhoff.
- 5. At all times relevant, RESPONDENT held a broker's license, B.0017991.CORP, which the Division issued on November 17, 1986.
  - 6. RESPONDENT has held a broker's license since 1983.
- 7. RESPONDENT affiliated with Coldwell Banker Select Real Estate as its corporate broker on July 20, 2004, and was responsible for managing Kuckhoff.

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- 8. On or about January 31, 2013, Kuckhoff's broker-salesperson license and property management permit expired and were due for renewal.
- 9. Kuckhoff properly renewed her property management permit at least once between 2008 and 2013.
- 10. On or about February 20, 2013, Kuckhoff submitted her renewal application for her broker-salesperson license, along with a late fee.
- 11. Kuckhoff's February 20, 2013, renewal application did not include her property management permit number or the renewal fee for the property manager's permit.
- 12. Between January 10, 2013, and February 20, 2013, there were attempts made by Kuckhoff to submit her broker-salesperson renewal application, which were rejected; however, none of those applications included her property management permit.
- 13. On February 21, 2013, the Division sent Kuckhoff a Deficient Transaction notification, which required Kuckhoff to submit Division form 544 with original signatures to complete her broker-salesperson, BS.0005345 license reinstatement.
- 14. On January 23, 2017, the Division received Kuckhoff's continuing education certificates and renewal fee for her broker-salesperson license, BS.0005345.
- 15. On or about January 23, 2017, the Division sent Kuckhoff a Deficient Transaction notification, which required Kuckhoff to submit proof of 3 hours of Broker Management and to complete and submit Division form 580 to complete the renewal of her broker-salesperson, BS.0005345 license.
- 16. On or about December 11, 2018, the Division received an email from the Kuckhoff indicating that she had recently lost her property management permit and that she had neglected to renew it.
- 17. On or about December 11, 2018, the Division notified Kuckhoff that she would not be allowed to renew her property manager's permit and would be required to submit a new application for a property manager's permit as required by NRS 645.785.
- 18. Kuckhoff conducted property management activities from February 1, 2013, through at least December 18, 2018, without a property management permit.

- 19. On or about December 31, 2018, the Kuckhoff provided the Division a written statement indicating she earned a net income of \$568,770.64, with expenses of \$34,561.95, for her property management during the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2018.
- 20. On or about January 2, 2019, RESPONDENT provided a written statement to the Division indicating that his brokerage earned approximately \$30,000.00 from Kuckhoff's property management activities from March 1, 2013 through December 28, 2013.
- 21. On or about January 7, 2019, the Division received a Division form 580 renewal application from Kuckhoff for her broker-salesperson license and property management permit.
- 22. On January 8, 2019, the Division sent the Kuckhoff a Deficient Transaction notification, which informed her that her property management permit expired January 31, 2013, and she was required to reapply with Division form 524.

# **VIOLATIONS ALLEGED**

RESPONDENT has committed the following violations of law:

RESPONDENT violated NAC 645.600(1) for failing to supervise the activities
of his licensee.

# **DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED**

- 1. Pursuant to NRS 645.633(1)(b), the Commission is empowered to impose an administrative fine of up to \$10,000 per violation against RESPONDENT and further to suspend, revoke or place conditions on the license of RESPONDENT.
- 2. Pursuant to NRS 645.314, the Division is authorized to request its investigative costs where the investigation was undertaken for disciplinary purposes.
- 3. Additionally, under NRS 622.400, the Commission is authorized to impose costs of the proceeding upon RESPONDENT, including investigative costs and attorney's fees, if the Commission otherwise imposes discipline on RESPONDENT.
- 4. Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission take such disciplinary action as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

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

THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE at the Commission meeting scheduled for September 1-3, 2020, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. each day, or until such time as the Commission concludes its business.

If the Governor's Emergency Directive 006 - suspending physical location requirements - is extended through the date of the meeting, then the hearing will be held via virtual meeting. The Commission uses WebEx for its meetings. To join the hearing go to the Webex.com website and put in the Access code and Attendee ID:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 Meeting number (Access code): 146 276 8028 Password (Attendee ID): MgCrCbJq662 (64272257662 from phones and video systems)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 Meeting number (Access code): 146 650 1911 Password (Attendee ID): 2rGzteBYY24 (27498329924 from phones and video systems)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020** Meeting number (Access code): 146 520 3582 Password (Attendee ID): umV3mJJ2gP2 (86836552472 from phones and video systems)

If you do not have internet access, you may attend by phone at 1-844-621-3956 using the access codes and attendee IDs listed above. Some mobile devices may ask attendees to enter a numeric attendee ID provided above. If Emergency Directive 006 is not extended and the meeting is held in person, then the meeting will be located at the following locations:

Nevada State Business Center Real Estate Division 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 350 Las Vegas, NV 89102

If you would like an email containing this information, before the hearing, please contact Evelyn Pattee, Commission Coordinator, at (702) 486-4074 or epattee@red.nv.gov.

STACKED CALENDAR: Your hearing is one of several hearings scheduled at the same time as part of a regular meeting of the Commission that is expected to last from September 1st through September 3, 2020, but may end earlier if the business of the Commission is concluded. Thus, your hearing may be continued until later in the day or from day to day. It is your responsibility to be present when your case is called. If you are not present when your hearing is called, a default may be entered against you and the Commission may decide the case as if all allegations in the complaint were true. If you have any questions please call Evelyn Pattee Commission Coordinator (702) 486-4074.

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

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

You have the right to request that the Commission issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify and/or evidence to be offered on your behalf. In making the request, you may be required to demonstrate the relevance of the witness' testimony and/or evidence. Other important rights you have are listed in NRS 645.680 through 645.990, NRS Chapter 233B, and NAC 645.810 through 645.920.

1	The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the RESPONDENT has violated NRS
2	645 and/or NAC 645 and if the allegations contained herein are substantially proven
3	by the evidence presented and to further determine what administrative penalty, if any, is
4	to be assessed against the RESPONDENT.
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6	DATED this 23rd day of July, 2020.  DATED this 23rd day of July, 2020.
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