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1	BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION SEP 0.5 2019	
2	STATE OF NEVADA	
3	SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator, REAL ESTATE DIVISION,	
4	DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY,	Case No. 2017-1715
5	STATE OF NEVADA,	
6	Petitioner,	FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER
7	vs.	OF LAW, AND ONDER
8	TERRY NELSON,	
9	Respondent.	
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11	DECISION	
12	This matter came before the Nevada Real Estate Commission ("Commission") for	
13	hearing on Tuesday, August 20 <sup>th</sup> through Thursday August 22 <sup>nd</sup> of 2019. The Hearing was	
14	held at the Nevada Division of Insurance at 1818 E. College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson	
15	City, Nevada 89706. Respondent appeared represented by counsel, Rick Elmore, Esq.,	
16	Peter K. Keegan, Deputy Attorney General, appeared and prosecuted the Complaint on	
17	behalf of petitioner Sharath Chandra, Administrator of the Real Estate Division,	
18	Department of Business & Industry, State of Nevada ("Division").	
19	JURISDICTION	
20	RESPONDENT was at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint licensed as a	
21	real estate broker under License Number B.0037510.INDV, and is therefore subject to the	
22	jurisdiction of the Division and the provisions of NRS Chapter 645 and NAC Chapter 645.	
23	FINDINGS OF FACT	
24	1. RESPONDENT has been licensed as a real estate broker, License Number	
25	B.0037510.INDV, since February 20, 1996, and is currently in active status.	
26	2. RESPONDENT identifies herself as the broker for Great Western Real	
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3. **RESPONDENT** is married to Brian Nelson, a Nevada licensed Broker 1 2 Salesperson, License Number BS.0037511.

On or about August 7, 2017, the Division sent an investigation opening letter 4. to RESPONDENT, which required RESPONDENT to provide copies of her listing file and sales file for each of the properties discussed below, as well as a sworn statement, not later than August 21, 2017.

7 On or about March 14, 2018, the Division sent RESPONDENT as 233B letter, 5. 8 via certified mail, placing RESPONDENT on notice that the Division intended to 9 commence disciplinary action against her with the Nevada Real Estate Commission for 10 violations of NRS 645 and NAC 645.

#### 11 **296 E. QUAIL STREET**

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12 6. On or about July 19, 2013 the seller entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell 13 Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 14 296 E. Quail Street, Sparks, Nevada, 89434 with a sales price of \$150,000.00.

The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract contained a hand written term stating 7. "[b]roker is not obligated to present all offers. Seller expressly waives such obligation. Broker may present to seller any offer which broker believes to be in best interest of seller."

8. 18 The RESPONDENT failed to obtain a signature from the sellers on the 19 Division's Waiver Form allowing a licensee to not perform the statutory duty of presenting 20 all offers made regarding the subject property.

9. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the RESPONDENT at 8 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for 23 a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

24 10. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of 25Realtors®, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours. excluding 2627 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after signing the same."

11. RESPONDENT placed the listing on the MLS on August 8, 2013, more than two weeks after the Exclusive Right to Sell Contract was signed.

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12. The MLS listing specified that the commission for a Buyer's Broker was \$75.00 and included contact information specifying "Do Not Call Agent."

5 13. On or about Thursday, September 12, 2013, RESPONDENT presented an
6 Offer and Acceptance Agreement to the seller, in the amount of \$150,000, as the broker for
7 the buyer.

8 14. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Saturday,
9 September 14, 2013.

10 15. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit
11 provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$1,800.00 earnest money check
12 payable to Great Western Real Estate, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then
13 deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

14 16. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$1,800.00 Earnest Money Check issued by the
15 buyer on Thursday, September 12, 2013, from First American Title is dated Tuesday,
16 September 17, 2013, more than one (1) business day after acceptance of the offer.

17 17. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that
18 "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services
19 rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be
20 payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency
21 relationship."

18. On or about September 14, 2013, the seller accepted the buyer's offer for
purchase in the amount of \$150,000.00, presented by RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker
and the seller's broker.

19. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of
the commission from the \$150,000.00 sale, for a total of \$12,000.00.

27 20. The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or
28 the seller that they were husband and wife.

# **14070 TOURMALINE DRIVE**

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On or about July 29, 2013, the seller entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell 21. 3 Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 14070 4 Tourmaline Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521 with a sales price of \$105,000.00

22.The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract contained a hand written term stating "[b]roker is not obligated to present all offers. Seller expressly waives such obligation. Broker may present to seller any offer which broker believes to be in best interest of seller."

8 23. The RESPONDENT failed to obtain a signature from the sellers on the 9 Division's Waiver Form allowing a licensee to not perform the statutory duty of presenting 10 all offers made regarding the subject property.

11 24. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the 12 RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for 13 a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

14 25.As part of the short sale transaction, the parties were required to sign an Affidavit of "Arm's Length Transaction," which specified that "[t]he sale of the Mortgage 15 16 Premises is an 'arm's length' transaction, between parties who are unrelated and 17 unaffiliated by family, marriage, or commercial enterprise."

RESPONDENT violated the terms of the Affidavit or "Arm's Length 18 26. 19 Transaction" when they failed to disclose their relationship as husband and wife.

2027. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of  $\mathbf{21}$ 22Realtors<sup>®</sup>, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding 23Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

24 28. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted to listing onto the 25MLS on Saturday, August 3, 2013, more than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and 26holidays, after signing the Exclusive Right to Sell Contract.

2729.The MLS listing shows RESPONDENT inputted the listing with a buyer's  $\mathbf{28}$ broker commission of \$75.00.

30. On or about August 8, 2013, at approximately 11:20 p.m., RESPONDENT changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

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31. Approximately 5 minutes later, on August 8, 2013, at 11:25 p.m., RESPONDENT changed the buyer's broker commission back to \$75.00 on the MLS listing.

32. On Thursday, August 8, 2013, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian Nelson, as
the first buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT as the first buyer's broker, presented an Offer
and Acceptance Agreement to the seller in the amount of \$105,000.00, which was accepted
later that same day.

33. The first Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money
Deposit provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$5,000.00 earnest money
check payable to Great Western Real Estate, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and
then deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title
Company."

34. The first Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a Short Sale
Addendum dated Thursday, August 8, 2013, signed by both the buyer and seller, which
also contained a handwritten term stating that "[e]arnest money to be deposited within (1)
business day of seller's acceptance of offer."

18 35. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$5,000.00 Earnest Money Check issued by the
19 first buyer on Thursday, August 8, 2013, from First American Title is dated Monday,
20 August 12, 2013, more than one (1) business day after the acceptance.

36. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that
"Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services
rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be
payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency
relationship."

37. On or about November 13, 2013, RESPONDENT prepared Addendum #3 to
the Offer and Acceptance Agreement dated August 8, 2013, which was signed by the buyer
and the seller and increased the sales price to \$123,000.00.

38. On or about November 13, 2013 at 11:08 a.m., RESPONDENT changed the buver's broker commission on the MLS listing back to 3%.

39. On or about Saturday, November 23, 2013, RESPONDENT presented another 4 Offer and Acceptance Agreement from the second buyer to the seller in the amount of \$140,000.00, which was accepted by the seller that day.

40. This Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained an Earnest Money Deposit provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$3,000.00 earnest money check payable to Great Western Real Estate, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company." 10

11 The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a Short Sale Addendum 41. dated Saturday, November 23, 2013, signed by both the buyer and seller, which also 12 contained a handwritten term stating that "[e]arnest money to be deposited within (1) 13 14 business day of seller's acceptance of offer."

15 42. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$3,000.00 Earnest Money Check issued by the 16 second buyer on Saturday, November 23, 2013, from First American Title is dated 17 Wednesday, November 27, 2013, more than one (1) business day after acceptance of the 18 offer.

19 43. On or about December 12, 2013, RESPONDENT prepared Addendum #4 to 20 the Offer and Acceptance Agreement dated November 23, 2013, which was signed by the buyer and the seller and increased the sales price to \$145,000.00. 21

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44. Escrow closed on December 12, 2013.

23 45. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% for 24 the commissions from the \$145,000.00 sale, for a total of \$8,700.00.

25The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or 46. 26 the seller that they were husband and wife.

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### 2080 BLOSSOM VIEW DRIVE

47. On or about August 25, 2013, the sellers entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 2080 Blossom View Drive, Sparks, Nevada 89434 with a sales price of \$189,000.00.

48. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract contained a hand written term stating "[b]roker is not obligated to present all offers. Seller expressly waives such obligation. Broker may present to seller any offer which broker believes to be in best interest of seller."

49. The RESPONDENT failed to obtain a signature from the sellers on the Division's Waiver Form allowing a licensee to not perform the statutory duty of presenting all offers made regarding the subject property.

50. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

51. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted to listing onto the MLS on August 27, 2013, with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00 and contact information specifying "Do Not Call Agent."

52. The MLS listing report also contained private remarks stating "Seller is not accepting back up offers. Do not call agent."

19 53. On or about August 31, 2013, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian Nelson, as the
20 buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer and
21 Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$189,000.00.

54. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Tuesday,
September 3, 2013.

55. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit
provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$5,000.00 earnest money check
payable to Great Western Real Estate, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then
deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."
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56. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a Short Sale Addendum  $\mathbf{2}$ dated August 31, 2013, signed by both the buyer and seller, which also contained a 3 handwritten term stating that "[e]arnest money to be deposited within (1) business day of 4 seller's acceptance of offer."

57. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$5,000.00 Earnest Money Check from First American Title is dated Friday, September 6, 2013, more than one (1) business day after acceptance of the offer.

8 58. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that 9 "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services 10 rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be 11 payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency 12 relationship."

13 59. As part of the short sale transaction, the parties were required to sign an Affidavit of "Arm's Length Transaction," which specified that "the transaction is 14 15characterized by a selling prices and other conditions that would prevail in an open market 16 environment and there are not hidden terms or special understandings that exist between 17 any of the parties involved in the transaction including, but not limited to the buyer, seller, 18 appraiser, broker, sales agent (including, but not limited to the listing agent and seller's 19 agent), closing agent, Lender and/or Servicer."

2060. RESPONDENT violated the terms of the Affidavit or "Arm's Length  $\mathbf{21}$ Transaction" when they engaged in a scheme to control the offers, limit the open market 22for the transaction, and ensure a double commission.

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61. On or about September 3, 2013, at approximately 11:04 p.m., RESPONDENT 24 changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

2562. Approximately 7 minutes later, at 11:11 p.m., RESPONDENT changed the 26 buyer's broker commission back to \$75.00 on the MLS listing.

2763. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of 28 the commissions from the \$189,000.00 sale, for a total of \$11,340.00.

164. The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or2the seller that they were husband and wife.

#### 2290 LINDLEY WAY

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65. On or about February 20, 2014, the sellers entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 2290 Lindley Way, Reno, Nevada 89509 with a sales price of \$425,000.

66. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

1067. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted to listing onto the11MLS on February 22, 2014, with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00.

68. On or about March 13, 2014, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian Nelson, as the
buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer and
Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$375,000.00.

69. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on March 13, 2014.

16 70. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that "Seller
17 has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services rendered,
18 at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be payable
19 to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency relationship."

20 71. On or about March 13, 2014, at approximately 8:22 p.m., RESPONDENT
21 changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

72. As part of the short sale transaction, as indicated in the NationStar Mortgage
short sale approval letter dated July 24, 2014, the parties were required to sign an Affidavit
of "Arm's Length Transaction," which was not provided with the RESPONDENT's listing
and sales file.

73. RESPONDENT violated the terms of the Affidavit or "Arm's Length
Transaction" when they engaged in a scheme to control the offers, limit the open market
for the transaction, and ensure a double commission.

74. After a series of addendums to the Offer and Acceptance Agreement, the sales price was finalized on Addendum # 4 at \$370,000.

75. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of the commissions from the \$370,000.00 sale, for a total of \$22,200.00.

The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or 76. the seller that they were husband and wife.

The sales price for this home was less than the listing price. 77.

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78. On or about Saturday, January 11, 2014, the sellers entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 7615 Halifax Drive, Reno, NV 89506 with a sales price of \$107,000.00.

12 The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the 79. RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for 14 a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

80. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract included a Short Sale Addendum prepared by the RESPONDENT and signed by the seller on January 11, 2014.

17 81. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a 18 member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of 19 Realtors®, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding 20 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

 $\mathbf{21}$ The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto 82. 22 the MLS, with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00, on Friday, January 17, 2014, more 23than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after signing the Exclusive  $\mathbf{24}$ Right to Sell Contract.

2583. On or about May 1, 2014, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian Nelson, as the buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer and 26 27 Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$80,000.00.

184. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Saturday, May 3,22014.

85. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price shall be payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency relationship."

86. On or about May 3, 2014, at approximately 12:26 p.m., RESPONDENT changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

10 87. After a series of addendums to the Offer and Acceptance Agreement, the sales
11 price was finalized on Addendum # 3 at \$88,350.

12 88. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of
13 the commissions from the \$88,350.00 sale, for a total of \$5,301.00.

14 89. The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or
15 the seller that they were husband and wife.

90. The sales price for this home was less than the listing price.

## 17 112 MICHAELSEN DRIVE

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91. On or about Wednesday, August 21, 2014, the sellers entered into an
Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real
property located at 112 Michaelsen Drive, Reno, Fernley, Nevada 89408 with a sales price
of \$145,000.00.

92. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the
RESPONDENT at 7 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for
a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

93. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a
member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of
Realtors®, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding
Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

94. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto
 the MLS, with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00, on Thursday, August 28, 2014, more
 than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after signing the Exclusive
 Right to Sell Contract.

5 95. The MLS listing report also contained private remarks stating "Please do not
6 call agent."

96. On or about Sunday, September 21, 2014, RESPONDENT, as the buyer's
broker, presented an Offer and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of
\$145,000.00.

10 97. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Tuesday,
11 September 23, 2014.

98. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit
provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$100.00 earnest money check
payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then
deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

99. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$100.00 Earnest Money Check issued by buyer
on Sunday, September 21, 2014, from First American Title is dated Friday, September 26,
2014, more than one (1) business day after acceptance of the offer.

19 100. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that
20 "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services
21 rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be
22 payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency
23 relationship."

24101. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of25the commissions from the \$145,000.00 sale, for a total of \$10,150.00.

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# 7615 ROLLING CLOUDS DRIVE

102. On or about June 1, 2015, the sellers entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 7615 Rolling Clouds Drive, Reno, Nevada 89506 with a sales price of \$220,000.00.

103. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

104. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract included a Short Sale Addendum prepared by the RESPONDENT and signed by the seller on June 1, 2015.

105. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto the MLS, with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00, on June 2, 2015.

12 106. On or about Wednesday, June 24, 2015, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian
13 Nelson, as the buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer
14 and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$205,000.00.

15 107. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Wednesday, June
16 24, 2015.

17 108. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that
18 "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services
19 rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be
20 payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency
21 relationship."

22 109. On or about June 25, 2015, at approximately 3:27 p.m., RESPONDENT
23 changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

24 110. The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or
25 the seller that they were husband and wife.

111. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$500.00 earnest money check

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payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then  $\mathbf{2}$ deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a Short Sale Addendum 112.dated Wednesday, June 24, 2015, signed by both the buyer and seller, which also contained a handwritten term stating that "[e]arnest money to be deposited within (1) business day of seller's acceptance of offer."

7 113. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$500.00 Earnest Money Check from First 8 American Title is dated Friday, July 10, 2015, more than one (1) business day after 9 acceptance of the offer.

10 The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of 114. 11 the commissions from the \$200,000.00 sale, for a total of \$12,000.00.

> 115. The sales price for this home was less than the listing price.

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14 On or about Wednesday, September 30, 2015, the sellers entered into an 116. 15 Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real 16 property located at 439 L Street, Sparks, Nevada 89431 with a sales price of \$149,000.00.

17 The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the 117. 18 RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for 19 a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

20 118. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract included a Short Sale Addendum 21prepared by the RESPONDENT and signed by the seller on Wednesday, September 30, 222015.

23 The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a 119.  $\mathbf{24}$ member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of 25 Realtors<sup>®</sup>, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding 26Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

27 120. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto 28 the MLS, with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00, on Monday, October 5, 2015, more than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after signing the Exclusive
 Right to Sell Contract.

3 121. On or about Wednesday, October 14, 2015, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian
4 Nelson, as the buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer
5 and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$130,000.00.

6 122. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Wednesday,
7 October 14, 2015.

8 123. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that
9 "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services
10 rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be
11 payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency
12 relationship."

13 124. On or about October 15, 2015, at approximately 12:15 a.m., RESPONDENT
14 changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

15 125. The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or
16 the seller that they were husband and wife.

17 126. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit
18 provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$500.00 earnest money check
19 payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then
20 deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

127. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a Short Sale Addendum
dated Wednesday, October 14, 2015, signed by both the buyer and seller, which also
contained a handwritten term stating that "[e]arnest money to be deposited within (1)
business day of seller's acceptance of offer."

128. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$500.00 Earnest Money Check from First
American Title is dated Friday, October 23, 2015, more than one (1) business day after
acceptance of the offer.

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129. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of the commissions from the \$145,000.00 sale, for a total of \$8,700.00.

130. The sales price for this home was less than the listing price.

### 687 WEST CANARY CIRCLE

131. On or about Wednesday, February 20, 2016, the sellers entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 687 West Canary Circle, Fernley, Nevada 89408 with a sales price of \$219,000.00.

132. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the
 RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for
 a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

133. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a
member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of
Realtors®, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding
Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

134. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto the MLS, with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00, on Thursday, April 14, 2016, more than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after signing the Exclusive Right to Sell Contract.

20 135. On or about Wednesday, April 15, 2016, RESPONDENT as the buyer's broker,
21 presented an Offer and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$209,500.00.

136. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Wednesday, April
16, 2016.

137. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$500.00 earnest money check payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company." ///

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138. The First American Title Final Settlement Statement identifies that the \$500.00 Earnest Money Check was deposited on April 26, 2016, more than one (1) business day after acceptance of the offer.

139. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of the commission from the \$209,500.00 sale, for a total of \$12,570.00.

140. The sales price for this home was less than the listing price.

# 6940 FLOWER STREET

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141. On or about Wednesday, April 11, 2016, the sellers entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 6940 Flower Street, Reno, Nevada 89506 with a sales price of \$175,000.00.

11 142. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the
12 RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for
13 a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

14 143. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a
15 member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of
16 Realtors®, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding
17 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

18 144. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto
19 the MLS, on Thursday, May 5, 2016, more than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays,
20 and holidays, after signing the Exclusive Right to Sell Contract.

21 145. On or about Wednesday, April 20, 2016, RESPONDENT as the buyer's broker,
22 presented an Offer and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$175,000.00.

146. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Wednesday, April
24 21, 2016.

147. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit
provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$500.00 earnest money check
payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then
deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

The Receipt for Deposit of the \$500.00 Earnest Money Check from First 148. American Title is dated Monday, April 25, 2016, more than one (1) business day after acceptance of the offer.

The Earnest Money Check was dated April 22, 2016. 149.

The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of 150. the commission from the \$175,000.00 sale, for a total of \$10,000.00.

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On or about Tuesday, February 9, 2016, the sellers entered into an Exclusive 151. Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 11560 Tupelo Street, Reno, Nevada 89506 with a sales price of \$150,000.00.

11 The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the 152. 12 **RESPONDENT** at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for 13 a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract included a Short Sale Addendum 14 153. 15prepared by the RESPONDENT and signed by the seller on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

16 The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a 154. 17 member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of 18 Realtors<sup>®</sup>, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding 19 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

20 155. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto  $\mathbf{21}$ the MLS with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00, on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, more 22 than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after signing the Exclusive 23 Right to Sell Contract.

On or about Wednesday, February 24, 2016, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian 156.Nelson, as the buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$150,000.00.

The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Thursday, 157.  $\mathbf{28}$ February 25, 2016, at approximately 3:15 p.m.

158. The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or the seller that they were husband and wife.

159. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$500.00 earnest money check payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

160. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a Short Sale Addendum dated Thursday, February 25, 2016, signed by both the buyer and seller, which also contained a handwritten term stating that "[e]arnest money to be deposited within (1) business day of seller's acceptance of offer."

11 161. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$500.00 Earnest Money Check from First
12 American Title is dated Thursday, March 3, 2016, more than one (1) business day after
13 acceptance of the offer.

14 162. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that
15 "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services
16 rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be
17 payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency
18 relationship."

19 163. On or about February 25, 2016, at approximately 4:03 p.m., RESPONDENT
20 changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

21164. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of22the commissions from the \$150,000.00 sale, for a total of \$9,000.00.

#### 23 3525 PARQUE VERDE LANE

165. On or about, Thursday, April 14, 2016, the sellers entered into an Exclusive
Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located
at 3525 Parque Verde Lane, Reno, NV 89502 with a sales price of \$225,000.00.
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166. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

167. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract included a Short Sale Addendum prepared by the RESPONDENT and signed by the seller on or about April 15, 2016.

168. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto the MLS with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00, on April 15, 2016.

169. On or about Saturday, April 24, 2016, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian Nelson, as the buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$215,000.00.

170. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Saturday, April 24, 2016, at approximately 4:00 p.m.

171. The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or the seller that they were husband and wife.

172. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$100.00 earnest money check payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

173. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a Short Sale Addendum dated Saturday, April 24, 2016, signed by both the buyer and seller, which also contained a handwritten term stating that "[e]arnest money to be deposited within (1) business day of seller's acceptance of offer."

174. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$100.00 Earnest Money Check from First A American Title is dated Tuesday, April 26, 2016, more than one (1) business day after acceptance of the offer.

5 175. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be

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1 payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency 2 relationship."

3 176. On or about Monday, April 25, 2016, at approximately 10:29 a.m., RESPONDENT changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%. 4

177. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of the commissions from the \$215,000.00 sale, for a total of \$12,900.00.

The sales price for this home was less than the listing price. 178.

#### 2261 MATTEONI DRIVE (DECEMBER 30, 2016, CLOSING)

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On or about Wednesday, April 6, 2016, the sellers entered into an Exclusive 179. 10 Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located 11 at 2261 Matteoni Drive, Sparks, Nevada 89434 with a sales price of \$160,000.00.

12 The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the 180. 13 RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for 14 a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

181. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract included a Short Sale Addendum prepared by the RESPONDENT and signed by the seller on or about April 6, 2016.

The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a 182. member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup>, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

21The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto 183. 22the MLS with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00, on Saturday, April 23, 2016, more 23than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

 $\mathbf{24}$ On or about Monday, May 2, 2016, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian Nelson, 184. 25as the buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer and  $\mathbf{26}$ Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$160,000.00.

27185. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Tuesday, May 3,  $\mathbf{28}$ 2016 at approximately 1:50 p.m.

186. The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or the seller that they were husband and wife.

The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that 187. "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency relationship."

188. On or about Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at approximately 10:20 p.m., RESPONDENT changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

10 The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100 % of 189. 11 the commissions from the \$160,000.00 sale, for a total of \$9,600.00.

#### 12 2261 MATTEONI DRIVE (APRIL 28, 2017, CLOSING)

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13 On or about Tuesday, February 7, 2017, the seller entered into an Exclusive 190. 14 Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located 15 at 2261 Matteoni Drive, Sparks, Nevada 89434 with a sales price of \$249,900.00.

The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the 191. RESPONDENT at 5 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for 18 a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a 19 192. 20member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup>, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding 21 22 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

23The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto 193. 24 the MLS, on Saturday, April 29, 2017, more than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, 25and holidays, after signing the Exclusive Right to Sell Contract.

26 194. On or about Saturday, April 1, 2017, RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, 27presented an Offer and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$260,000.00. 111 28

1195. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Wednesday, April25, 2017.

196. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$500.00 earnest money check payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

197. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$500.00 Earnest Money Check from First American Title is dated Friday, April 7, 2016, more than one (1) business day after acceptance of the offer.

198. The buyer's Earnest Money Check is dated April 6, 2017.

11 199. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of 12 the commission from the \$260,000 sale, for a total of \$13,000.00.

#### 13 751 TAHOE BOULEVARD #5

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200. On or about December 24, 2016, the sellers entered into an Exclusive Right to
Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 751
Tahoe Boulevard, Unit 5, Incline Village, NV 89451 with a sales price of \$155,000.00.

201. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

202. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract included a Short Sale Addendum prepared by the RESPONDENT and signed by the seller on December 24, 2016.

22 203. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto 23 the MLS with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00, on Monday, December 26, 2016.

204. On or about Thursday, January 26, 2017, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian Nelson, as the buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$150,000.00.

27 205. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Thursday,
28 January 26, 2017, at approximately 2:00 p.m.

206. The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or the seller that they were husband and wife.

207. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$1,000.00 earnest money check payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

208. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a Short Sale Addendum dated Thursday, January 26, 2017, signed by both the buyer and seller, which also contained a handwritten term stating that "[e]arnest money to be deposited within (1) business day of seller's acceptance of offer."

209. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$1,000.00 Earnest Money Check from First
American Title is dated Friday, February 3, 2017, more than one (1) business day after
acceptance of the offer.

14 210. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that
15 "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services
16 rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be
17 payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency
18 relationship."

19 211. On or about Friday, January 27, 2017, at approximately 10:28 a.m.,
20 RESPONDENT changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

21 212. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of
22 the commission from the \$160,000.00 sale, for a total of \$9,600.00.

## 23 1920 TRAINER WAY

24 213. On or about Tuesday, January 17, 2017, the sellers entered into an Exclusive
25 Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located
26 at 1920 Trainer Way, Reno, Nevada 89512 with a sales price of \$70,000.00.

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214. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

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215. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract included a Short Sale Addendum prepared by the RESPONDENT and signed by the seller on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

216. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of Realtors®, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

10 217. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto
11 the MLS with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00, on Monday, February 13, 2017, more
12 than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after signing the Exclusive
13 Right to Sell Contract.

14 218. On or about Tuesday, February 28, 2017, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian
15 Nelson, as the buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer
16 and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$40,000.00.

17 219. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Wednesday,
18 March 1, 2017, at approximately 11:00 a.m.

19 220. The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or
20 the seller that they were husband and wife.

21 221. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit
22 provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$100.00 earnest money check
23 payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then
24 deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

25 222. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a Short Sale Addendum
26 dated Wednesday, March 1, 2017, signed by both the buyer and seller, which also contained
27 a handwritten term stating that "[e]arnest money to be deposited within (1) business day
28 of seller's acceptance of offer."

223. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$500.00 Earnest Money Check from First American Title is dated Monday, March 6, 2017, more than one (1) business day after acceptance of the offer.

224. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency relationship."

225. On or about Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at approximately 11:39 a.m., RESPONDENT changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

11 226. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of
12 the commission from the \$66,500.00 sale, for a total of \$3,900.00.

227. The sales price for this home was less than the listing price.

### 1935 TRAINER WAY

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228. On or about Tuesday, January 17, 2017, the sellers entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 1935 Trainer Way, Reno, Nevada 89512 with a sales price of \$70,000.00.

18 229. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the
19 RESPONDENT at \$7,500.00, but did not specify any compensation for a cooperating broker
20 or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

21 230. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a
22 member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of
23 Realtors®, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding
24 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

25 231. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto
26 the MLS with a buyer's broker commission of 0.00, on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, more
27 than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after signing the Exclusive
28 Right to Sell Contract.

232.On or about Tuesday, February 7, 2017, RESPONDENT as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$70,000.00.

The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Thursday, 233.February 9, 2017, at approximately 2:30 p.m.

234.The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$500.00 earnest money check payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

9 235.The Receipt for Deposit of the \$500.00 Earnest Money Check from First American Title is dated Wednesday, February 15, 2017, more than one (1) business day 10 11 after acceptance of the offer.

12 236.The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of the commissions from the \$70,000.00 sale, for a total of \$7,500.00.

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On or about Thursday, May 11, 2017, the sellers entered into an Exclusive 237.Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 3525 W. Plumb Lane, Reno, Nevada 89509 with a sales price of \$440,000.00.

The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the 238.RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract included a Short Sale Addendum 239.prepared by the RESPONDENT and signed by the seller on Wednesday, May 11, 2017.

 $\mathbf{23}$ The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto 240.24 the MLS with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00, on Friday, May 12, 2017.

25On or about Sunday, May 21, 2017, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian Nelson, 241.as the buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer and  $\mathbf{26}$ 27 Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$440,000.00.

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242. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Tuesday, May 21, 2017, at approximately 4:30 p.m.

243. The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or the seller that they were husband and wife.

244. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$1,000.00 earnest money check payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

9 245. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a Short Sale Addendum
10 dated Sunday, May 21, 2017, signed by both the buyer and seller, which also contained a
11 handwritten term stating that "[e]arnest money to be deposited within (1) business day of
12 seller's acceptance of offer."

13 246. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$1,000.00 Earnest Money Check from First
14 American Title is dated Wednesday, May 31, 2017, more than one (1) business day after
15 acceptance of the offer.

16 247. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that
17 "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services
18 rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be
19 payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency
20 relationship."

21 248. On or about Monday, May 22, 2017, at approximately 12:09 a.m.,
22 RESPONDENT changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

23 249. Wells Fargo, the seller's mortgage servicer, sent a letter to seller dated July
24 10, 2017, which was contained in RESPONDENT's listing and sales file, identifying that
25 "the sale must be an "arm's length transaction," which means "the parties to the
26 transaction (buyer, seller, and their respective agents) cannot have a close personal or
27 business relationship."

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250. The July 10, 2017, Wells Fargo Letter also stated that "[a]ll parties to the transaction must agree to the conditions of the short sale affidavit[;]" however, the RESPONDENT failed to include a copy of the short sale affidavit in her listing and sales file that was provided to the Division.

251. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of the commissions from the \$460,000.00 sale, for a total of \$27,600.00.

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252. On or about Wednesday, May 31, 2017, the sellers entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 935 Nevada Street, Reno, Nevada 89503 with a sales price of \$205,000.00.

253. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the
RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for
a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

14 254. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a
15 member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of
16 Realtors®, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding
17 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

18 255. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto
19 the MLS with a buyer's broker commission of 0.00 on Wednesday, September 20, 2017,
20 more than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after signing the
21 Exclusive Right to Sell Contract.

22 256. On or about Friday, July 7, 2017, RESPONDENT as the buyer's broker,
23 presented an Offer and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$205,000.00.

257. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Saturday, July 8, 2017, at approximately 12:10 p.m.

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258. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$2,000.00 earnest money check payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

259. The Receipt for Deposit of the \$2,000.00 Earnest Money Check from First American Title is dated Tuesday, July 11, 2017, more than one (1) business day after acceptance of the offer.

260. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of the commissions from the \$205,000.00 sale, for a total of \$12,300.00.

#### 945 LOCOMOTIVE WAY

261. On or about Monday, June 5, 2017, the sellers entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 945 Locomotive Way, Sparks, Nevada 89434 with a sales price of \$235,000.00.

262. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

263. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of Realtors®, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

264. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto the MLS with a buyer's broker commission of 0.00, on Monday, October 23, 2017, more than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after signing the Exclusive Right to Sell Contract.

25 265. On or about Friday, July 7, 2017, RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker,
26 presented an Offer and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$235,000.00.

266. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on Tuesday, July 18,
28 2017 at approximately 12:30 p.m.

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267.The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$500.00 earnest money check payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

5 The Receipt for Deposit of the \$500.00 Earnest Money Check from First 268.6 American Title is dated Thursday, July 27, 2017, more than one (1) business day after acceptance of the offer.

269. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 6% of the accepted price, shall be payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency relationship."

270. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of the commissions from the \$235,000.00 sale, for a total of \$14,100.00.

#### 7280 GEMSTONE DRIVE

271. On or about Friday, June 9, 2017, the sellers entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 7280 Gemstone Drive, Reno, Nevada 89511, with a sales price of \$240,000.00.

19 272. The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract set the compensation for the RESPONDENT at 6 percent of the selling price, but did not specify any compensation for 20  $\mathbf{21}$ a cooperating broker or salesperson that procured a suitable buyer.

22273.The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract included a Short Sale Addendum 23 prepared by the RESPONDENT and signed by the seller on Friday, June 9, 2017.

24 274.The Exclusive Right to Sell Contract stated that the RESPONDENT "is a 25member of the Multiple Listing Service [("MLS")] and a member of the local Association of Realtors®, and that this listing will be filed with said service within 48 hours, excluding 26 27 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays[.]"

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275. The MLS listing report shows that RESPONDENT inputted the listing onto the MLS with a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00, on Friday, July 14, 2017, more than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after signing the Exclusive Right to Sell Contract.

276. On or about Monday, July 31, 2017, RESPONDENT's husband, Brian Nelson, as the buyer's agent, and RESPONDENT, as the buyer's broker, presented an Offer and Acceptance Agreement to sellers in the amount of \$225,000.00.

277. The seller accepted the Offer and Acceptance Agreement on August 1, 2017, at approximately 12:40 p.m.

278. The RESPONDENT failed to make a written disclosure to either the buyer or the seller that they were husband and wife.

12 279. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement contained an Earnest Money Deposit
13 provision which specified that the buyer would issue a \$500.00 earnest money check
14 payable to First American Title Company, to be "held uncashed until acceptance and then
15 deposited within one (1) business day of acceptance with First American Title Company."

16 280. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a Short Sale Addendum
17 dated Tuesday, August 1, 2017, signed by both the buyer and seller, which also contained
18 a handwritten term stating that "[e]arnest money to be deposited within (1) business day
19 of seller's acceptance of offer."

20 281. The First American Title Final Settlement Statement identifies that the
21 \$500.00 Earnest Money Check was deposited on Friday, October 6, 2017, more than one (1)
22 business day after acceptance of the offer.

23 282. The Offer and Acceptance Agreement also contained a term stating that
24 "Seller has agreed, by separate agreement, to pay real estate commissions for services
25 rendered, at the close of escrow. As published in the MLS 3% of the accepted price, shall be
26 payable to the Buyer's Broker, Great Western Real Estate, irrespective of the agency
27 relationship."

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283. On or about August 2, 2017, at approximately 10:39 p.m., RESPONDENT changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

284. On or about August 19, 2017, at approximately 7:51 p.m., RESPONDENT changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of \$75.00.

285. On or about August 28, 2017, at approximately 1:41 p.m., RESPONDENT changed the MLS listing to reflect a buyer's broker commission of 3%.

286. The final settlement statement shows that RESPONDENT was paid 100% of the \$225,000.00 sale, for a total of \$13,500.00.

287. The sales price for this home was less than the listing price.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

**RESPONDENT** has committed the following violations of law:

1. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(h) and/or NAC 645.605(6), on each of the 21 listings, by not dealing fairly with the sellers for the properties in question by obstructing the fair market and limiting prospective buyers by offering an undesirable commission, or no commission, to the buyer's broker; thereby, not representing the sellers of the property with absolute fidelity.

17 2. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.252 and/or NRS 645.630(1)(k) on 18 occasions, including the listings for 296 E. Quail St; 14070 Tournaline Dr.; 2080 Blossom View Dr.; 18 19 112 Michaelsen Dr.; 7615 Rolling Clouds Dr.; 439 L St.; 987 West Canary Circle; 6940 20Flower St.; 11560 Tupelo St.; 3252 Parque Verde Lane; 2261 Matteoni Drive (4/28 Closing); 751 Tahoe Blvd., #5; 1920 Trainer Way; 1935 Trainer Way; 3525 W. Plumb Lane; 935 21 22 Nevada St.; 945 Locomotive Way; and 7280 Gemstone Drive, by failing to exercise 23 reasonable skill and care to ensure that the buyer's earnest money was timely deposited 24 within one (1) business day of the seller's acceptance, in accordance with the provisions of 25the Offer and Acceptance Agreement and, where applicable the Short Sale Addendum.

3. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.630(1)(f) and/or NRS 645.252(2) on 3 occasions, including the listings for 296 E. Quail St; 14070 Tourmaline Dr.; 2080 Blossom View Dr., by failing to exercise reasonable skill and care to ensure that the buyer's earnest

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money check, which named RESPONDENT's Brokerage as the payee, was accounted for
 within a reasonable time and remitted to the identified title and escrow company.

#### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent shall pay to the Division a total fine of \$222,489.22. The total fine reflects a disciplinary penalty of \$5,000.00 per violation for each of the 42 violations, totaling \$210,000.00, as well as \$12,489.22 for the Division's investigation and hearing costs. Respondent shall pay the total fine to the Division within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order. The Division may institute debt collection proceedings for failure to timely pay the total fine.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent's Real Estate Broker's License is 11 revoked.

12The Commission retains jurisdiction for correcting any errors that may have13occurred in the drafting and issuance of this Decision.

This Order shall become effective on the 5% day of October, 2019

DATED this 5th day of Sept., 2019.

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