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8	BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION	
9	STATE OF NEVADA	
10	SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator,) Case No. 2024-474	
11	REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & RESPONDENT STEVEN A NICKLIN'	· C
12	INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA, ANSWER TO COMPLAINT	3
13	Petitioner,)	
14) vs.	
15	STEVEN A. NICKLIN,	
16	(B.0012045.CORP; PM.0112045.BKR),	
17	Respondent.	
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RESPONDENT STEVEN A. NICKLIN'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

ANSWER

Respondent Steven A. Nicklin ("Respondent") by and through his counsel, Enenstein Pham Glass & Rabbat LLP, submits his Answer to Sharath Chandra, Real Estate Division, Department of Business & Industry, and State of Nevada's ("Petitioners") Complaint, and admits, denies, and avers as follows:

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. Respondent admits the allegations set forth in Paragraph 1 of the Complaint.
- 2. Respondent lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations set forth in Paragraph 2 concerning receipt of Respondent's self-reported statement and, on that basis, denies the allegations set forth in Paragraph 2 of the Complaint. Respondent admits that he voluntarily self-reported to the Division on May 27, 2024, regarding his bookkeeper, Renee Robillard, having committed complex embezzlement and/or theft of funds from his Operating and Security Deposit trust accounts.
 - 3. Respondent admits the allegations set forth in Paragraph 3 of the Complaint.
 - 4. Respondent admits the allegations set forth in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint.
 - 5. Respondent admits the allegations set forth in Paragraph 5 of the Complaint.
- 6. Respondent denies the allegations set forth in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint. Respondent admits that he was in the process of conducting a time-consuming internal investigation on Robillard's complex financial crimes. Respondent further admits that at the time he self-reported to the Division, his best estimate based on his ongoing internal investigation was that Robillard misappropriated approximately \$467,000 from the Operating trust account and \$1,800,00 from the Security Deposit trust account.
 - 7. Respondent admits the allegations set forth in Paragraph 7 of the Complaint.
- 8. Respondent denies the allegations set forth in Paragraph 8 of the Complaint to the extent it assumes that Respondent did not carry out bookkeeping functions prior to May 22, 2024. Respondent has always personally reviewed balanced reconciliation reports of both trust accounts monthly. It was unknown to Respondent that Robillard supplied him with falsified records that Robillard appears to have absconded with prior to May 22, 2024. Robillard's

concealment of her financial crimes avoided detection from Respondent, his company, the bank,

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December 20, 2024, noting a difference of -\$1,595,058.62.

1. Paragraph 1 of the Violations of Law section of the Complaint contains only

VIOLATIONS OF LAW

Respondent admits the allegations set forth in Paragraph 20 of the Complaint.

conclusory allegations and legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations in this Paragraph.

- 2. Paragraph 2 of the Violations of Law section of the Complaint contains only conclusory allegations and legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations in this Paragraph.
- 3. Paragraph 3 of the Violations of Law section of the Complaint contains only conclusory allegations and legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations in this Paragraph.
- 4. Paragraph 4 of the Violations of Law section of the Complaint contains only conclusory allegations and legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations in this Paragraph.
- 5. Paragraph 5 of the Violations of Law section of the Complaint contains only conclusory allegations and legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations in this Paragraph.
- 6. Paragraph 6 of the Violations of Law section of the Complaint contains only conclusory allegations and legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Respondent denies the allegations in this Paragraph.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES</u>

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Reservation of Affirmative Defenses)

1. All possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon filing of this Answer to the Complaint, and therefore answering Respondent reserves its right to amend his Answer to the Complaint as additional information becomes available.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Mr. Nicklin prays for relief against Petitioners as follows:

- 1. That Petitioners take nothing by reason of their Complaint in this action.
- 2. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper under these

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I hereby certify that on May 8, 2025, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing RESPONDENT STEVEN A NICKLIN'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT via electronic and U.S. Mail, including the following interested parties named below: **REAL ESTATE DIVISION** PHIL W. SU STATE OF NEVADA Senior Deputy Attorney General 3300 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite 350 1 State of Nevada Way, Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV 89102 Las Vegas, NV 89119 Attn: Legal Administrative Officer Psu@ag.nv.gov /s/Lauren A. Verbanik Lauren Verbanik, Paralegal

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