

(b) Failing to maintain an Individual Ledger for Broker's Equity. See 193E Iowa Admin Code §§ 13.1(6) and 18.14(5)(e)(1).

CIRCUMSTANCES

4. On or about February 13, 2011, an audit of the Respondent's trust account and records was conducted.

5. The auditor found that the Respondent's broker license expired on December 31, 2010.

6. The auditor found that the Respondent was not maintaining an interest bearing account for trust funds.

7. The auditor found the Respondent was not maintaining an individual Ledger for Broker's Equity.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

8. Respondent admits each and every allegation in the above-stated Statement of Charges.

9. Respondent acknowledges that he has a right to receive notice of the above-stated charges and to request a hearing before the Commission on the merits of the charges. By freely and voluntarily entering into this Order, the Respondent waives his right to notice and a hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review. This Order constitutes discipline against the Respondent, and is the final agency order in this contested case pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and 193 Iowa Administrative Code 7.4.

10. Respondent agrees that the State's attorney and/or Commission staff may present this Order to the Commission and may have *ex parte* communications with the Commission while presenting it. Respondent waives any right of notice of this meeting or any right that the Respondent might have to participate in the discussion of this Order among the Commission, the Commission staff and the State's attorney.

11. This Order shall be part of the permanent record of Respondent and shall be considered by the Commission in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations of the laws and rules governing the practice of real estate by the Respondent.

12. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of Iowa Code sections 543B.29(3), 543B.34(2) and 272C.3(2)(a) (2009) and shall be grounds for further disciplinary action. However, no action may be taken against the Respondent for violations of this Order without a hearing, or waiver of hearing.

13. This Order is not binding on the Iowa Real Estate Commission until it has been formally approved by a majority of the Commission members.

- (a) In the event that this Order is rejected by the Commission it shall be of no force or effect to either party and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter.
- (b) If the Commission approves this Order, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.

14. Upon acceptance by both the Commission and Respondent, this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement and Consent Order shall be a public record available for inspection and copying in its entirety in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22 (2009).

CONSENT ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

15. **CIVIL PENALTY.** The Respondent shall pay a civil penalty to the Commission in the amount of \$500 no later than 30 calendar days after acceptance of this Order by the Commission. The civil penalty must come under a cover letter addressed to the Commission's Executive Officer and refer to case A11-004.

16. **FUTURE COMPLIANCE.** The Respondent shall at all future times fully and promptly comply with all pertinent Orders of the Commission and the statutes and Commission rules regulating the practice of real estate.

WHEREFORE, the terms of this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement, and Consent Order are agreed to and accepted by the Iowa Real Estate Commission and the Respondent.

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by **Steven B. Bassman** on this 11th day of March, 2011.



By: **STEVEN B. BASSMAN**, Broker Officer

IN RE: Steven B. Bassman A11-004

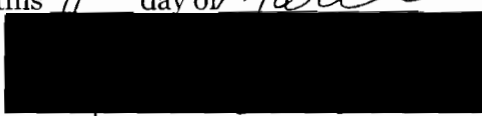
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Signed and sworn to before me on this 11th day of March, 2011, by:



Notary Public, State of Iowa
Printed Name: Karen Wild
My Commission Expires: 3-21-2014

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by the **IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION** on this 24 day of March, 2011.



✓ **LAURIE DAWLEY**, Chair
Iowa Real Estate Commission J