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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULAT FLORIDA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, FLORIDA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION,

Petitioner,

vs.

Case No. 14-4148PL DBPR Case No. 2012-012585

CATHERINE A. LICHTMAN,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the FLORIDA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION ("Commission") pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, on August 18, 2015, in Orlando, Orange County, Florida, for the purpose of considering the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order in the above-styled cause. A copy of said Recommended Order is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".

The Petitioner was represented by Joshua Kendrick, Esquire, Senior Attorney for the 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, the hearing transcript, the Respondent's Exceptions to the Recommended Order, Petitioner's Response to the Respondent's Exceptions, and the arguments of each party, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact as set forth in 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 1, 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. The is competent, substantial evidence to support the conclusions of law in the Recommended Order.

EXCEPTIONS

- 5. Respondent's Exception Number 1 was considered and DENIED.
- 6. Respondent's Exception Number 2 was considered and DENIED.
- 7. Respondent's Exception Number 3 was considered and DENIED.
- 8. Respondent's Exception Number 4 was considered and DENIED.

DISPOSITION

9. Upon a complete review of the record, the Commission finds that Respondent violated Section 475.25(1)(d), Florida Statutes, as set forth in the Administrative Complaint.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **ADJUDGED** that:

- 1. Respondent is in violation of Section 475.25(1)(d), Florida Statutes;
- 2. Respondent's license is REVOKED;

3. Respondent shall pay a fine of \$1,000.00 and \$412.50 in costs within 30 days of the filing date of this Final Order.

This Order is effective when filed with the Clerk of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

FLORIDA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

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, FIRST DISTRICT, OR WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN THE APPEALLATE 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 Robert Resnick, Esquire, P.O. Box 1872, Boca Raton, Florida 33429; F. Scott Boyd, Administrative Law Judge, Division of Administrative Hearings, The DeSoto Building, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060; and by interoffice mail to Joshua Kendrick, Esquire, 400 W. Robinson Street, Suite 801, North Tower, Orlando, Florida 32801-1757, on this day of September, 2015.

