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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

### BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of NO. H-951 SA

Respondent.

RICK VESCI,

#### ORDER GRANTING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

On April 5, 1991, a Decision was rendered herein revoking the real estate broker license of Respondent, but granting Respondent the right to the issuance of a restricted real estate broker license. A restricted real estate broker license was issued to Respondent on July 5, 1991. Respondent failed to renew said restricted real estate broker license.

On May 30, 2002, Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of said real estate broker license, and the Attorney General of the State of California has been given notice of the filing of said petition.

I have considered the petition of Respondent and the evidence and arguments in support thereof. Respondent has

demonstrated to my satisfaction that Respondent meets the requirements of law for the issuance to Respondent of an unrestricted real estate broker license and that it would not be against the public interest to issue said license to Respondent.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's petition for reinstatement is granted and that a real estate broker license be issued to Respondent, if Respondent satisfies the following conditions within nine months from the date of this Order:

- 1. Respondent shall take and pass the real estate broker license examination.
- 2. Submittal of a completed application and payment of the fee for a real estate broker license.
- 3. Submittal of evidence of having, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license.

This Order shall be effective immediately.

DATED: `

<u>luncery 30, 2003.</u>

PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN Real Estate Commissioner

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#### DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of ) NO. H-951 SA ) RICK VESCI )

Respondent.

ORDER GRANTING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

On April 5, 1991, a Decision was rendered herein revoking the real estate broker license of Respondent, RICK VESCI (hereinafter "Respondent"), effective May 8, 1991. In said Decision Respondent was given the right to apply for and receive a restricted real estate broker license which was issued to him on July 7, 1991.

On October 19, 1994, Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of said real estate broker license and the Attorney General of the State of California has been given notice of the filing of said petition.

I have considered Respondent's petition and the evidence and arguments in support thereof. Respondent has demonstrated to my satisfaction that grounds do not presently

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exist to deny the issuance of an unrestricted real estate broker license to Respondent.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's petition for reinstatement is granted and that an unrestricted real estate broker license be issued to Respondent, RICK VESCI, after Respondent satisfies the following conditions within one (1) year from the date of this Order:

- 1. Submittal of a completed application and payment of the fee for a real estate broker license.
- 2. Submittal of evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that Respondent has, since his present restricted license was issued, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license.

This	Order	shall	become	effective	imm	<u>ediate</u> ly
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JIM ANTT, JR.
Real Estate Commissioner

RICK VESCI . 8306 Houghton Place Chesterfield, Virginia 23832

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## DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

No. H- 951 SA

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RICK VESCI, dba Rix Real Estate Services,

Respondent(s).

#### DECISION

The Proposed Decision dated March 18, 1991

of the Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative

Hearings, ishereby adopted as the Decision of the Real Estate

Commissioner in the above-entitled matter.

JOHN R. LIBERATOR

Chief Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

#### BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

No. H-951-SA

RICK VESCI, dba Rix Real Estate Services,

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Respondent.

#### PROPOSED DECISION

This matter came on regularly for hearing before David B. Rosenman, Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, at Los Angeles, California on February 13, 1991. Complainant was represented by James Beaver, Staff Counsel. Respondent, Rick Vesci, was not present, but was represented at the hearing by John D. Desbrow, Esq.

Oral and documentary evidence was received, and the matter was submitted.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge makes the following Findings of Fact:

I

The Accusation was made by Thomas McCrady, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner, in his official capacity.

II

At the hearing, complainant dismissed paragraph XI and struck from the Accusation all allegations relating thereto.

III

At all relavent times, respondent, Rick Vesci, was a licensed real estate broker doing business as Rix Real Estate Services. Respondent's main office and mailing address, as

listed with complainant as of January 1, 1988, was 485 East 17th Street, Suite 103, Costa Mesa, California.

IV

It was not established that respondent employed Ray Millan to perform acts on respondent's behalf which required a real estate salesperson's license.

V

Between July, 1988 and February, 1989, respondent employed Steven Campbell Fisher to perform acts on respondent's behalf which required a real estate salesperson's license. Fisher was licensed by the Department as a salesperson at such times.

VI

Between July, 1988 and February, 1989, Fredric Dean Fortney was employed by respondent to perform acts on respondent's behalf which required a real estate salesperson's license. At such times, although Fortney was licensed by the Department as a salesperson, he was not licensed as respondent's employee.

VII

Respondent maintained offices to conduct his business as a real estate broker at 3590 14th Street, Riverside, California, and at 68783 East Palm Canyon Drive, Cathedral City, California, without obtaining branch office licenses from the Department.

#### VIII

Respondent ceased maintaining his primary place of business in Costa Mesa, as listed with the Department, in January, 1989. Thereafter, respondent established a principal place of business either at the Riverside or Cathedral City offices noted in paragraph VII. Respondent did not notify the Department of the change in address of his principal place(s) of business.

IX

Between July, 1988 and May, 1989, respondent accepted or received funds in trust in connection with his real estate activities, which funds were deposited in an account established by respondent with Security Pacific National Bank. Said account was not a proper trust fund account, as it did not list respondent's name as trustee.

With respect to the funds accepted or received by respondent in trust, respondent failed to maintain adequate records of all trust funds.

In numerous instances, respondent failed to report the date of receipt of funds, the date of the deposit of funds, or the daily balance in the trust account. Respondent did not always maintain individual records for each buyer or prospective buyer who gave him trust funds, nor did he reconcile the trust fund records with the separate records for each beneficiary or transaction at least once each month.

XI

The irregularities in respondent's trust account and records did not result in any losses or damages to respondent's clients, and were not intentional departures from the statutory regirements.

#### **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following Determination of Issues:

I

No cause exists for the imposition of discipline against respondent's license for violating Business and Professions Code section 10137, by reason of Findings IV and V.

II

Cause exists for the imposition of discipline against respondent's license for violating Business and Professions Code section 10137, by reason of Finding VI.

III

Cause exists for the imposition of discipline against respondent's license for violating Business and Professions Code sections 10162, 10163, 10165, and 10177(d), and Title 10, California Code of Regulations section 2715, by reason of Findings VII and VIII.

IV

Cause exists for the imposition of discipline against respondent's license for violating Business and Professions Code section 10177(d) and Title 10, California Code of Regulations

section 2830, by reason of Finding IX.

V

Cause exists for the imposition of discipline against respondent's license for violating Business and Professions Code section 10177(d) and Title 10, California Code of Regulations sections 2831, 2831.1, and 2831.2, by reason of Finding X.

#### ORDER

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Respondent's real estate broker's license is revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate broker's license shall be issued to respondent pursuant to section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code if respondent makes application therefor and pays to the Department of Real Estate the appropriate fee for the restricted license within 90 days from the effective date of this Decision. The restricted license issued to respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of section 10156.6 of that Code:

- 1. Any restricted real estate license issued to respondent pursuant to this Decision shall be suspended for 15 days from the date of issuance of said restricted license.
- 2. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until one year has elapsed from the effective date of this Decision.
- 3. Respondent shall obey all the laws of the United States, the State of California, and all rules, regulations and laws pertaining to the responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California.
- 4. Respondent shall, within nine months from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Business & Professions Code for renewal of a real estate license. Respondent is specifically

ordered to include the following courses, as described in Business & Professions Code section 10153.2, within his continuing education: real estate accounting and real estate office management. If respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until the respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such evidence.

Department of Real Estate, as the Real Estate Commissioner shall direct by separate written order issued while the restricted license is in effect, such information concerning respondent's activities for which a real estate license is required as the Commissioner shall deem to be appropriate to protect the public interest.

Such reports may include, but shall not be limited to, periodic independent accountings of trust funds in the custody and control of respondent and periodic summaries of salient information concerning each real estate transaction in which the respondent engaged during the period covered by the report.

effective date of this Decision, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order suspension of respondent's license until respondent passes the examination.

Dated: March 18, 1991

DAVID B. ROSENMAN

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

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# BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of			
RICK VESCI, Doing Business As	Case No.	H-951 SA	
RIX Real Estate Services,	OAH No.	L-50058	
Respondent(s)	,		
NOTICE OF HEARIN	G ON ACCUSATI	ON	
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To the above named respondent:			
You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held b	efore the Departmen	nt of Real Estate at OFFICE	
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You may be present at the hearing, and you may be represent at the hearing nor to be represented by counsel. If the hearing, the Department may take disciplinary actions.	epresented by counse	el, but you are neither required	to be
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1 MARILYN L. MOSHER, Counsel Department of Real Estate 2 107 South Broadway, Room 8107 Los Angeles, California 3 (213) 620-4790 4 5 6 7 8 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 No. H-951 SA 11 In the Matter of the Accusation of RICK VESCI, doing business as ACCUSATION 12 Rix Real Estate Services, 13 Respondent. 14 The complainant, Thomas McCrady, a Deputy Real Estate 15 16 Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of accusation 17 against RICK VESCI, doing business as Rix Real Estate Services, 18 alleges as follows: 19 Ι The complainant, Thomas McCrady, a Deputy Real Estate 20 Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation 21 22 in his official capacity. II 23 RICK VESCI, doing business as Rix Real Estate Services 24 (hereinafter referred to as Respondent) is presently licensed 25 and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of 26 Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code).

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1 III At all times herein mentioned, Respondent was licensed 2 by the Department of Real Estate of the State of California 3 (hereinafter the Department) as a real estate broker and was 4 authorized to conduct business under the fictitious business 5 . name "Rix Real Estate Services" at 485 East 17th Street, Suite 6 7 103, in Costa Mesa, California. 8 IV All further reference herein to Respondent shall be 9 deemed to refer also to the employees, agents, and real estate 10 licensees employed by or associated with Respondent, who at all 11 times herein mentioned were engaged in the furtherance of 12 Respondent's business or operation, and who were acting within 13 the course and scope of their authority and employment. 14 15 At all times herein mentioned, Respondent engaged in 16 the business of a real estate broker within the meaning of 17 Section 10131(a) of the California Business and Professions Code 18 (hereinafter the Code), in that he sold or offered to sell, 19 solicited prospective sellers and purchasers of, or negotiated 20 the purchase of real property for or in expectation of com-21 22 . pensation. VI 23 On or about June 27, 1989, the Department completed an 24 examination of Respondent's books and records for an eleven-

month period ending May 31, 1989, which revealed the violations

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of the Code and of Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code of

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Regulations (hereinafter the Regulations), as set forth herein 1 below in Paragraphs VII through XI. 2 3 VII From time to time, beginning in about July 1988, and 4 continuing through about February 1989, Respondent employed 5 and/or compensated Ray Millan, aka Raymond Millan, Steven 6 Campbell Fisher, aka Steve Fisher, and Fredric Dean Fortney, aka 7 Dean Fortney to perform on his behalf one or more of the acts 8 set forth in Paragraph V above. At no time during said period 9 were Millan or Fisher licensed by the Department as a real 10 estate broker or real estate salesperson. At no time herein 11 mentioned was Fortney licensed by the Department under the employ 12 13 of Respondent. VIII 14 Beginning at a time unknown to the Commissioner and 15 continuing through about May 1989, Respondent conducted business 16 as a real estate broker at 3590 l4th Street in Riverside, Cali-17 fornia, and at 68783 East Palm Canyon Drive in Cathedral City, 18 California. At no time herein mentioned did Respondent notify 19 the Commissioner of a change of address of his principal place 20 of business or obtain a branch office license for either location 21 22 from the Department. IX 23 From in or about July 1988, and continuing through May 24 1989, in connection with his real estate activities, Respondent 25 accepted or received funds in trust (hereinafter trust funds) 26 from or on behalf of purchasers and sellers and thereafter made

- disbursements of said funds. Said trust funds were deposited 1 by Respondent into Security Pacific National Bank Account 2 3 Number 174-150-834. The said account was not a trust fund account in Respondent's name as trustee, as required by Section 4 5 2830 of the Regulations. X 6 Further, in connection with the aforesaid trust funds, 7 Respondent failed to maintain adequate records of all trust funds 8 received and disbursed, or, maintain adequate separate records 9 for each beneficiary or transaction, or, perform a monthly 10 reconciliation of the records of the receipt and disposition of 11 all trust funds received, and the balance of all separate benefi-
- 2831.1 and 2831.2, respectively, of the Regulations. 14

ciary or transaction records, as required by Sections 2831,

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> In connection with his real estate activities, Respondent collected an advance fee, as said term is defined in Section 10026 of the Code, pursuant to a written agreement with prospective purchasers of real property. At no time herein mentioned did Respondent submit the said written agreement to the Department prior to use, as required by Section 2970 of the Regulations.

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> The conduct of Respondent, as alleged in Paragraph VII, is cause for the suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondent RICK VESCI under the provisions of Section 10137 of the Code.

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2	The conduct, acts or omissions of Respondent, as
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4	10163 of the Code and Section 2715 of the Regulations and is
5 <sup>li</sup>	cause for the suspension or revocation of all licenses and
6 :	license rights of Respondent RICK VESCI under the provisions of
7	Section 10165 and 10177(d) of the Code.
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9	The conduct, acts or omissions of Respondent, as
10	alleged in Paragraphs IX, X, and XI, are in violation of Regu-
11	lations 2830, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2 and 2970 of the Regulations
12	and are cause for the suspension or revocation of all licenses
13	and license rights of Respondent RICK VESCI under the provisions
14	of Section 10177(d) of the Code.
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16	WHEREFORE, complainant prays that a hearing be
17	conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and, that upon
18	proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary
19	action against all licenses and license rights of Respondent
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RICK VESCI under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of
    the Business and Professions Code) and for such other and further
3 relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law.
    Dated at Santa Ana, California,
    this 20th day of March, 1990.
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                                              THOMAS McCRADY
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                                     Deputy Real Estate Commissioner
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