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Commissioner's Message



Good news for buyers of new homes ith the recent signing of <u>Senate Bill 15</u>, the Governor has created a wonderful opportunity for buyers of new homes. Under the provisions of the bill a buyer may receive up to

created a wonderful opportunity for buyers of new homes. Under the provisions of the bill, a buyer may receive up to a \$10,000 state tax credit for purchasing a brand new, never occupied home on or after March 1, 2009.

There are no income limits to qualify, but the aggregate tax credit allowance under the program is limited. Tax credits will be given on a first come first served basis, so interested buyers are encouraged to move quickly to take advantage of this unique State incentive.

It is worth noting that while SB 15 has the potential of helping over 10,000 buyers get into a new home, it will accomplish much more.

The recent housing slump has slowed new home construction to the lowest level in over twenty-five years. Creative solutions to the housing downturn that encourage new home construction and foster an increase in demand for new homes, lead to economic benefits that reach beyond the housing market. And SB 15 accomplishes this.

As new home sales increase, the demand for related goods and services, including construction materials and jobs, will also increase. In addition, increased sales will help builders make neighborhoods complete and spur demand, which will help stabilize housing prices for all homeowners.

Also, newly constructed homes mean more revenue for local governments in the form of additional or newly assessed property on the tax rolls.

I think we all understand that the recovery of the housing market will be a long process, and there is not just one answer that will fix the economy or the housing market. While SB 15 is not a cure-all, it is a step in the right direction.

For more information on the tax credit and application procedures go to the Franchise Tax Board's Web site at <u>www.ftb.ca.gov</u>.

Cautionary notes regarding residential loan modifications

The tremendous problems in the California housing market continually blanket the news. Many homeowners are struggling or unable to make their payments, and others are anxious because of the bleak economy and/or as their adjustable rate mortgages are about to reset to higher rates.

Some of these homeowners have turned to real estate brokers to assist them with loan modifications in order to prevent foreclosure. Under \$10131(d) of the

by Wayne S. Bell, Chief Counsel California Business and Professions Code (B&P), real estate brokers can lawfully perform such loan modification services. And under §2945.1 of the California Civil Code, brokers are specifically exempt from the strict requirements of the Mortgage Foreclosure Consultants Act.

Some homeowners have sought the services of lawyers. Under the law, California licensed attorneys who render loan modification and/or foreclosure

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New law requires disclosure of license identification number

n July 1, 2009, <u>Senate Bill</u> <u>1461</u> will require all real estate licensees to disclose their real estate license identification number on all point of first contact materials and purchase contracts.

With over 500,000 licensees in California, many with the same or similar names, it is very difficult for consumers and licensees alike to verify the license status of those with whom they are dealing. The problem is compounded by the fact many licensees use nicknames on solicitation materials and purchase agreements, making it difficult or sometimes impossible for consumers to verify the license status of a licensee.

Since the license identification is a unique identifier, SB 1461 will make it very easy for anyone to check the standing of a licensee with a few clicks of a mouse.

The bill states that a licensee must disclose his or her license identification number on purchase contracts, business cards, stationery, advertising fliers, and other materials designed to solicit the creation of a professional relationship between the licensee and a consumer. The bill excludes an advertisement in print or electronic media and "for sale" signs.

The Department of Real Estate is in the process of developing a regulation that will clarify what materials are needed to contain a licensee's identification number. The proposed regulation will be posted this Spring on the DRE's Web site and the Department will welcome any comments on the proposal. Look for the proposal and instructions on how to comment at: <u>http://</u> www.dre.ca.gov/gen_regs.html. Vol. 69, No. 1 Spring 2009

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Loan Modifications

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consultative services in the course of their practice as attorneys-at-law can lawfully perform such services.

Other financially distressed homeowners have fallen – and unfortunately continue to fall -- prey to pervasive unlicensed loan modification and foreclosure rescue companies. In many cases, these unlicensed entities are nothing more than perpetrators of fraud, who promise timely and helpful modification services, ask for and collect monies up front, perform no valuable services, and simply pocket the monies paid in advance by the desperate homeowners.

In still other cases, some of the unlicensed persons are involved in more monstrous and unconscionable foreclosure rescue frauds, including ones where the unsophisticated homeowners surrender the home title to the unlicensed scam artist or to an accomplice.

Not all of the fraud purveyors or those who give underwater homeowners false hope are unlicensed. Some have real estate licenses and some are lawyers.

The purpose of this article is to provide some cautionary notes to California real estate licensees who are desirous of providing loan modification services within the confines of the current law.

1. A real estate broker may *not collect* an advance fee for loan modification services *once a notice of default is recorded* against the property.

Once a residence is in foreclosure, a real estate broker cannot claim, demand, charge, collect, or receive any compensation for loan modification services respecting that residence until the services are performed. See \$2945.1(b)(3) of the California Civil Code.

It should be noted that unlike real estate brokers, lawyers are able, under current California law, to collect fees in advance from clients even after the recordation of a Notice of Default. But there are some special issues that a real estate broker should consider when contemplating a relationship with a lawyer or lawyers in connection with loan modification work. Those issues are discussed below in cautionary note 5.

2. At present, advance fees may lawfully be collected by a real estate broker from a homeowner *only prior to* the recordation of a notice of default, *and only where* (i) a written advance fee agreement – with necessary supporting materials -- has been submitted to and reviewed by the Real Estate Commissioner/Department of Real Estate, (ii) a no-objection letter is issued by the Department to the broker, and (iii) the advance fees are properly handled as trust funds. See B&P §10026, 10085, 10145, and 10146, and Regulations 2970 and 2972.

A violation of the rules on advance fees constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee, as well as grounds for criminal proceedings.

Licensees must understand that the issuance of a "no-objection" letter does not constitute the Department's approval and/or endorsement of the advance fee agreement, supporting materials, or the services to be rendered. If a licensee were to suggest such approval and/or endorsement, that would be a misrepresentation.

3. While the collection of advance fees by real estate brokers may be lawful in the circumstances mentioned above in cautionary note 2, a *real estate broker must also consider his or her applicable fiduciary duties* to the homeowner/principal.

The point here is that real estate brokers should look beyond the narrow

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Avoiding the unlawful influence of appraisers

There are many factors that led to inflated property values that ultimately contributed towards the market conditions that we all are experiencing today. One of those factors involved real estate appraisers who were not objective in their appraisal work, but rather were unduly influenced to arrive at specified values by those who hired them. Appraisers were influenced in a variety of ways, ranging from subtle to overt, but the net effect was uncontrolled market appreciation that could not be sustained.

Effective October 5, 2007, <u>Civil Code Section 1090.5</u> was enacted to address the problem of the improper influence of real estate appraisers. It provided in part that "No person with an interest in a real estate transaction involving an appraisal shall improperly influence or attempt to improperly influence, through coercion, extortion, or bribery, the development, reporting, result, or review of a real estate appraisal sought in connection with a mortgage loan." To restrain influence upon appraisers, the law also provides that if a person who violates the law is licensed under any state licensing law, and the violation occurs within the course and scope of the person's duties as a licensee, the violation shall be deemed a violation of that state licensing law.

To help real estate licensees avoid any potential impropriety, the Department of Real Estate, working in conjunction with the Office of Real Estate Appraisers, the Department of Corporations and the Department of Financial Institutions, developed the following list of practices which may constitute evidence of a violation of California Law and should be avoided when engaging the services of a licensed real estate appraiser:

- withholding or threatening to withhold timely payment or partial payment for a completed appraisal report, regardless of whether a sale or financing transaction closes;
- withholding or threatening to withhold future business from an appraiser, or demoting or terminating or threatening to demote or terminate an appraiser;
- expressly or impliedly promising future business, promotions, or increased compensation for an appraiser;
- conditioning the ordering of an appraisal report or the payment of an appraisal fee or salary or bonus on the opinion, conclusion, or valuation to be reached, or on a preliminary value estimate requested from an appraiser;
- requesting that an appraiser provide an estimated, predetermined, or desired valuation in an appraisal report prior to the completion of the appraisal report, or requesting that an appraiser provide estimated values or comparable sales at any time prior to the appraiser's completion of an appraisal report;
- providing to an appraiser an anticipated, estimated, encouraged, or desired value for a subject property or a proposed or target amount to be loaned to the borrower, except that a copy of the sales contract for purchase transactions may be provided;

- requesting the removal of language related to observed physical, functional or economic obsolescence, or adverse property conditions noted in an appraisal report;
- providing to an appraiser, appraisal company, appraisal management company, or any entity or person related to the appraiser, appraisal company, or appraisal management company, stock or other financial or nonfinancial benefits;
- allowing the removal of an appraiser from a list of qualified appraisers, or the addition of an appraiser to an exclusionary list of disapproved appraisers, used by any entity, without prior written notice to such appraiser, which notice shall include written evidence of the appraiser's illegal conduct, a violation of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) or state licensing standards, substandard performance, improper or unprofessional behavior or other substantive reason for removal;
- ordering, obtaining, using, or paying for a second or subsequent appraisal or automated valuation model (AVM) in connection with a mortgage financing transaction unless:
 - (i) there is a reasonable basis to believe that the initial appraisal was flawed or tainted and such basis is clearly and appropriately noted in the loan file, or
 - (ii) such appraisal or AVM is done pursuant to written, pre-established bona fide pre- or post-funding appraisal review or quality control process or underwriting guidelines, and so long as the lender adheres to a policy of selecting the most reliable appraisal, rather than the appraisal that states the highest value; or any other act or practice that impairs or attempts to impair an appraiser's independence, objectivity, or impartiality or violates law or regulation, including, but not limited to, the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) and Regulation Z, or the USPAP.

It should be noted that neither <u>Civil Code Section 1090.5</u>, nor any other California code section prohibits a person with an interest in a real estate transaction from asking an appraiser to do any of the following:

- (1) consider additional, appropriate property information,
- (2) provide further detail, substantiation, or explanation for the appraiser's value conclusion, and/or
- (3) correct objective factual errors in an appraisal report.

While the above list is illustrative of acts that may be evidence of violations of the prohibitions against undue influence contained in Civil Code §1090.5, it is not exhaustive. It is, however, intended to alert real estate licensees of practices that could potentially lead to disciplinary action. In this regard, licensees are cautioned to avoid actions that could be considered improper influence when working with real estate appraisers.

Disciplinary Action: September 08 - November 08

- A list of actions is not published in this *Bulletin* until the 30day period allowed for court appeal has expired, or if an appeal is filed and the disciplinary action is stayed, until the stay is dissolved. Names of persons to whom licenses are denied on application are not published.
- Licensees are listed alphabetically by the District Office region of responsibility.
- The license type is listed in parentheses after the licensee's name. [REB – Real estate broker; RREB – Restricted real estate broker; RES – Real estate salesperson; RRES – Restricted real estate salesperson; PRLS – Prepaid rental listing service;

RPRLS – Restricted prepaid rental listing service; REO – Real estate officer; REC – Real estate corporation]

Below are brief summaries of various regulations and code sections. The full text of the sections is available on the DRE Web site <u>www.dre.ca.gov</u> under Real Estate Law and/ or Regulations.



Disciplinary actions that are "stayed" means there is "a delay in carrying out" all or part of the recommended discipline.

Commissioner's Regulations

| 2715 | Licensee's failure to maintain current business or mailing address | | | |
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| 2725 | with DRE | | | |
| 2725 | Failure of broker to exercise reasonable supervision over the | | | |
| 2726 | activities of his or her salespersons Failure to have broker-salesperson agreements | | | |
| 2720 | Unauthorized use of fictitious business name | | | |
| 2742(a) | Suspension of corporate status | | | |
| 2746 | Failure to file corporate background statement | | | |
| 2752 | Broker's failure to notify DRE of salesperson employment | | | |
| 2753 | Broker's failure to retain salesperson's license at main office or | | | |
| 2100 | return license at termination of employment | | | |
| 2791.1 | Failure to impound subdivision interest purchase money | | | |
| 2801.5 | Sale of subdivision interest without public report | | | |
| 2831 | Failure to keep proper trust fund records | | | |
| 2831(a) | Failure to keep proper trust fund records | | | |
| 2831.1 | Inadequate separate trust fund beneficiary records | | | |
| 2831.1(a) | Failure to keep separate record for each beneficiary or transaction | | | |
| 2831.2 | Failure to reconcile trust account | | | |
| 2832 | Failure to comply with trust fund handling provisions | | | |
| 2832(a) | Failure of broker to place trust funds into hands of owner, into | | | |
| | neutral escrow depository or trust fund account within three | | | |
| | business days of receipt | | | |
| 2832(d) | Failure of broker holding trust funds contingent on offer of | | | |
| | acceptance to properly place funds within three days of acceptance. | | | |
| 2832(e) | Failure of broker acting as escrow holder to deposit trust funds in | | | |
| | trust account by next business day following receipt | | | |
| 2832.1 | Failure to obtain permission to reduce trust fund balance in a | | | |
| | multiple beneficiary account | | | |
| 2834 | Trust account withdrawals by unauthorized or unbonded person | | | |
| 2834(a) | Unauthorized person making withdrawals from trust fund account | | | |
| 2835 | Retention of broker funds in trust accounts | | | |
| 2840 | Failure to give approved borrower disclosure | | | |
| 2849.01 | Mortgage loan annual report format | | | |
| 2950(d) | Failure of broker handling escrows to maintain records and accounts | | | |
| 2950(e) | Failure by broker to make escrow records available for inspection | | | |
| 2950(f) | Failure to deposit escrow trust funds | | | |
| 2950(g) | Broker-handled escrow disbursement without written instructions | | | |
| 2950(h) | Failure to disclose interest in the agency holding the escrow | | | |
| 2951 | Improper record keeping for broker handled escrows | | | |
| Business and Professions Code | | | | |
| 490 | Substantially related criminal conviction | | | |
| 498 | License obtained by fraud or misrepresentation | | | |
| 10130 | Acting without license | | | |
| 10137 | Unlawful employment or payment of compensation | | | |
| 10141.5 | Failure to record or deliver trust deed within one week after closing | | | |
| 10145 | Trust fund handling | | | |
| 10148 | Failure to retain records and make available for inspection | | | |
| 10159.2 | Failure by designated officer to supervise licensed acts of | | | |
| | corporation | | | |
| 10159.5 | Failure to obtain license with fictitious business name | | | |
| 10160 | Failure to maintain salesperson licenses in possession of | | | |
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| | broker |
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| 10161.9 | Failura |

| 10161.8 | Failure of broker to notify Commissioner of salesperson employment |
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| 10162 | Failure to maintain a place of business |
| 10102 | Failure to comply with specified B&P code sections |
| 10105 10176(a) | Making any substantial misrepresentation |
| 10176(b) | Making false promise |
| 10176(c) | Continued & flagrant course of misrepresentations through |
| 10170(0) | salespersons |
| 10176(d) | Failure to disclose dual agency |
| 10176(e) | Commingling trust funds with brokers funds |
| 10176(f) | Exclusive listing agreements with orotors rands |
| 10176(g) | Secret profit or undisclosed compensation |
| 10176(h) | Secret profit under option agreement |
| 10176(i) | Fraud or dishonest dealing in licensed capacity |
| 10177(a) | Procuring a real estate license by misrepresentation or material |
| Ň | false statement |
| 10177(b) | Conviction of crime |
| 10177(c) | False advertisement |
| 10177(d) | Violation of real estate law or regulations |
| 10177(e) | Willfully using term "Realtor" or any trade name or insignia of |
| | membership in any real estate organization of which licensee is not a |
| | member |
| 10177(f) | Conduct that would have warranted denial of a license |
| 10177(g) | Negligence or incompetence in performing licensed acts |
| 10177(h) | Failure to supervise salespersons or licensed acts of corporation |
| 10177(i) | Improper use of governmental employment giving access to |
| | confidential records |
| 10177(j) | Fraud or dishonest dealing as principal |
| 10177(k) | Violation of restricted license condition |
| 10177.5 | Civil fraud judgment based on licensed acts |
| 10231.1 | Retaining lender's funds for more than 25 days without a written |
| | agreement with the lender |
| 10231.2 | Failure to give self-dealing notice |
| 10232 | Failure to notify DRE of threshold status |
| 10232.1 | Failure to properly disburse trust funds |
| 10234 | Failure by broker negotiating mortgage loan to record or cause |
| 10225 5 | trust deed to be recorded Lender purchaser disclosure violation |
| 10235.5 10238(e) | Failure to disclose material fact |
| 10238(e) 10238(f) | Violation of restriction to sell notes in excess of 10 to qualified |
| 10238(1) | persons |
| 10238(1-)(2) |) Failure to properly disburse trust funds |
| 10238(K)(2) 10240 | Failure to provide mortgage loan disclosure statement |
| 10240 | Improper mortgage loan disclosure statement |
| 11018.2 | Sale of subdivision lots without a public report |
| 11018.6 | Failure to provide purchaser with governing documents |
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| Financial (| |
| 4973(b)(1) | Violation of covered loan prohibitions regarding negative |
| 1070 2 3 4 | amortization & installment payment totals |
| 4973(k)(1) | Failure to provide covered loan consumer notice |

4975 et seq. Violation of covered loan requirements



REVOKED LICENSES

FRESNO REGION

Carlos, Laura Diana (RES)

PO Box 1432, Los Banos *Effective:* 9/30/08 *Violation:* 10130, 10137, 10176(a)(b)(c)(i), 10177(d)(j)

Crisp Cole & Associates (REC) 8200 Stockdale Hwy. #K-4, Bakersfield *Effective:* 10/15/08 *Violation:* 10176(a)(i), 10177(d) (g)(j)

Crisp, David Marshall (RES) 9808 Fitzgerald Dr., Bakersfield Effective: 10/15/08 Violation: 10176(a)(i), 10177(d)(j)

Cypress Investment Corporation (REC) 26619 Carmel Center Pl. #200, Carmel *Effective:* 9/15/08 *Violation:* 2791.1, 10141.5, 10176(a)(i),10177(d) (h)(j), 10231.2, 10232.1, 11018.2

Gonzales, Erik S. (REB) 321 San Felipe Rd., Ste. 4, Hollister *Effective:* 9/30/08

Violation: 10159.2, 10177(d)(g)(h) Haynes, Fredric Arthur (RES) 3120 Earnest Ct., Bakersfield

Effective: 10/15/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Lauren, Mark Edward (RES)

PO Box 22602, Carmel *Effective:* 9/15/08 *Violation:* 2791.1, 10141.5, 10176(a)(i), 10177(d) (h)(j), 10231.1, 10232.1, 11018.2

Mayer & Mayer Financial, Inc. (REC) PO Box 2444, Paso Robles

Effective: 9/4/08 *Violation:* 2742(c),10177(d)

Nguyen, Robinson Dinh (RES) 8200 Stockdale Hwy., #K-4, Bakersfield Effective: 10/15/08 Violation: 10176(a)(i), 10177(d)(j)

Nilsen, David Arthur (REB)

465 Tyler St., Monterey *Effective:* 10/14/08 *Violation:* 2832, 2831.2, 2849.01, 10130, 10145, 10176(i), 10177(d), 10234, 10238 (e)(f)(k)

O'Meara, Thomas Joseph (REB) 26619 Carmel Center Pl. #200, Carmel

2791.1, 10141.5, Violation: 10176(a)(i), 10177(d) (h)(j), 10231.1, 10232.1, 11018.2 Ponder, Sandra Vee (RES) 527 Pheasant Ave., Bakersfield Effective: 9/10/08 490, 10177(b) Violation: Silva, Juan Carlos (RES) 1144 Cobblestone St., Salinas Effective: 9/30/08 10130, 10137, Violation: 10176(a)(b)(c)(i), 10177(d)(j) Tower Lending (REC) 5201 California Ave., Ste. 450, Bakersfield Effective · 10/15/08 Violation: 10137, 10176(a)(i), 10177(d)(g)(j) Webb, William Scott (REB) 2845 W. Kearney Blvd., Fresno Effective: 9/15/08 2791.1, 10141.5, Violation: 10176(a)(i), 10177(d) (h)(j), 10231.1, 10232.1, 11018.2 White, Lauri P. (RES) 22132 Copper St. Apt. A, Tehachapi 10/21/08 Effective: 490, 10177(b) Violation: LOS ANGELES REGION Akopyan, Oganes Kovik (RES) 7616 Foothill Blvd. #B, Tujunga Effective: 9/10/08 490, 10177(b) Violation. Alvarado, Liliana Margarita (REB) 9381 Gainford St., Downey 11/28/08 Effective: 2831.2, 2832(e), Violation: 2832.1, 2950(d)(f)(g), 2951, 10145, 10176(e), 10177(d) (g)(h)Androyan, Lina (RES) 6941 Halbrent Ave., Van Nuys Effective: 10/23/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Anguiano, Manuel A. (REB) 15509 1/4 Blaine Ave., Bellflower

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(REC) 3460 Troy Dr., Ste. A, Los Angeles *Effective:* 10/21/08 *Violation:* 2715, 10162, 10165, 10177(d)(g)

Birkner, Joshua Thomas (RES) 14291 Foothill Blvd. #9, Sylmar Effective: 9/9/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Burdette, Jeff (RES) 1610 N. Martel Ave. #11, Los Angeles *Effective:* 11/12/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Burrow, Donnell Dewayne (REB, REO)

14074 Van Nuys Blvd. #3, Arleta Effective: 9/15/08 Officer of: Burrows Realty Services, Inc. Violation: 2725, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, 2834, 2950(d)(g), 2951, 10145, 10159.2, 10177(d)(g) (h), 10240, 10241

Burrows Realty Services, Inc. (REC) 6071 Bristol Pkwy., Ste. 250, Culver City *Effective:* 9/15/08 *Violation:* 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, 2834, 2950(d)(g), 2951, 10145, 10177(d)(g), 10240, 10241

Cabral, Juan Diego (RES) 4225 Vahan Court, Lancaster Effective: 10/8/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

California Haroworld, Inc. (REC) PO Box 5117, San Bernardino *Effective:* 10/6/08 *Violation:* 2742(c), 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832(d), 2832.1, 2834, 10130, 10145, 10176(a)(g), 10177(f)(g)

Castro, Jorge L. (RES) 152 S. Covina Blvd., La Puente Effective: 9/23/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Cole, Sheryl Valentino (RES) 232 Hill Ranch Dr., Thousand Oaks *Effective:* 11/12/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)(k)

Colligan, Matthew S. (RES) 34161 Yucaipa Blvd., Ste. A, Yucaipa Effective: 11/12/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

 Cozy Bear Resort Rentals, Inc. (REC)

 1016 W. Big Bear Blvd.,
 Big Bear City

 Effective:
 9/5/08

 Violation:
 2752, 2831, 10145, 10161.8, 10177(d)

Darden, Denise C. (RES) PO Box 1329, Redondo Beach Effective: 11/26/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Darensbourg, Aja De Ann (RES) 1616 Huntington Dr. #F, South Pasadena *Effective:* 9/10/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

De La Rosa, Anna Liza (RES) 405 Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach *Effective:* 10/22/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Dresnick, David Samuel (RES) 17 Weber Ln., Coto De Caza Effective: 11/12/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Eden, Adam David (RES) 1640 S. Pomona Ave., Unit C34, Fullerton *Effective:* 11/12/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Elhuzayel, Husam Salem (RES) 1845 W. Lullaby Ln., Anaheim Effective: 9/10/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

First Rate Realty, Inc. (REC) PO Box 2192, Hawthorne *Effective:* 9/8/08 *Violation:* 2715, 10162, 10177(d)(g)

Fried, Don Patrick (RES) 504 S. La Fayette Park Place, Ste. 116, Los Angeles *Effective:* 10/23/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Galindo, Michele (RES) 1518 Valley Park Dr., Oxnard Effective: 9/10/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Gaoa, Senter John Jr. (RES) 21728 Halldale Ave., Torrance *Effective:* 9/10/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Geuydjian, Aram Christopher (RES) 10435 Lindley Ave. #119, Northridge *Effective:* 11/26/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Global Mortgage Funding, Inc. (REC) 660 Newport Center Dr., Ste. 200, Newport Beach *Effective:* 9/29/08 *Violation:* 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832.1, 10145, 10177(d)(g)

Hamilton, Nathan William (RES) 23327 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills *Effective:* 9/23/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Holmes, Paul (RES) 4210 Ocean Dr., Manhattan Beach *Effective:* 9/8/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Hurtado, Daniel Joseph (RES) 19191 S. Vermont Ave., Ste. 600, Torrance Effective: 10/16/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Im, Jae Young (RES) 8606 Glencrest Dr., Sun Valley *Effective:* 9/4/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Jimenez, Alberto I (REB)

9518 ½ Sepulveda Blvd., North Hills Effective: 9/3/08 Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832(e), 2832.1, 2950(d)(f)(g)(h), 2951, 10145, 10145(a)(1), 10175, 10176(a)(g)(i), 10177(d)(g)

Khalil, George Edward (RES) 11489 Calvert St., North Hollywood *Effective:* 9/8/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Klanfer, David Adrian (RES) 166 Ave 64th, Pasadena *Effective:* 11/12/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

La Casita Mortgage Co. (REC) 7300 Firestone Blvd., Ste. C-3, Downey *Effective:* 10/31/08 *Violation:* 2834, 2950(d), 10145 10177(d)

Lagos, Aleyda Georgina (RES) 13637 S. Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne Effective: 10/22/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Le, Alex Nam (RES) 10101 Slater Ave. #119, Fountain Valley *Effective:* 9/29/08 *Violation:* 10130, 10176(a)(g)(i), 10177(d)(g)

Le, Nick Viethoai (RES) 2614 S. Glenarbor St., Santa Ana Effective: 9/29/08 Violation: 10176(a)(g)(i), 10177(d)(g)

Le, Thanh Quang (REB) 2614 S. Glenarbor St., Santa Ana *Effective:* 9/29/08 *Violation:* 2725, 2840, 10148, 10176(a)(c)(g)(i), 10177(d)(g)(h), 10240, 10241

Lee, Luke (RES) 3601 Parkview Ln. #116, Irvine Effective: 9/10/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Leveridge, Michael Joseph (RES) 960 Larrabee St. #319, Los Angeles Effective: 11/12/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Livingston, Sharon Rae (RES) 24338 El Toro Rd. E-424, Laguna Woods Effective: 11/12/08 Violation: 10177.5

 Manhattan Mortgage Corp. (REC)

 3128 W. Beverly Blvd.,

 Montebello

 Effective:
 9/4/08

 Violation:
 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2,

 2832(e), 2834,
 2950(d)(h), 2951,

 10145, 10177(d)(g)

Martindale Management West, Inc. (REC) 122 S. Patterson Ave. #C-133, Santa Barbara Effective: 10/17/08 Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 2832.1,

10145, 10177(d) Morant, Maurice A. (REB)

1800 E. Garry Ave., Ste. 212, Santa Ana *Effective:* 10/23/08 *Violation:* 10165, 10177(d)(g)

Mowry, Charles Barry (REB,

 REO)

 8560 Vineyard, Ste. 108,

 Rancho Cucamonga

 Effective:
 10/7/08

 Officer of:
 Priority Lending Inc.

 Violation:
 2840, 10137,

 10177(d)(g), 10240,
 10241

Nghiem, Diane Phuong Lan (RES) 13432 Erin Rd., Garden Grove Effective: 9/10/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Omega Investment & Loans Corp.

(REC) 8060 Florence Ave., Ste. 203, Downey Effective: 10/7/08 Violation: 2752, 2753, 2831, 2831.1, 2832(a), 2840, 10145, 10160, 10161.8, 10176(a)(g), 10177(d)(g), 10240

Otis, Donald Marshall (RES) 1030 East 2nd St. #4, Long Beach Effective: 9/9/08 Violation: 10177(f)(j)

Penn, Greg William (RES) 37431 Deville St., Palmdale *Effective:* 10/16/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Perez, Rodolfo Alvaro (RES) 5965 Forest Oaks Pl., Fontana *Effective:* 10/22/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Premyodhin, Charn Joseph (RES) 3775 Plaza Dr., Santa Ana Effective: 9/10/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

R & G Lending, Inc. (REC) 10953 Meridian Dr., Ste. G, Cypress *Effective:* 10/3/08 *Violation:* 2831.2, 10137, 10145, 10177(d)

Reed, Jacqueline Lafawn (RES) PO Box 2185, Hawthorne *Effective:* 10/29/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Romero, Theresa (RES) 12874 Bridge Water Dr., Rancho Cucamonga *Effective:* 9/4/08 *Violation:* 10177(b)

Rozo, Nubia (RES) 467 San Leon, Irvine *Effective:* 9/8/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Ruff, Lucinda Marie (RES) 2204 E. Florida St., Long Beach Effective: 9/10/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Sarkissian, Andre Vehik (RES) 1732 Opechee Way, Glendale Effective: 11/25/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Sciarrotta, Louis Francis (REB) 13518 Mar Vista St., Whittier Effective: 10/6/08 Violation: 10159.2, 10177(d)(g)(h)

 Shahijanian, Perdita (REB)

 722 W. Wilson Ave., Glendale

 Effective:
 10/6/08

 Violation:
 2731, 2950(d)(e)(g),

 2951, 10145,
 10159.5, 10176(i),

 10177(d)(g)(h)
 10177(d)(g)(h)

Shaw, John (RES) 20237 Leadwell St., Winnetka Effective: 10/21/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b) 301 Knob Hill #24, Redondo Beach *Effective:* 10/22/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) **Solid Financial Group (REC)** 340 E. Washington Blvd. #3, Pasadena *Effective:* 10/1/08 *Violation:* 2831, 2832(d), 2832.1, 2834, 10137, 10145, 10176(e)(i), 10177(d)(g) **Solis, Henry Perpuli (REB, REO)**

Slawson, Chris Joseph (RES)

660 Newport Center Dr., Ste. 200, Newport Beach Effective: 9/29/08 Officer of: Global Mortgage Funding, Inc. Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832.1, 10145, 10177(d)(g)

Su, David C. (RES) 2750 Cold Plains Dr., Hacienda Heights *Effective:* 9/4/08 *Violation:* 490, 498, 10177(a)(b)

Superior Property and Investment, Inc. (REC) 3982 S. Figueroa St. #203, Los Angeles *Effective:* 10/6/08 *Violation:* 2742(c), 2752, 2831, 2832(d), 10145, 10161.8, 10177(d)(f)(g)

Supreme Team Real Estate, Inc. (REC) 7300 Firestone Blvd., Downey Effective: 10/31/08 Violation: 2832, 2832.1, 10145, 10177(g)

Tassone, Scott Michael (RES) 23121 Antonio #135, Rancho Santa Margarita *Effective:* 10/1/08 *Violation:* 10130, 10177(d)(j)

Taylor, Keith (RES) 2161 Eucalyptus Ave., Long Beach *Effective:* 9/8/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

 Thai, Minh Ky (REB)

 3982 S. Figueroa St., #203,

 Los Angeles

 Effective:
 10/6/08

 Violation:
 2742(c), 2752, 2831,

 2832(d), 10145,
 10159.2, 10161.8,

 10177(d)(f)(g)(h)
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Tran, Kevin Hien (RES) PO Box 1613, Westminster Effective: 10/29/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Turk, Daniella Augustine (REB) 412 Olive Ave., Ste. 219, Huntington Beach *Effective:* 9/23/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

W. James Washington Ent. (REC) 12903 S. Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles Effective: 10/20/08 Violation: 10148, 10177(d)(g) Spring 2009

Washington, Beverly Diane (RES) 12903 S. Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles *Effective:* 10/20/08 *Violation:* 10176(a)(i), 10177(d) (g)

Way, Amos (RES)

1727 Caffrey Lane, West Covina Effective: 9/23/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Wright, Claude Larry (REB, REO) 190 E. Arrow Hwy., Bldg. B, San Dimas *Effective:* 10/21/08 *Officer of:* Axcess Mortgages Group Corp. *Violation:* 2715, 10162, 10165, 10177(d)(g)

OAKLAND REGION

Calvillo, Jose Luis (RES) 388 N. Bayview Ave., Sunnyvale Effective: 11/20/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Dhawan, Amit (RES) 2821 Silver Estates, San Jose *Effective:* 9/9/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Foster, Kenreid Cornell (RES) 4197 Ruby Ave., San Jose Effective: 10/20/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Fromm, Harry Alfred (REB) 30 La Paloma, Campbell Effective: 9/17/08 Violation: 490(a), 10177(b)

Gomez, Steve (RES) 3112 San Andreas Dr., Union City *Effective:* 11/27/08 *Violation:* 490, 498, 10177(a)(b)

Gonzalez, Aurelio Christopher (RES) 1941 East Ave., Hayward Effective: 10/9/08 Violation: 10177(b)

Hodgen, Ralph Earl (REB) 3080 Landess Ave., San Jose *Effective:* 9/11/08 *Violation:* 10159.2, 10177(d)(g)(h)

Kim, Edward H. (RES) 1043 Mercedes Ave., Los Altos Effective: 11/27/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Lai, Eugene C. (RES) 1325 Howard Ave. #227, Burlingame *Effective:* 9/9/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Laubach, Paul Fredrick Jr. (RES) 757 Parvin Dr., Milpitas Effective: 9/9/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Martinez, Jeffrey Allen (REB) 3315 San Felipe Rd. #75, San Jose Effective: 5/12/06 Violation: 490, 10177(b)(j)

Pressler, Sean Christopher (RES) 3234 N. Hampton Ct., Pleasanton *Effective:* 10/16/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Quiazon, Renato Gonzales (RES) 2400 Camino Ramon #180, San Ramon Effective: 10/20/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Russo, Todd John (RES) 1479 10th Ave., San Francisco *Effective:* 9/3/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Schmidt, Todd Gregory (RES) c/o Myco Realty Services, Inc., 1400 N. Dutton Ave., Ste. 17, Santa Rosa Effective: 11/27/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Tokiwa, Bruce Lance (RES) 346 Manzanita Ct., Milpitas *Effective:* 10/1/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Universal Mortgage and Sales, Inc. (REC) 250 King St., #570, San Francisco *Effective:* 9/30/08 *Violation:* 10130, 10137, 10177(d), 10240

Uribe, Joe Alex (RES) 545 North 21st St., San Jose *Effective:* 11/10/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Zamudio, Ibsan S. (RES) 4386 Houndsbrook Way, San Jose *Effective:* 11/10/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

SACRAMENTO REGION

Bainiwal, Amrik Singh (RES) 5080 Moorcroft Cir., Stockton *Effective:* 10/16/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Barnes-Pettengill, Becky Lynn (RES) 12400 W. Larch Rd., Tracy *Effective:* 10/16/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Brusa, Michelle Catherine (RES) 2234 Sunwest Dr., Lodi *Effective:* 10/21/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

California Home Loans Bancorp, Inc. (REC) 2507 Springs Rd., Vallejo

Effective: 9/11/08 Violation: 10137

Ciurar, Magdalena F. (RES) 7209 Diana Way, Sacramento *Effective:* 10/27/08 *Violation:* 10176(a)(i)

Cortez, Maria Elizabeth (RES) 683 Misty Ridge Cir., Folsom *Effective:* 9/9/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Cummings, Yusef Brian (RES) 648 Los Lunas Way, Sacramento *Effective:* 10/21/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Darnell, Jennifer Lee (RES) PO Box 1233, Middletown Effective: 10/16/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Davis, Kay Scott (REB) 7406 West 4th St., Rio Linda *Effective:* 10/2/08 *Violation:* 490(a), 10177(b)

Johnson, Joanna Marie (RES) 3124 1st Ave., Sacramento *Effective:* 10/7/08 *Violation:* 10177(b)

Johnson, Joy E. (RES) 925 Stillspring Ct., Vacaville Effective: 9/11/08 Violation: 10176(a)(b)(c)(i), 10177(j)

McKenzie, Charles Hui (RES) 8683 Thelen Ct., Orangevale Effective: 9/25/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Santa, Maria (RES) 7331 Kara Dr., Sacramento *Effective:* 10/15/08 *Violation:* 10176(a)(i)

Sava, Candit Cipri (RES) 9181 Madison Ave.. 105, Orangevale *Effective:* 10/15/08 *Violation:* 10176(a)(i)

Sullivan, Charles Gary (RES) PO Box 393, Pollock Pines *Effective:* 10/16/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Tessmer, Robert Henry (REB) 8536 Juniper Ln., Montague *Effective:* 10/28/08 *Violation:* 2831, 2831.1, 2832.1, 10145, 10177(d)

SAN DIEGO REGION

Harris, Stephen Benton Sr. (REB) N 12402 Division #221, Spokane, WA Effective: 10/23/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Hartsell, Michael Alexander (REB) c/o G. Marton, PO Box 3182, Vista *Effective:* 9/19/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Hayat, Joseph Ahmad (REB) 7851 Mission Center Ct., Ste. 300, San Diego *Effective:* 9/4/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Holcomb, James Steven (RES) 1201 Phoebe Place, Carlsbad Effective: 10/20/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Jensen, Jim Lindberg (RES) 30449 Bogart Pl., Temecula Effective: 9/10/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Jimenez, Jose Carlos (RES) 1225 Broadway #410, Chula Vista Effective: 11/24/08 Violation: 490, 10177(a)(b)(j)

Kleitz, Debbie Lynn (RES) 910 Eaglecrest Ct., Riverside Effective: 10/21/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Lopez, Emilio Chavez (RES) 295 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., San Marcos *Effective:* 11/25/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Marquee Mortgage, Inc. (REC) 6833 Indiana Ave. #203, Riverside *Effective:* 10/30/08 *Violation:* 10176(i), 10177(d)(g) Rodriguez, Berenice Eli (RES) 6185 Magnolia Ave. #308, Riverside Effective: 10/29/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Salcido-Acosta, Ramon E. (RES) 1733 Valley Bend St., Chula Vista *Effective:* 9/10/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Scheinok, Allen M. (RES) 10755-F Scripps Poway Parkway #539, San Diego *Effective:* 10/23/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Signor, Paul Michael (RES) 3636 Nobel Dr., Ste. 100, San Diego *Effective:* 10/1/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

 Smith, Jeffrey Allen (RES)

 PO Box 502436, San Diego

 Effective:
 11/5/08

 Violation:
 490, 10177(b)

REVOKED WITH A RIGHT TO A RESTRICTED LICENSE

FRESNO REGION

Essa, Raman S. (REB) 4767 Tully Rd., Ste. 1, Modesto *Effective:* 9/9/08 *Violation:* 10145, 10177(h) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Property Pros, Inc. (REC) 4767 Tully Rd., Ste. 1, Modesto *Effective: 9/9/08 Violation: 10177(d)* Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

LOS ANGELES REGION

Bakhtiari, Ali (RES) 31 Brisa Fresca, Rancho Santa Margarita *Effective:* 10/2/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Black, Jeffrey Owen (REB) 9137 Reseda Blvd., Northridge *Effective:* 9/22/08 *Violation:* 10176(g), 10177(j) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Caldwell, Frank Earl (RES) 1403 N. Tustin Ave., Ste. 380, Santa Ana *Effective:* 10/29/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Castelan, Antonio (RES) 21250 Box Springs Rd. #104, Moreno Valley *Effective:* 9/3/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Chan, Peter Kam (REB) 214 S. Curtis Ave., Alhambra Effective: 10/9/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Croisdale, Joanne Patricia (REB, REO) 122 S. Patterson Ave., #C-133,

Effective: 10/17/08 Officer of: Martindale Management West, Inc. Violation: 10159.2, 10177(h) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions, RREB suspended for 60 days

Deguzman, Marco Paulo (RES)

4551 Parkglen Cir. Irvine *Effective:* 9/25/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Encinas, Gloria Vasquez (REB, REO)

7300 Firestone Blvd., Downey Effective: 10/31/08 Officer of: La Casita Mortgage Co.; Supreme Team Real Estate, Inc. Violation: 10159.2, 10177(h) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Fridman, Rita (RES)

11910 Weddington St. #305, Valley Village *Effective:* 11/6/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Goldsworthy, Brian Alvin (RES)

711 Ramming Way, Santa Barbara Effective: 11/10/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Gutierrez, Michael Lawrence (RES) 14187 Farralon Ct., Fontana

Effective: 10/30/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Loza, Victor M. (RES)

912 W. Badillo St., Covina Effective: 10/14/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Makapugay, Frederick Olivier (RES) 4527 Alla Rd. #4, Marina Del Rey *Effective:* 11/25/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Mills, Robert Parker (REB)

3104 Ocean Dr., Manhattan Beach Effective: 11/12/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Palma, Alvaro (RES)

11000 Kimberly Ave., Montclair Effective: 9/15/08 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions Sparrow, Clyde Gaile (REB) 20620 S. Leapwood Ave., Ste. A, Carson *Effective:* 10/23/08 *Violation:* 2731, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2950(d)(h), 2951, 10145, 10177(d)(g), 10240 Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Stojakovic, Irenka (REB, REO) 356 Redondo Ave., Long Beach *Effective:* 10/30/08 *Officer of:* Marquee Mortgage, Inc. *Violation:* 10176(i), 10177(d)(g)(h) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

OAKLAND REGION

Cameron, Jason M. (RES) 2160 W. Grant Line Rd., Ste. 150, Tracy *Effective:* 9/12/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Cohn, Russell Jay (REB) 801 Keeler Ave., Berkeley Effective: 9/18/08 Violation: 10176(a)(i), 10159.2, 10177(d)(g)(h) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Cohnsloans, Inc. (REC) 1654 Solano Ave., Ste. A, Albany *Effective:* 9/18/08 *Violation:* 10176(a)(i), 10177(d) (g)(h) Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Joe, Derrick Theodore (RES) 4431 Dali St., Fremont *Effective:* 11/13/08 *Violation:* 10176(a) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Oseguera-Langenberg, Xochitl I. (REB)

1870 Olympic Blvd., Ste. 110, Walnut Creek *Effective:* 9/8/08 *Violation:* 10137, 10159.2, 10177(d)(h), 10240 Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Ressen, Bruce Robert (RES) 205 Summit Rd., Walnut Creek *Effective:* 9/9/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

SACRAMENTO REGION

Defilippo, Jared (RES)

4012 Fairwood Way, Carmichael Effective: 9/11/08 Violation: 10176(i), 10177(d) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

First Choice, Inc. (REC) 204 W. Lake St., Ste. A, Mount Shasta *Effective:* 9/24/08 *Violation:* 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, 10145, 10176(e), 10177(d) Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Johnson, Stephen Lee (REB) 19006 Compass Dr., Cottonwood *Effective:* 9/22/08 *Violation:* 10159.2, 10177(d)(g)(h) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Kemp, Brenda Lee (RES) 6213 25th St., Sacramento *Effective:* 10/1/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

King, Kathleen (REB) 8504 N. Old Stage Rd., Weed *Effective:* 9/24/08 *Violation:* 10159.2, 10177(d)(g)(h) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Reed, Mark L. (REB) 403 Georgia St., Vallejo *Effective:* 10/27/08 *Violation:* 10176(a), 10177(o) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

 Shasta Fun, Inc. (REC)

 422 Chestnut St., Mount Shasta

 Effective:
 9/24/08

 Violation:
 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, 2834, 2835, 10145, 10177(d)

 Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Walker, Kevin Vance (REB) 9302 Mirandy Dr., Sacramento

Effective: 11/26/08 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Williamson, Linda Jean (REB) 204 W. Lake St., Ste. A, Mount Shasta *Effective:* 9/24/08 *Violation:* 10159.2, 10177(d)(g)(h) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

SAN DIEGO REGION

Hughes, Deborah Aliene (RES) 40115 Pasadena Dr., Temecula *Effective:* 11/17/08 *Violation:* 10177(g) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions RRES license suspended for 30 days

Stephanoff, Garth Milo (REB)

15234 Willow Rd., Lakeside Effective: 10/28/08 Violation: 2725, 2731, 2832(a), 2834, 10137, 10177(d)(h), 10240, 10235.5 Right to RREB license on terms and conditions RREB suspended for 60 days—30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

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LOS ANGELES REGION

AAV Real Estate Mortgage Exchange, Inc. (REC) 842 Foothill Blvd., La Canada Effective: 10/23/08 Violation: 2752, 2832, 2834, 10145, 10177(d), 10240 Suspended for 60 days

Superior Funding (REC) 10709 Town Center Dr., Ste. 130, Rancho Cucamonga *Effective:* 9/8/08 *Violation:* 2831, 2831.1, 10145, 10177(d) Suspended for 45 days

WLP Financial Services (REC) 5349 Crenshaw Blvd., Ste. 101, Los Angeles *Effective:* 11/21/08 *Violation:* 2831, 2831.1, 10145, 10177(d), 10240 Suspended for 30 days

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FRESNO REGION

Armell*Hertle Real Estate, Inc. (REC) 901 McHenry Ave., Modesto *Effective:* 9/11/08 *Violation:* 2831(a), 2831.1 2831.1(a), 2831.2, 2832.1, 10145(g), 10177(d) Suspended for 1 year—stayed for 1 year on terms and conditions

Eddings, David John (REB) 2125 S. Broadway, Ste. 111,

Santa Maria *Effective:* 9/4/08 *Violation:* 2725, 2731, 10159.2, 10177(d)(g)(h) Suspended for 60 days—30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Hertle, John William (REC)

901 McHenry Ave., Modesto *Effective:* 9/11/08 *Violation:* 10177(d)(g)(h) Suspended for 1 year—stayed for 1 year on terms and conditions

Hunt, Larry Carmelo (REB)

463 Carmen Dr., Camarillo *Effective:* 9/4/08 *Violation:* 2725, 2731, 10159.2, 10177(d)(g)(h) Suspended for 60 days—30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Mayer, Beth Ann (RES)

PO Box 2444, Paso Robles *Effective:* 9/4/08 *Violation:* 10137, 10177(d)(j) Suspended for 60 days—30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

LOS ANGELES REGION

Adams Financial Services, Inc. (REC) 427 N. Alfred St., Los Angeles *Effective:* 10/30/08 Violation: 2831, 2831.2, 2950(d), 10145, 10177(d), 10231.1, 10238(k)(2) Suspended for 90 days—60 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Adams, Sheryl Annette (REB, REO)

460 Carson Plaza Dr., Ste. 200, Carson Effective: 9/16/08 Officer of: Perennial Financial Network, Inc. Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 10137, 10145(a), 10159.2, 10177(d), 10236.4, 10240 Suspended for 90 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Allied Development Corporation (REC)

811 N. Central Ave., Glendale *Effective:* 10/28/08 *Violation:* 10177(g) Suspended for 30 days—stayed for one year on terms and conditions

AW2 Realty, Inc. (REC)

5622 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles *Effective:* 10/31/08 *Violation:* 2731, 2752, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2834, 2835, 2840, 2950(d)(f)(g), 2951, 10137, 10145, 10177(d)(g), 10240 Suspended for 90 days—45 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Bankers Realty, Inc. (REC)

22730 Hawthorne Blvd., Ste. 102, Torrance Effective: 9/10/08 Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 2832(a), 2950(d), 10145, 10177(d) Suspended for 90 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Chrismer, Dwight Francis (REB)

10707 Town Center Dr. #110, Rancho Cucamonga Effective: 9/8/08 Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 10145, 10159.2, 10177(d)(h) Suspended for 30 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Cueva & Associates, Inc. (REC)

1057 N. Maclay, San Fernando *Effective:* 10/13/08 *Violation:* 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832(a), 2950(d)(g), 2951, 10145, 10177(d)(g), 10236.4, 10240 Suspended for 60 days—30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Cueva, Juan Antonio (REB, REO)

1057 N. Maclay, San Fernando Effective: 10/13/08 Officer of: Cueva & Associates, Inc. Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832(a), 2950(d)(g), 2951, 10145, 10159.2, 10177(d)(g) (h), 10236.4, 10240 Suspended for 60 days—30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Eberhart, James Edward (REB, REO)

In 1016 W. Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear City Effective: 9/5/08 Officer of: Cozy Bear Resort Rentals, Inc. Violation: 2752, 2831, 10145, 10159.2, 10161.8, 10177(d)(h) Suspended for 60 days—30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Exclusive Real Estate Corporation

(REC) 2075 Maricio Cir., Thousand Oaks *Effective:* 11/2/08 *Violation:* 2831, 2834, 2950(f), 10145, 10177(d) Suspended for 60 days—30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Henrichsen, Joseph Charles (REB,

REO)

681 S. Parker St., Ste. 150, Orange Effective: 9/5/08 Officer of: Homeowners Friend Mortgage Company, Inc. Violation: 10159.2, 10177(d)(h) Suspended for 30 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Homeowners Friend Mortgage

Company, Inc. (REC) 681 S. Parker St., Ste. 150, Orange Effective: 9/5/08 Violation: 2831, 10145, 10177(g), 10240 Suspended for 30 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Karno, Ronald Burton (REB, REO)

PO Box 1028, Thousand Oaks Effective: 11/2/08 Officer of: Exclusive Real Estate Corporation Violation: 2831, 2834, 2950(f), 10145, 10177(d)(h), 10159.2 Suspended for 60 days—30 days

stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Kim, Jane J. (REB)

3580 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 100, Los Angeles *Effective:* 9/16/08 *Violation:* 10137, 10177(d) Suspended for 90 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Leibovitch, Sydney (REB, REO)

600 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles *Effective:* 10/20/08 *Officer of:* Rodeo Realty, Inc. Violation: 10177(g) Suspended for 30 days suspension stayed

Matti, Matous Younan (REB, REO)

 811 N. Central Ave., Glendale Effective: 10/28/08 Officer of: Allied Development Corporation Violation: 10177(g) Suspended for 30 days—stayed for one year on terms and conditions

McGee, Paul Edward (REB, REO)

5622 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 10/31/08 Effective: Officer of: AW2 Realty, Inc. Violation: 2731, 2751, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2834, 2835, 2840, 2950(d)(f)(g), 2951, 10137, 10145, 10159.2 10177(d)(g) (h), 10240 Suspended for 90 days-45 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Moonan, Shawn Colin (RES)

505 Fourth St., Hermosa Beach 11/11/08 Effective: 10130, 10137, Violation: 10177(d) Suspended for 60 days-30 days stayed for one year on terms and conditions Mota, Peter Joseph (REB, REO) 22719 Hawthorne Blvd., Ste. 200, Torrance Effective: 9/10/08 Bankers Realty, Inc. Officer of:

Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 2832(a), 2950(d), 10145, 10159.2, 10177(d)(h) Suspended for 90 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Nunez, Maricela (RES)

8959 Valley View Ave., Whittier *Effective:* 9/8/08 *Violation:* 10130, 10177(d) Suspended for 90 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Ordubegian, Meroojohn (REB, REO) 1163 N. Pacific Ave., Glendale Effective: 10/23/08 Officer of: AAV Real Estate Mortgage Exchange, Inc. Violation: 10177(h) Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and

conditions Perennial Financial Network, Inc. (REC) 460 Carson Plaza Dr., Ste. 200, Carson Effective: 9/16/08 Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 10137, 10145(a), 10177(d),

10145(d), 10170 10236.4, 10240 Suspended for 90 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions **Pro Advantage Real Estate &**

Financial Services, Inc. (REC)

750 Terrado Plaza, Ste. 106, Covina *Effective:* 9/26/08 *Violation:* 2831, 10145, 10177(d)(g), 10240 Suspended for 30 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Reynolds, Carolyn W. (REB, REO) 750 Terrado Plaza, Ste. 106,

Covina Effective: 9/26/08 Officer of: Pro Advantage Real Estate & Financial Services, Inc. Violation: 10159.2, 10177(d)(h) Suspended for 30 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Rodeo Realty, Inc. (REC) 600 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles *Effective:* 10/20/08 *Violation:* 10177(g) Suspended for 30 days suspension stayed

Santillan, Antonio (REB, REO)

427 N. Alfred St., Los Angeles *Effective:* 10/30/08 *Officer of:* Adams Financial Services, Inc. *Violation:* 2831, 2831.2, 2950(d), 10145, 10159.2, 10177(d)(h), 10231.1, 10238(k)(2) Suspended for 90 days—60 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Tu, Michael Trung (REB, REO) 16179 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley

Effective: 10/28/08 Officer of: Skywin, Inc. Violation: 2725, 2831, 10145, 10159.2, 10177(d)(h) 10240 Suspended for 30 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Weiss, Joseph A. (REB, REO)

3812 Green Ave., Apt. B, Los Alamitos Effective: 10/3/08 Officer of: R & G Lending, Inc. Violation: 2831.2, 10137, 10145, 10159.2, 10177(d)(h) Suspended for 90 days—60 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

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Bowers, Gary R. (REB)

2173 Nelda Way, Alamo *Effective:* 9/8/08 *Violation:* 2731, 10148, 10159.5, 10176(a)(i), 10177(d)(g), 10240, 4975(a)(1)(a)(2)(c) Suspended for 90 days—45 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Coyle, WB (REB)

PO Box 330220, San Francisco *Effective:* 9/16/08 *Violation:* 10159.2, 10177(d)(h) Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Pacific Northwest Mortgage Corp. (REC) 1899 Concourse Dr., San Jose Effective: 11/25/08 Violation: 2726, 2753, 2832(d)

Violation: 2726, 2753, 2832(d), 10160, 10177(d)(f), 10240 Suspended for 60 days—30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Raad, Naji Aziz (REB)

143 Las Astas Dr., Los Gatos *Effective:* 9/8/08 *Violation:* 10159.2, 10177(d)(g)(h) Suspended for 60 days—30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Reiser, Thomas Franklin Jr. (REB) 3201 Danville Blvd., Ste. 295, Alamo *Effective:* 9/4/08 *Violation:* 10177(d)(g), 11018.6 Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Telegraph Hill Properties, Inc. (REC) 1427 Grant Ave., San Francisco *Effective:* 9/16/08 *Violation:* 2742(c), 10177(d) Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

The Reiser Group Ltd. (REC) 3201 Danville Blvd., Ste. 295, Alamo *Effective:* 9/4/08 *Violation:* 10177(d)(g), 11018.6 Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Williams, Jane Smith (REB)

226 Lincoln St., Hampton, VA *Effective:* 11/25/08 *Violation:* 2726, 2753, 2832(d), 10159.2, 10160, 10177(d)(f)(h), 10240 Suspended for 60 days—30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

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Apex Financial, Inc. (REC) 2027 W. March Ln., Ste. 5, Stockton *Effective:* 11/13/08 *Violation:* 10137 Suspended for 30 days—stayed for one year on terms and conditions

Bryn Mawr Management Company, Inc. (REC) 7450 Rancho Verde Ln., Loomis Effective: 9/8/08 Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 10145, 10177(d) Suspended for 15 days—stayed for

Suspended for 15 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Buckland, Robert Mark (REB)

3020 Old Ranch Pkwy., Ste. 400, Seal Beach *Effective:* 9/4/08 *Violation:* 10177(d), 11018.6 Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Ford, Janet Erlene (RES) PO Box1089, 218 S. Humboldt St., Willits *Effective:* 10/2/08 *Violation:* 4973(b)(1), 4973(k)(1) Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Gonzales, Richard John (REB)

2027 W. March Ln., Ste. 5, Stockton Effective: 11/13/08 Violation: 2725, 10177(d)(h) Suspended for 30 days—stayed for one year on terms and conditions

Stranske, Timothy Wayne (REB)

188 Easy St.., Willits *Effective:* 10/14/08 *Violation:* 2831, 10163, 10177(d), 10232, 10232.5, 10240, 4973(b)(1), 4973(k)(1) Suspended for 100 days—60 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

The Olson Company (REC) 3020 Old Ranch Pkwy., Ste. 400, Seal Beach *Effective:* 9/4/08 *Violation:* 10177(d), 11018.6 Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and

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Austin McBride Corporation (REC) 74-199 El Paseo, Ste. 200, Palm Desert *Effective:* 9/18/08 *Violation:* 10177(g) Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Austin McBride Corporation (REC) 74-199 El Paseo, Ste. 101, Palm Desert *Effective:* 11/5/08 *Violation:* 2831, 2832, 2950(d), 10145, 10177(d) Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and

Goodyear Home Loan Corporation (REC)

PO Box 2116, Corona Effective: 9/8/08 Violation: 2831.2, 2950(d), 10137, 10145, 10177(d)(g) Suspended for 120 days—60 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Kevorkian, Armen Nick (REB, REO)

| PMB 257, 5 | 541 N. Main St., Ste |
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| 104, Corona | a |
| Effective: | 9/8/08 |
| Officer of: | Goodyear Home |
| | Loan Corporation |
| Violation: | 2831.2, 2950(d), |
| | 10137, 10145, |

10159.2, 10177(d)(g) (h) Suspended for 120 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions Lombardelli, Lorenzo Layton (REB, REO) 74-199 El Paseo, Ste. 200, Palm Desert 9/18/08 Effective: Austin McBride Officer of: Corporation 10177(g) Violation: Suspended for 60 days--stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Lombardelli, Lorenzo Layton (REB, REO) 74-199 El Paseo #200, Palm Desert *Effective:* 11/5/08 *Officer of:* Austin McBride Corporation *Violation:* 10159.2, 10177(h) Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Perez, Mario A. (RES) 255 N. El Cielo Rd. #675, Palm Springs *Effective:* 11/5/08 *Violation:* 10177(g) Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

LICENSE SURRENDER

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Brard, Courtney Lee (RES) 1505 N. Ferro Carril Rd., Atascadero *Effective:* 11/5/08

Hurst Financial Corporation (REC) 7035 Morro Rd., Atascadero *Effective:* 11/5/08

Miller, James Hurst Jr. (REB) 7035 Morro Rd., Atascadero *Effective:* 11/5/08

Williams, Thomas Gregory (RES) 7690 N. Palm Ave., Ste. 102, Fresno *Effective:* 9/12/08

LOS ANGELES REGION

APEX Financial, Inc. (REC) 3333 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 810, Los Angeles Effective: 9/9/08

Bang, Connie (RES) 2643 Greenborough Pl., West Covina *Effective:* 9/4/08

Baye, Bianca Lisa (RES) 3620 S. Pacific Ave. #210, San Pedro *Effective:* 10/22/08

Bonam, Doreen Marie (RES) 17425 Vintage St., Northridge Effective: 9/2/08

California Gateway, Inc. (REC) 555 Ocean Blvd., Ste. 106, Long Beach *Effective:* 11/12/08

Canche, Noah Jr. (RES) 1908 Grier St., Pomona *Effective:* 11/24/08

Cohen, Howard Stephen (RES) 13904 Fiji Way #141, Marina del Rey *Effective:* 10/16/08

Da Silva, David John (REB, REO) 4540 Campus Dr., Ste. 100, Newport Beach Effective: 10/6/08 Officer of: Pacific West Syndication Group, Inc.

Fresh Start Financial, Inc. (REC) 18062 Irvine Blvd., Ste. 103, Tustin Effective: 9/1/08

Lin, Bruce Ying-Zen (RES) PO Box 2064, Walnut Effective: 9/2/08

Pacific West Syndication Group, Inc. (REC) 4540 Campus Dr., Ste. 100, Newport Beach *Effective:* 10/6/08

Skywin, Inc. (REC) 16179 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley *Effective:* 10/28/08

Talamantes, Anna Cristina (RES) PO box 4220, Downey *Effective:* 11/26/08

Talamantes, Javier Jr. (RES) PO Box 4220, Downey Effective: 11/26/08

OAKLAND REGION

Clairmont Financial, Inc. (REC) 1870 Olympic Blvd., Ste. 110, Walnut Creek *Effective:* 9/8/08

Dorris, Monica Renee (RES) PO Box 3923, Antioch *Effective:* 10/16/08

Duterte, James Robert (REB) 538 Charlotte Common, Livermore Effective: 9/16/08

Martin, Rob Lance (RES) PO Box 66, San Jose *Effective:* 11/12/08

Tatum, Tiffany Marin (RES) PO Box 194, Santa Rosa *Effective:* 10/16/08

Terry, Linda Barbara (REB) 318 Sapphire St., Redwood City *Effective:* 9/17/08

Weiner, Steven Lewis (RES) 101 Mystic Place, Alamo *Effective:* 9/10/08

SACRAMENTO REGION

Chico Action Property Management and Sales Incorporated (REC) 75-214 Malulani Dr., Kailua Kona, HI Effective: 9/22/08

Grossenbacher, Shelley Anne (RES) 3538 D Street, Sacramento *Effective:* 9/16/08

SAN DIEGO REGION

DE HDL, Inc. (REC) 6185 Magnolia Ave., #340, Riverside *Effective:* 11/12/08

Harvey, Karen (RES) 1488 Clearview Way, San Marcos *Effective:* 10/14/08

Hurless, Erin Michelle (RES) 678 Arrow Pt. Ct., Chula Vista Effective: 9/16/08

llano, Mark Anthony (RES) 972 Broadway, Chula Vista *Effective:* 10/1/08

PUBLIC REPROVAL

LOS ANGELES REGION

Gordon, Dennis J. (REB) 555 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach Effective: 11/12/08 Violation: 2746, 10177(a)

Potter, Dana Lynn (RES) 9137 Reseda Blvd., Northridge Effective: 9/22/08 Violation: 10176(g), 10177(j)

Smith, Leslie Renee (REB, REO) 5439 Crenshaw Blvd., Ste. 102, Los Angeles Effective: 11/21/08 Officer of: WLP Financial Services Violation: 10159.2, 10177(h)

Woods Financial Corporation (REC)

11357 Burnham, Ste. 201, Los Angeles *Effective:* 9/2/08 *Violation:* 10177(d)(f)

Yong, Whisky Wuikee (REB) 103 Hermosa Ave., Long Beach Effective: 11/12/08 Violation: 2746, 10177(a)

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Rossi, Gary J. (RES) 2995 Woodside Rd. 400, Woodside *Effective:* 9/16/08 *Violation:* 2801.5, 10177(d), 11018.2

Valmores, John Ern Padilla (RES) 5 Oak Treat Ct., Walnut Creek Effective: 9/4/08 Violation: 10177(d)(g), 11018.6

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technical question of whether advance fees can legally be collected, and focus on the questions of whether the licensees have the applicable experience, can exercise good judgment, add real value through a modification solution for the principal, and are able to negotiate a sustainable loan modification that is in the homeowner's best interest.

Each real estate licensee has the fiduciary duty of acting in the highest good faith toward the principal, and that precludes the licensee from obtaining any advantage over, or taking an adverse position to, the principal. Moreover, the licensee must exercise the utmost honesty, integrity, absolute candor, and unselfishness toward the principal. This mandates that a real estate licensee act at all times in the best interests of his or her principal to the exclusion of all other interests, including interests that could benefit the licensee.

- 4. A real estate broker *cannot acquire any interest in a residence in foreclosure directly from an owner* for whom the broker agreed to perform the loan modification services (other than as a trustee or beneficiary under a deed of trust). See §2945.1(b)(3) of the California Civil Code.
- 5. Some lawyers are collecting advance fees (or retainer fees) and offering to employ real estate brokers and/or salespersons and to supervise the real estate licensees as legal assistants, paralegals, or some other sort of legal office personnel. Some lawyers are placing themselves as "in-house" counsel in real estate companies and having advance/retainer fees paid to them as counsel. Such relationships and scenarios raise serious ethical and legal questions, for both the lawyers and the real estate licensees.

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and the subject property is "in foreclosure". But the lawyer must render services in the course of his or her legal practice.

The questions that arise (and must be carefully considered) from the various lawyer/real estate licensee business models are numerous, and include the following:

- a. Is the business model simply an unlawful scheme to avoid the prohibition against the collection of advance fees by a real estate licensee after the recordation of a Notice of Default?
- b. Is the lawyer actually performing legal services? Lawyers may be able to bring valuable and professional skills and abilities to loan modification transactions. Lawyers are trained in the law of contracts, and many have long experience in negotiations. Also, lawyers have fiduciary duties and are viewed as champions of their clients.
- c. Is the lawyer really just a "front" and/or a non-participating magnet for business from desperate homeowners? This raises other questions, such as whether the lawyer who is involved in the loan modification business is even readily identifiable. Will the principal/client ever have a face-to-face meeting with a lawyer? Can the principal/client call the lawyer as the need arises? Does the lawyer work on-site? Does the lawyer add any value to the loan modification transaction, or does the real estate licensee carry the burden of the work? Many lawyers purport to have "lawyer-backed" or "attorney affiliated" loan modification companies, whatever those terms mean.
- d. Is the real estate licensee who is working with the lawyer a real estate "salesperson" engaged in real estate licensed activity? If so, the salesperson must work under

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the license and supervision of a licensed broker and only accept payment for such work from the broker. See B&P \$10137, which provides that "No real estate salesman shall be employed by or accept compensation from any person other than the broker under whom he is at the time licensed".

e. If a non-lawyer real estate licensee is working on loan modifications in a law firm or "law" business, is the real estate licensee a law firm employee working under the supervision of a licensed lawyer, or is the licensee "practicing law" without a license? If the facts reveal the latter, that is a crime. See B&P §6126.

The questions above are not exhaustive. Each relationship, and every case, is dependent on the facts. And those facts vary greatly from model to model.

The State Bar's Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct recently issued an Ethics Alert to California lawyers on "Legal Services to Distressed Homeowners and Foreclosure Consultants on Loan Modifications". It is very instructive and can be accessed at <u>http://calbar.ca.gov/calbar/pdfs/ethics/Ethics-Alert-Foreclosure.pdf</u>. In addition, the California Bar Journal, an official publication of the State Bar of California, published an article in the March 2009 edition entitled "Bar Issues Foreclosure Ethics Alert". The article contains its own cautionary notes. It can be accessed through the State Bar of California website shown in the next paragraph.

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If you are contemplating a business relationship with a lawyer, you should closely review the Ethics Alert, and/or the article discussing the alert, as well as the lawyer's disciplinary history (check the State Bar's website at <u>http://www.calbar.ca.gov/state/calbar/calbar home.jsp</u>., and check the lawyer's bar membership records), and relevant experience (if any) in the area of loan modifications.

In conclusion, legitimate residential loan modification agents may help, in a positive way, struggling homeowners who are unable to afford their mortgage payments. California licensed real estate agents should carefully consider the cautionary notes above, their professional and fiduciary duties, and the ethical issues involved, when they undertake to provide loan modification services.