## BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION 1920 SE HULSIZER ANKENY, IOWA

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) CASE NUMBER: 06-065
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF
) CHARGES, INFORMAL
) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT,
) AND CONSENT ORDER IN A
) DISCIPLINARY CASE
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The Iowa Real Estate Commission (Commission) and Jerry L. Eyman (Respondent) enter into this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement, and Consent Order in a Disciplinary Case (Order) pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 17A.10(1) and 272C.3(4) (2005).

- 1. The Commission issued the Respondent real estate broker license number B04203 on August 13, 2001. Respondent's license is current and in full force and effect through December 31, 2006. At all times relevant to this matter, the Respondent was a licensed real estate broker, assigned to Ruhl & Ruhl Real Estate. L.L.C. a licensed real estate firm, license number F04473007 in Iowa City, Iowa.
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 543B (2005). Licenses issued by the Commission are subject to the laws of the State of Iowa and to the administrative rules of the Commission.

### STATEMENT OF CHARGES

## COUNT I

- 3. Respondent is charged with engaging in practices harmful or detrimental to the public, and failing to diligently exercise reasonable care in providing brokerage services to all parties in violation of Iowa Code section 543B.29(3) (2005) by:
  - (a) Failing to deposit an earnest money check into a trust account within five banking days of the last dated signature on the offer to purchase having been obtained. See Iowa Code §§ 543B.29(10), 543B.34(7), 543B.46; and 193E Iowa Admin. Code §§ 13.1(1)(a) and 18.14(5)(f)(1).
  - (b) Issuing a check from a trust account to cover a closing without having the appropriate funds available to cover said check resulting in a commingling of funds. See Iowa Code §§ 543B.29(10), 543B.34(7), 543B.46; and 193E Iowa Admin. Code §§ 13.1(1)(c) and 18.14(5)(f).

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#### **CIRCUMSTANCES**

- 4. On March 13, 2006, a purchase agreement was initiated for the property located at 611 Westside Drive, Iowa City, Iowa.
- 5. Included with the purchase agreement was an earnest money check in the amount of \$1000 presented by the buyer.
- 6. On April 12, 2006, the day of the scheduled closing, it was found that the earnest money check had been lost and not deposited by the Respondent's brokerage company.
- 7. A check in the amount of \$1000 was written on the Respondent's trust account to facilitate the closing of this property. Said closing took place prior to any further deposits of funds in association with this transaction, which resulted in a commingling of funds in the Respondent's trust account.

# 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) (2005) 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 (2005).

### CONSENT ORDER

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 15. <u>REPRIMAND</u>. Pursuant to 193E Iowa Administrative Code section 18.14(1)(j), the Respondent is reprimanded.
- 16. <u>CIVIL PENALTY</u>. The Respondent shall pay a civil penalty to the Commission in the amount of \$1,000 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 06-065.
- 17. <u>EDUCATION</u>. Pursuant to 193E Iowa Administrative Code Section 18.14 (1)(f), the Respondent shall attend the Commission approved eight (8) hour course "Iowa Real Estate Trust Accounts." These hours shall be in addition to any real estate continuing education required for license renewal. The original certificate of attendance must be submitted to the Iowa Real Estate Commission within twelve (12) months of the signing of this Order by the Commission and must come under a cover letter addressed to the Commission's Executive Officer and refer to case 06-065.
- 18. <u>FUTURE COMPLIANCE</u>. 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.

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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:	ıı
Voluntarily agreed to and a	accepted by <b>Jerry L. Eyman</b> on thisday of o6.
	Jerry L. Eyman, Respondent
State of Johnson)	
County of Johnson)	
Signed and sworn to befor 2006, by	e me on this 7th day of July
F Commission Number 185271 My Commission Expires June 26, 2008	Notary Public, State of Iowa Printed Name: Jill C. Marshek
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FOR THE COMMISSION:	
Voluntarily agreed to and on this/_3 day of	accepted by the IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, 2006.
	JAMES E. HUGHES, Chair Iowa Real Estate Commission
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