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IT IS SO ORDERED this 28th 、 2 day of 2000. PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN Real Estate Commissioner COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95) OSP 98 10924 -2-

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8	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation of)
12	CLARENCE MANSFIELD HENDERSON,
13	Respondent.
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16	TO: CLARENCE MANSFIELD HENDERSON:
17	On April 26, 1999, a restricted real estate
18	broker license was issued by the Department of Real Estate to
19	respondent on the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth
20	in the Real Estate Commissioner's Order of March 25, 1999,
21	in case No. H-27850 LA. This Order, which was effective April
22	26, 1999, granted the right to the issuance of a restricted
. 23	real estate broker license subject to the provisions of Section
24	10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code and to enumerated
25	additional terms, conditions and restrictions imposed under
26	authority of Section 10156.6 of said Code. Among those
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terms, conditions and 'restrictions, you were required to 2 present evidence within nine months from April 26, 1999, that 3 you have, since the most recent issuance of an original or 4 renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed 5 the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 6 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. 7 The Commissioner has determined that as of the date of this 8 Order, you have failed to satisfy this condition, and as such, 9 you are in violation of Section 10177(k) of the Business and 10 Professions Code. (You have no right to renew your restricted 11 license if this condition isn't satisfied by the date of its 12 expiration. Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions 13 Code.)

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED under authority of Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California that the restricted real estate broker license heretofore issued to respondent and the exercise of any privileges thereunder is hereby suspended pending final determination made after hearing (see "Hearing Rights" set forth below).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all license certificates and identification cards issued by Department which are in the possession of respondent be immediately surrendered by personal delivery or by mailing in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope to:

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Department of Real Estate Attn: Flag Section P. O. Box 187000 Sacramento, CA 95818-7000

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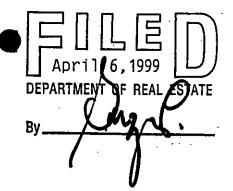
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1 2 Pursuant to the provisions of **HEARING RIGHTS:** 3 Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code, you have 4 the right to a hearing to contest the Commissioner's 5 determination that you are in violation of Section 10177(k). 6 If you desire a hearing, you must submit a written request. 7 The request may be in any form, as long as it is in writing and 8 indicates that you want a hearing. Unless a written request 9 for a hearing, signed by or on behalf of you, is delivered or 10 mailed to the Department at 320 West 4th Street, Suite 350, Los 11 Angeles, California, within 20 days after the date that this 12 Order was mailed to or served on you, the Department will not 13 be obligated or required to provide you with a hearing. 14 This Order shall be effective immediately. 15 2000 DATED: 16 PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN 17 Real Estate Commissioner 18 ula // 1/1 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 OF CALIFORNIA 13 (REV. 3-95) OSP 98 10924 UNCONTACT -3-



DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

GULL MORTGAGE, INC. and CLARENCE MANSFIELD HENDERSON,

Respondents.

No. H-27850 LA

L-1998 110 234

DECISION

The Proposed Decision dated March 10, 1999.

of the Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, is hereby adopted as the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock______ noon on __April 26, 1999______.

IT IS SO ORDERED March 25, 1999

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John R. Liberator Acting Commissioner

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE By______ H 27850 LA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

GULL MORTGAGE, INC. and CLARENCE MANSFIELD HENDERSON,

Respondents.

Agency Case No. H 27850 LA

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PROPOSED DECISION

This matter came on regularly for hearing before Carolyn Dee Magnuson, Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearing on February 10, 1999 in Los Angeles, California.

James R. Peel, Staff Counsel, represented the complainant.

Clarence Henderson appeared personally. He and the corporate respondent were represented by Daniel S. Baha, attorney at law.

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

The Administrative Law Judge makes the following findings of fact:

1. Thomas McCrady, the complainant, made the Accusation in his official capacity as Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), State of California.

2. At all relevant times, Gull Mortgage, Inc. ("GMI") was licensed by the Department as a corporate real estate broker. Clarence Henderson ("Henderson") was licensed as the designated broker officer of said corporation.

3. GMI and Henderson (collectively "respondents") engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as, a real estate broker in the State of California on behalf of others and in the expectation of compensation. The main business of respondents was arranging and negotiating loans for mortgage bankers, mortgage brokers and institutional lenders. During 1997 and 1998, in connection with respondent's real estate brokerage activities, respondents accepted or received funds from borrowers and lenders, and thereafter made disbursements of such funds. 4. In June 1998, the Department conducted an audit of respondent's books and records for the period April 1, 1997 through April 30, 1998 to determine whether respondents handled and accounted for trust funds in accordance with the laws and regulations governing such activities by departmental licensees.

5. The auditor found that respondents failed to conduct their business in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations in several respects.

6. During the audit period, GMI had four trust accounts. Trust accounts 1 and 2 were used as depositories for appraisal fees and credit report fees. Trust account 2 was being phased out. Carolyn Freeman and Donna Webb were signatories on each trust account, but they were not departmental licensees.

7. Trust accounts 3 and 4 were used for the receipt and disbursement of escrow funds. Carolyn Freeman and Donna Webb were signatories on each trust account, but they were not departmental licensees.

8. The auditor prepared reconciliations for all the trust accounts. Trust accounts 1 and 2 had a credit balance of \$74.96. Trust account 3 balanced. Trust account 4 had a credit balance of \$91.00.

9. Trust account 3 should have been designated as a trust account in the name of the broker as trustee as required by 10 CCR section 2832, but was not.

10. Checks received in trust were sometimes not deposited into a trust account within three days of their receipt.

11. GMI failed to maintain separate records for each of the four trust accounts, as required by 10 CCR section 2381.1.

12. GMI also failed to reconcile the balance of each beneficiary or transaction with the record of all trust funds received and disbursed for each of the trust accounts, as required by 10 CCR section 2831.2.

13. GMI did not reconcile columnar records to the separate transaction records for each trust account, as required by 10 CCR section 2831.2.

14. GMI did not maintain a fidelity bond to cover the non-licensed signatories on the trust accounts, as required by 10 CCR section 2834.¹

15. It does not appear that Henderson is involved in the day to day operations of the business. Nonetheless, he is résponsible for its performance. GMI

¹ The auditor found other violations, as well. However, they were not pleaded in the Accusation and are, therefore, not addressed in this decision.

employs a general manager, who oversees the respondent's business transactions and is responsible for ensuring the business complies with applicable laws and regulations.

16. The general manager testified that GMI's procedures are set up to comply with federal lending regulations. GMI has operated on the premise that, if federal requirements were complied with, state standards would also be met. That postulate is incorrect.

17. GMI keeps financial records and accounting documents in each borrower's file. Each transaction is reconciled and a record kept in the file.

18. The general manager testified that the bank signature card designates trust account 3 as being a trust account, but the checks for the account erroneously do not have that designation.

19. The general manager also reported that the business is covered by insurance that will reimburse the business for employee dishonesty. There is a \$250 deductible on that policy.

20. GMI has closed Trust accounts 1 and 2, and no longer deposits fees for credit checks and appraisals into a GMI account.

21. GMI's general manager maintains that it is not possible for respondents to comply with the three day deposit requirement, because GMI has representatives all over the state who don't have access to the trust accounts and because at times the paperwork is not completed within three days. Even if true, these reasons are not excuses. There is no reason why GMI's agents cannot either mail trust checks directly to the bank when received, or delay accepting the check until the paperwork is done.

22. In 1998, in Department case number H 27227 LA, respondent's license was disciplined. The basis for that discipline was an audit done in March 1995 for the period January 1, 1994 through December 30, 1994 that found, inter alia, that respondents did not keep daily balances for trust accounts 1 and 2, did not maintain separate records for each beneficiary, did not reconcile the trust account balance with the beneficiary records each month, and did not provide borrowers with the Mortgage Loan Disclosure Statement required by the State of California. Respondents were placed on one year's probation.

23. Three years later, respondent's have not changed their practices to correct the violations found in 1995, which are in large part the ones respondents are charged with in this proceeding.²

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² Although discipline was not imposed for the 1995 violations until 1998, respondents knew in 1995 that the violations had been found. Moreover, 5 months of the 1998 audit period occurred after discipline was imposed, and respondents made no changes in their business practices.

24. It was clear from the general manager's testimony that he still sees no reason to change any practice as long as it meets federal standards. From the lack of compliance following the prior discipline, it appears that respondent is not amenable to voluntary compliance or, at least, such discipline must be much more stringent that that previously imposed.

25. While it is true that no member of the public has been shown to have been harmed by any of the violations committed by respondent, that does not mean that no harm occurred. Because the Department has only limited resources available, to the extent those resources have been expended monitoring respondents, the Department has not been able to police other licensees, which may well have resulted in losses to the public that could have been prevented had the Department not been occupied with respondents.

26. Had there been harm to any of respondents' clients as a result of respondents' conduct, this would be a straight revocation case. As it is, respondent's failure to correct procedures, which respondents have known since 1995 were violations of state law, merits a substantial discipline in the hope that will engage their attention and cause them to change their ways. If they do not, the next round of discipline should result in revocation.

27. Claimant's counsel requested the Proposed Decision contain a provision requiring respondents to pay for another audit, as provided in Business and Professions Code section 10428. However, a violation of Business and Professions Code section 10425 was neither pleaded nor proven.

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Based on the forgoing Findings of Fact, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following Determination of Issues:

1. Cause to discipline respondents' licenses exists under the provisions of 10 CCR section 2832 for failing to designate an account used to received and disburse trust funds as a trust account.

2. Cause to discipline respondents' licenses exists under the provisions of 10 CCR section 2832 for failing to deposit checks received in trust within three days of receipt.

3. Cause to discipline respondents' licenses exists under the provisions of 10 CCR section 2831. Ifor failing to maintain separate records for each beneficiary or transaction.

4. Cause to discipline respondents' licenses exists under the provisions of 10 CCR section 2831.2 for failing to reconcile columnar records and beneficiary records on a monthly basis.

5. Cause to discipline respondents' licenses exists under the provisions of 10 CCR section 2834 for allowing unlicensed and unbonded persons to sign on the trust accounts.

6. Cause to discipline respondents' licenses exists under the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 10177(d) and 10177(g) for violating the laws and regulations governing real estate licensees.

Cause to discipline respondent Henderson's license exists under the provisions of Business and Professions Code sections 10177(d) and 10177(h) for failure to properly supervise GMI's conduct.

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WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is made:

All licenses and licensing rights of Gull Mortgage, Inc. and Clarence Henderson under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate corporate broker's license shall be issued to GMI and a designated broker's license shall be issued to Henderson pursuant to section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code, if respondents make application therefor and pay to the Department the appropriate fee for the restricted license within 90 days from the effective date of this Decision. The restricted licenses issued to respondents 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. <u>Respondents' licenses shall be actually suspended for a period of 15</u> consecutive business days.

2. The restricted licenses issued to respondents may be suspended prior to hearing by order of the Real Estate Commissioner ("Commissioner") in the event of respondent's conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to respondents' fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee.

3. The restricted licenses issued to respondents may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that a respondent has violated a provision of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Commissioner or conditions attaching to their respective restricted licenses.

4. <u>Neither respondent shall be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted</u> real estate license nor for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until three years have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision.

5. Within nine months from the effective date of this Decision, respondent Henderson shall 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 Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. 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.

6. Within six months from the effective date of this Decision, respondent Henderson shall 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.

7. <u>Respondent shall report in writing to the Department, as the Commissioner</u> shall direct, such information concerning respondents' 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.

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DATED: March 10, 1999

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CAROLYN D. MAGNUSON Administrative Law Judge Office of Administrative Hearings

N	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
	In the Matter of the Accusation of) NO. H-27850 LA
	GULL MORTGAGE CORPORATION and,) NOTICE OF CONTINUED HEARING
	Respondents.
) L-1998 110 234

To the above-named Respondents:

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 107 South Broadway, 2nd. Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012 on FEBRUARY 10, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Accusation served upon you.

You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. You are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at public expense. You are entitled to represent yourself without legal counsel. If you are not present in person nor represented by counsel at the hearing, the Department may take disciplinary action against you based upon any express admission or other evidence including affidavits, without any notice to you.

You may present any relevant evidence and will be given full opportunity to cross-examine all witnesses testifying against you. You are entitled to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents or other things by applying to the Department of Real Estate.

The hearing shall be conducted in the English language. If you want to offer the testimony of any witness who does not proficiently speak the English language, you must provide your own interpreter. The interpreter must be approved by the Administrative Law Judge conducting the hearing as someone who is proficient in both English and the language in which the witness will testify. You are required to pay the costs of the interpreter unless the Administrative Law Judge directs otherwise.

Dated: January 4, 1999

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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CC: Gull Mortgage Corporation CC: Dan Baja, Esq.

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To the above-named Respondents:

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 107 South Broadway, 2nd. Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012 on <u>January 8, 1999</u> at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Accusation served upon you.

You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. You are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at public expense. You are entitled to represent yourself without legal counsel. If you are not present in person nor represented by counsel at the hearing, the Department may take disciplinary action against you based upon any express admission or other evidence including affidavits, without any notice to you.

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Dated: November 19, 1998

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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CC: Gull Mortgage Corporation
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	9	DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
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	13	CLARENCE MANSFIELD HENDERSON,)
	14	Respondents.)
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	16	The Complainant, Thomas Mc Crady, a Deputy Real Estate
	17	Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation
		against GULL MORTGAGE CORPORATION and CLARENCE MANSFIELD
	19	HENDERSON alleges as follows:
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	21	The Complainant, Thomas Mc Crady acting in his
	22	official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the
	23	State of California, makes this Accusation against GULL MORTGAGE
	24	CORPORATION and CLARENCE MANSFIELD HENDERSON.
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GULL MORTGAGE CORPORATION and CLARENCE MANSFIELD HENDERSON (hereinafter referred to as respondents) are presently licensed and/or have license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code (hereinafter referred to as "the Code").

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At all times herein mentioned, respondent GULL 9 MORTGAGE CORPORATION was licensed by the Department of Real 10 Estate of the State of California as a corporate real estate 11 broker, respondent CLARENCE MANSFIELD HENDERSON, was licensed as 12 the designated broker officer of said corporation, and ordered, 13 authorized or participated in the illegal conduct of respondent 14 GULL MORTGAGE CORPORATION as alleged in this Accusation. 15 Respondent Henderson previously had his broker license 16 disciplined in case No. H-27227 LA, filed January 15, 1998. 17 IV 18 At all times herein mentioned, respondent GULL 19 MORTGAGE CORPORATION on behalf of others in expectation of **20** h compensation, engaged in the business, acted in the capacity of, 21 advertised or assumed to act as a real estate broker in the 22 State of California within the meaning of Section 10131 (d) of 23 the Code, including soliciting borrowers and lenders and 24

negotiating loans on real property.

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1 v 2 During 1997 and 1998, in connection with the aforesaid real estate brokerage activities, respondent GULL MORTGAGE 3 CORPORATION accepted or received funds from borrowers and 4 5 lenders and thereafter made disbursements of such funds. VI 6 7 In connection with respondents' activities as a real 8 estate broker, as described above, respondents, GULL MORTGAGE 9 CORPORATION and CLARENCE MANSFIELD HENDERSON, acted in violation 10 of the Real Estate Law, Business and Professions Code, 11 (hereinafter Code), and California Code of Regulations (hereinafter Regulations), Title 10, Chapter 6, as follows: 12 13 1. Violated Regulation 2832 in that the escrow trust 14 accounts were not maintained in the broker's name as trustee. Appraisal and credit report fees were not deposited into 15 a trust account within 3 business days in loan transactions 16 17 relating to Borrowers Becerra, Morrison, Lapoff and Johnson. 18 2. Violated Regulation 2381.1 by failing to maintain **19** separate records for each beneficiary or transaction. 20 3. Violated Regulation 2831.2 by not maintaining monthly reconciliations of columnar records to the separate transaction 21 records for all trust accounts. 22 Violated Regulation 2834 by allowing unlicensed and 23 4. 24 unbounded persons to sign on the trust accounts, namely, Carolyn

25 Freeman and Donna Web.

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1 VII 2 The conduct of respondent GULL MORTGAGE CORPORATION 3 as alleged above, subjects its real estate license and license 4 rights to suspension or revocation pursuant to Sections 10177(d) 5 and 10177(g) of the Code. 6 VIII 7 The conduct of respondent, CLARENCE MANSFIELD 8 HENDERSON, as alleged above, as the responsible broker, by 9 allowing and permitting respondent GULL MORTGAGE CORPORATION to 10 . engage in the conduct specified in paragraph VI above, subjects 11 his real estate licenses and license rights to suspension or 12 revocation pursuant to Sections 10177(d) and 10177(h) of the 13 Code. 14 WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be 15 conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and, that upon 16 proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary 17 action against all licenses and licensing rights of respondents 18 GULL MORTGAGE CORPORATION and CLARENCE MANSFIELD HENDERSON, 19 under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business 20 and Professions Code) and for such other and further relief as 21 may be proper under other applicable provisions of law. 22 Dated at Los Angeles, California this 13th day of October, 1998. 23 the Mc (in) 24 Deputy Real Estate Commissioner 25 GULL MORTGAGE CORPORATION and cc: 26 CLARENCE MANSFIELD HENDERSON DB, Sacto. 27 JRP:rgp COURT PAPER E OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95)

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