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# **MULTIPLE OFFERS GUIDELINES FOR LICENSEES**

### When Taking the Listing

- Explain to the client that competing offers may be received.
- Discuss with the client options for handling multiple offers.
- The client decides how they want to handle multiple offers.
- ✤ Advise the client that they may wish to seek legal counsel if they do receive multiple offers.

### Sellers Make the Decisions – Examples of Options

- Accept one offer in writing, and reject all other offers in writing.
- ✤ Reject all offers in writing and encourage higher offers.
- Counter one offer, reject other offers in writing.
- Delay the decision waiting for another offer informing all parties. Educate the seller that with this option the buyers may withdraw their offer.
- Alert one or more buyers that they are in a competing offer situation and need to submit their best offer. Reject other offers.
- ✤ Alert all buyers that they are in a competing offer situation.
- ✤ Counter all offers in writing.

### **Agent Communication**

✤ Agents should make reasonable efforts to keep cooperating licensees informed of the decision of the client's instructions.

# **Presenting Offers**

• The representative of the cooperating broker has the right to be present when the offer is presented unless the seller gives written instruction to the contrary.

# Confidentiality

The cooperating licensee does not have the right to be present at any subsequent discussion or evaluation of the offer by the seller and the listing broker.

NRS 645.253: Each licensee shall not disclose, except to the real estate broker, confidential information relating to a client in violation of NRS 645.254.

**NRS 645.254, paragraph 2:** A licensee who has entered into a brokerage agreement to represent a client in a real estate transaction ... Shall not disclose confidential information relating to a client for 1 year after the revocation or termination of the brokerage agreement, unless he is required to do so pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction or he is given written permission to do so by the client.