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# BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

### STATE OF NEVADA

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

Case No. 2020-78

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REAL ESTATE COMMISSION BY Evely Talle

Petitioner.

VS.

MARK DANIEL HECKERT,

Respondent.

# STIPULATION FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

This Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action ("Stipulation") is entered into by and between the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Real Estate Division ("Division"), through its Administrator Sharath Chandra ("Petitioner"), by and through their attorney of record, Deputy Attorney General Matthew Feeley and Mark Daniel Heckert ("RESPONDENT").

#### **JURISDICTION**

RESPONDENT at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint was licensed by the Division as a broker or broker-salesperson. He 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 with the Division as a broker-salesperson under license BS.0064400, said license being issued on June 26, 2014, and is currently in "active" status.
- 2. RESPONDENT held a license issued by the Division as a broker under license B.0064400.INDV from January 10, 2005 through June 16, 2014.
- 3. RESPONDENT held a license with the Division as a salesperson under license S.0055021 from February 14, 2003 through January 10, 2005.
- 4. On January 16, 2020, the Division received information from the state of California, Department of Real Estate stating that RESPONDENT's California Real Estate License was revoked in 2015 as the result of hearing wherein an Administrative Law Judge found that RESPONDENT had

been convicted of a misdemeanor and felony and RESPONDENT's failure to disclose said information on his real estate license renewal.

- 5. The Division commenced an investigation into RESPONDENT's activities in response to Complainant's complaint.
- 6. The Division found that on May 4, 2011, in El Dorado, California, RESPONDENT was convicted upon a plea of guilty of a DUI misdemeanor.
- 7. The Division found that on October 19, 2012, in El Dorado, California, RESPONDENT was convicted upon a plea of no contest of a DUI misdemeanor.
- 8. The Division found that on October 19, 2012, in El Dorado, California, RESPONDENT was convicted upon a plea of no contest to the unlawful possession of a controlled substance, a felony.
- 9. The Division found that the RESPONDENT's California Real Estate License was revoked on March 19, 2015.
- 10. The Division reviewed NRED records and found that RESPONDENT submitted a form 504 Real Estate License or Permit Change form on June 25, 2014. On Section 8, Question 2, which asks "Have you been convicted of a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony since the last renewal of your Real Estate License," RESPONDENT answered NO. This form was signed by Respondent and dated June 24, 2014.
- 11. The Division reviewed NRED records and found that RESPONDENT also submitted a form 504 Real Estate License or Permit Change form on June 26, 2014. Again, on Section 8, Question 2, which asks "Have you been convicted of a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony since the last renewal of your Real Estate License," RESPONDENT answered NO. This form was signed by Respondent and dated June 24, 2014.
- 12. The Division reviewed NRED records and found that RESPONDENT renewed his broker-salesperson license on January 25, 2016. When asked on Question 9 of the renewal form "Have you been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere to a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony within your renewal period," RESPONDENT answered NO.

- 13. On January 27, 2020, the Division sent RESPONDENT a letter informing him that it had received information against him concerning his criminal convictions and that an investigation has been opened. The Division instructed RESPONDENT to respond by February 11, 2020.
- 14. On February 10, 2020, RESPONDENT provided a signed and notarized affidavit. RESPONDENT admitted that he did have a felony conviction in 2012. RESPONDENT explained the details of his convictions. RESPONDENT stated that he agreed to a plea bargain for the felony wherein he would commit to a drug diversion program and upon completion his conviction would be set aside. RESPONDENT stated that he completed the program in June 2014, but because a new prosecutor took over the case, there was a delay in the dismissal of his conviction. RESPONDENT provided a minute order, issued on January 9, 2015, dismissing the felony conviction. RESPONDENT did not address the misdemeanor convictions.
- 15. On May 22, 2020 the Division properly notified RESPONDENT it was commencing a disciplinary action against him before the Nevada Real Estate Commission.

### **VIOLATIONS**

RESPONDENT has committed the following violations of law:

- 16. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.615(1)(b). RESPONDENT was convicted of a misdemeanor DUI on May 4, 2011 and October 19, 2012 and a felony narcotics possession on October 19, 2012. RESPONDENT failed to report these convictions to the Division.
- 17. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.615(2)(b) twice. On June 25, 2014 and June 26, 2014, RESPONDENT submitted form 504 and answered NO when asked if he had been convicted of a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony since the last renewal of his license.
- 18. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(d)(1) pursuant to NAC 645.605(11)(c) and or (d). RESPONDENT renewed his broker-salesperson license on January 26, 2016 and answered NO when asked if he had been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill, or nolo contendere to a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony withing his renewal period.

# PROPOSED STIPULATION AGREEMENT

19. In an effort to avoid the time and expense of litigating these issues before the Commission, the parties desire to compromise and settle the instant controversy upon the following

#### terms and conditions:

- a. RESPONDENT agrees to pay \$7,307.20 to the Division within four (4) months of the date of the Commission's order approving this stipulation. The amount includes a \$4,000 fine and \$3,307.20 to cover the Division's investigatory costs and fees.
- b. RESPONDENT's full amount will be paid in equal monthly installments of \$1,826.80 per month to the Division for four (4) months beginning on July 1, 2021. RESPONDENT may choose to pay the full amount sooner than four months.
- c. RESPONDENT further agrees to complete six (6) hours of continuing education in ethics, which shall not count towards RESPONDENT's education needed for his annual license renewal. These continuing education classes are to be completed within two months of the entry of this Stipulation.
- d. RESPONDENT further agrees to a one (1) year suspension of his real estate license. RESPONDENT agrees that upon the completion of the one (1) year suspension, RESPONDENT will be required to appear before the Commission and receive its approval to regain his license.
- 20. 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 this Stipulation is approved and fully performed, the Division will close its file in this matter. Nothing herein prevents proof and giving consideration to acts complained of in this matter in determining or penalizing a future violation by RESPONDENT of any provision of NRS Chapter 645 or NAC Chapter 645.
- 21. RESPONDENT agrees and understands that by entering into this Stipulation, RESPONDENT is waiving his right to a hearing at which RESPONDENT may present evidence in his defense, his right to a written decision on the merits of the complaint, his 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 he has the right to be represented by legal counsel in this matter at his own expense.

- 22. Each party shall bear its or his own attorney's fees and costs, except as provided above.
- 23. <u>Approval of Stipulation.</u> Once executed, this Stipulation will be filed with the Commission and will be placed on the agenda for approval at its next 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.
- 24. <u>Withdrawal of Stipulation</u>. If the Commission rejects this Stipulation or suggests amendments unacceptable to RESPONDENT, RESPONDENT may withdraw from this Stipulation, and the Division may pursue its Complaint before the Commission. This Stipulation then shall become null and void and unenforceable in any manner against either party.
- 25. Release. In consideration of the execution of this Stipulation, RESPONDENT for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby releases, remises, and forever discharges 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 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.
- 26. <u>Indemnification.</u> RESPONDENT hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Nevada, the Department of Business and Industry, Petitioner, the Division, and each of their respective members, agents, employees, and counsel, in their individual and representative capacities,

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In the event of default, RESPONDENT agrees that his license shall be immediately suspended, and the unpaid balance of the administrative fine and costs, together with any attorney's fees and costs that may have been assessed, shall be due in full to the Division within ten calendar days of the date of default. Debt collection actions for unpaid monetary assessments in this RESPONDENT has signed and dated this Stipulation only after reading and DATED this 30 day of June, 2021. RYMENT OF E & INDUSTRY REAL ESTATE DIVISION By: SHARA Administrator

# 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION 2 STATE OF NEVADA 3 SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator, REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT Case No. 2020-78 4 OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA. 5 Petitioner. 6 vs. 7 MARK DANIEL HECKERT, 8 Respondent. 9 ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION 10 The Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action having come before the Real Estate 11 Commission, Department of Business and Industry, State of Nevada, during its regular agenda on June 12 15, 2021, and the Commission being fully apprised of the terms and good cause appearing, 13 IT IS ORDERED that the Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action in this matter is 14 15 approved in full. This Order shall become effective on the 5th day of June, 2021. 16 17 Dated this 9th day of July, 2021. 18 **NEVADA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION** 19 By: 20 Darrell Plummer [Print Name] 21 **Commission President** 22 23 24 25 26 27 28