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# STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION FLORIDA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE,

Petitioner,

vs.

Case No. 09-4235

FDBPR Case No. 2008010393 2008026746

CLIFFORD ALTEMARE & ALTEMA CONSULTING CO, LLC,

Respondents.

## FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before the Florida Real Estate Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, on July 20, 2010, in Orlando, Orange County, Florida, for the purpose of considering Administrative Law Judge William F. Quattlebaum's Recommended Order in the above styled case. A copy of said Recommended Order is attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit "A."

Respondents were not present, and were not represented by counsel. Petitioner was represented by Patrick Cunningham,

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Esquire, Senior Attorney for the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Real Estate, Orlando, Orange County, Florida. The Commission was represented by Tom Barnhart, Special Counsel, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

After a review of the complete record in this matter, including consideration of the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order and the arguments of each party, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

## Findings of Fact

- The Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact as set forth in the Exhibit "A" are approved, adopted, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. There is competent, substantial evidence to support the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact as adopted by the Commission.

### Conclusions of Law

- 3. The Commission has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, Chapter 475, Part I, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 61J2 of the Florida Administrative Code.
  - 4. The Administrative Law Judge's conclusions of law as

set forth in Exhibit "A" are approved, adopted, and incorporated herein by reference.

5. There is competent, substantial evidence to support the Administrative Law Judge's conclusions of law in Exhibit "A" as amended and adopted by the Commission.

#### DISPOSITION

6. The Administrative Law Judge's Recommendation is approved and adopted by the Commission in its entirety.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

- (a) Respondent has violated Section 475.25(1)(b), Section 475.25(1)(d) and Section 475.25(1)(e), Florida Statutes. Respondent has also violated Rule 61J2-14.010, F.A.C.;
- (b) Respondents' licenses are SUSPENDED for 5 years beginning 30 days from the filing date of this Final Order; and
- (c) Respondents shall pay an administrative fine of \$15,000.00 within six (6) months of the filing date of this Final Order.
- (d) This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

DONE and ORDERED this 3 day of Septembar 2010, by the Florida Real Estate Commission.

by Thomas O'Bryant, Jr., Director Division of Real Estate

#### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

A party who is adversely affected by this final order is entitled to judicial review pursuant to section 120.68, Florida Statutes. Review proceedings are governed by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Such proceedings are commenced by filing one copy of a Notice of Appeal with the agency clerk of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and a second copy, accompanied by filing fees prescribed by law, with the district court of appeal in the appellate district where the party resides. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of rendition of the order to be reviewed.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been provided by U.S. Mail to Clifford Altemare, Altema Consulting Co., LLC, 1047 Iroquois Street, Clearwater, Florida 33755; William F. Quattlebaum, Administrative Law Judge, Division of Administrative Hearings, The Desoto Building, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060; and Tom Barnhart, Special Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, PL-01, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, on this 27 day of 2010.

Brandon M. Nichola

