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BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
STATE OF NEVADA

Case No. REN 11-03-03-054

REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA,

Petitioner,

JOSEPH R. DECKER, Administrator.

VS.

DEBRA A WARNER.

Respondent.

STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

This Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action (Stipulation) is entered into between the Petitioner, State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Real Estate Division (Division), through its Administrator, Joseph R. Decker, and Respondent, DEBRA A. WARNER ("Respondent" or "WARNER").

JURISDICTION

1. Respondent stipulates and agrees that she was at all relevant times, licensed in Nevada by the Division as alleged in the Complaint. Respondent agrees that she is subject to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 645 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 645 and to the jurisdiction of the Division and the Commission.

SUMMARY OF FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH IN THE COMPLAINT

- 2. RESPONDENT, at the relevant times mentioned in this Complaint, is licensed as a salesperson under license number S.0032135 and as a property manager, permit number PM.0132135 since October 29, 1998, and is currently in active status and subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and the provisions of NRS chapter 645 and NAC chapter 645.
- 3. RESPONDENT, at the relevant times mentioned in this Complaint, was a property manager for Gaston & Wilkerson Management Group, Inc. ("G&W"), a Nevada corporation.

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- On or about January 8, 2004, G&W entered into a management agreement with 4. Real Estate Venture, LLC ("REV"), in which G&W contracted to manage the property owned by REV at 1250 West Second Street, Reno, Nevada.
- REV's property at 1250 West Second Street, Reno, Nevada, was later 5. designated as the Stone Creek Apartments.
- 6. On or about March 30, 2004, RESPONDENT opened a charge account at The Home Depot in REV's name, and using REV's taxpayer ID number.
- On or about March 30, 2004, RESPONDENT opened a charge account at Office 7. Depot in REV's name.
- On or about September 22, 2004, RESPONDENT opened a charge account at Century Maintenance Supply in REV's name, and using REV's taxpayer ID number.
- REV never specifically authorized RESPONDENT or G&W to open charge 9. accounts in REV's name, or to use REV's taxpayer ID number in doing so.
- RESPONDENT used one or more of the REV charge accounts referenced in 10. paragraphs 6, 7, and 8, above, to purchase items for properties not owned by REV, but managed by G&W.

SUMMARY OF VIOLATIONS OF LAW ALLEGED IN THE COMPLAINT

- RESPONDENT, violated NRS 645.633(1)(h), NRS 645.633(1)(i) by opening 11. charge accounts in REV's name and company tax ID number without REV's authorization.
- Respondent violated NRS 645.633(1)(h) by using the REV charge accounts to 12. purchase items for properties not owned by REV, but managed by G&W.

DISCLIPLINE AUTHORIZED

For each violation of NRS 645 and/or NAC 645, the Commission is empowered 13. to impose an administrative fine of not more than \$10,000.00 per violation. For each violation of NRS 645 and/or NAC 645, the Commission is also empowered to suspend, revoke or place conditions on the license of Respondent. Pursuant to NRS 622.400, the Commission is authorized to impose the costs of this proceeding upon the Respondent, including investigative costs and attorney's fees.

SETTLEMENT

- 14. The Division was prepared to present its case based upon the Complaint filed with the Commission and the Respondent was prepared to defend against the Complaint.
- 15. Respondent admits to the facts and violations of law as alleged in the Complaint.

 The Parties desire to compromise and settle the instant controversy upon the following terms and conditions.
- 16. Respondent agrees to pay to the Division eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) in an administrative fine and one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in costs for a total due of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) within 90 days of the date of the Commission's Order Approving Stipulation.
- 17. No grace period is permitted. If the amount due is not actually received by the Division on or before its due date, it shall be construed as an event of default by the Respondent.
- 18. In the event of default, Respondent agrees that all of her licenses shall be immediately suspended. Respondent agrees that the suspension of her licenses shall continue until the unpaid balance is paid in full. Further, debt collection actions for unpaid monetary assessments in this case may be instituted by the Division.
- 19. Respondent agrees to attend three hours of "What Every Licensee Should Know" continuing education and three hours of Ethics and three hours of property management designated courses, all to be completed within six months of the Effective Date of the Commission's Order Approving Stipulation. The hours must be <u>live</u> education and will <u>not</u> count towards Respondent's continuing education requirements. Respondent agrees that her licenses shall be immediately suspended if she fails to timely attend and complete the above continuing education. Respondent agrees that the suspension of her licenses shall continue until the continuing education is completed.
- 20. The Division agrees not to pursue any other or greater remedies or fines in connection with Respondent's alleged conduct referenced herein.
- 21. Respondent and the Division agree that by entering into this Stipulation, the Division does not concede any defense or mitigation Respondent may assert and that once

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this Stipulation is approved and fully performed, the Division will close its file in this matter.

- 22. Respondent agrees that if the administrative fine is not paid within the time period set forth hereinabove, or the continuing education is not timely completed, the Division may, at its option, rescind this Stipulation and proceed with prosecuting the Complaint before the Commission.
- 23. Respondent agrees and understands that by entering into this Stipulation, Respondent is waiving her right to a hearing at which Respondent may present evidence in her defense, her right to a written decision on the merits of the complaint, her rights to reconsideration and/or rehearing, appeal and/or judicial review, and all other rights which may be accorded by the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act, the Nevada Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons statutes and accompanying regulations, and the federal and state constitutions. Respondent understands that this Agreement and other documentation may be subject to public records laws. The Commission members who review this matter for approval of this Stipulation may be the same members who ultimately hear, consider and decide the Complaint if this Stipulation is either not approved by the Commission or is not timely performed by Respondent. Respondent fully understands that she has the right to be represented by legal counsel in this matter at her own expense.
 - 24. Each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs.
- 25. <u>Stipulation is Not Evidence</u>. Neither this Stipulation nor any statements made concerning this Stipulation may be discussed or introduced into evidence at any hearing on the Complaint, if the Division must ultimately present its case based on the Complaint filed in this matter.
- 26. Approval of Stipulation. Once executed, this Stipulation will be filed with the Commission and will be placed on the agenda for approval at its May 2015 public meeting. The Division will recommend to the Commission approval of the Stipulation. Respondent agrees that the Commission may approve, reject, or suggest amendments to this Stipulation that must be accepted or rejected by Respondent before any amendment is effective.
 - 27. Withdrawal of Stipulation. If the Commission rejects this Stipulation or suggests

amendments unacceptable to Respondent, Respondent may withdraw from this Stipulation and the Respondent agrees that the Division may pursue its Complaint before the Commission at the Commission's next regular public meeting.

- 28. Release. In consideration of execution of this Stipulation, the Respondent for himself or herself, his or her heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby release, remise, and forever discharge the State of Nevada, the Department of Business and Industry and the Division, and each of their respective members, agents, employees and counsel in their individual and representative capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims, and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that the Respondent ever had, now has, may have, or claim to have, against any or all of the persons or entities named in this section, arising out of or by reason of the Division's investigation, this disciplinary action, and all other matters relating thereto.
- 29. <u>Indemnification</u>. Respondent hereby indemnifies and holds harmless the State of Nevada, the Department of Business and Industry, the Division, and each of their respective members, agents, employees and counsel in their individual and representative capacities against any and all claims, suits, and actions brought against said persons and/or entities by reason of the Division's investigation, this disciplinary action and all other matters relating thereto, and against any and all expenses, damages, and costs, including court costs and attorney fees, which may be sustained by the persons and/or entities named in this section as a result of said claims, suits, and actions.
 - 30. Respondent has signed and dated this Stipulation only after reading and

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