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. 8	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF R	EAL ESTATE
· 9	STATE OF CALIFORNI	TA
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation of) No. H-36352 LA)
12	ARMORED INVESTMENT GROUP, doing business as Armored Home Loans,) <u>FIRST AMENDED</u>
13	Armored Home Savers and Armored Real Estate; and ANDREW FRANK ROOSEN,) <u>ACCUSATION</u>
14	individually and as designated officer of Armored Investment Group,)
15	officer of Armored investment group,)) ·
16	Respondents.))
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18	The Accusation filed on Novembe	er 10, 2009, is hereby
19	amended in its entirety as follows:	
20	The Complainant, Maria Suarez,	a Deputy Real Estate
21	Commissioner of the State of California,	for cause of Accusation
22	against ARMORED INVESTMENT GROUP dba Armo	ored Home Loans, Armored
23	Home Savers and Armored Real Estate, and	ANDREW FRANK ROOSEN,
24	individually and as designated officer of	Armored Investment
25	Group, alleges as follows:	
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1. 1 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, acting in her official 2 capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of 3 California, makes this Accusation against ARMORED INVESTMENT 4 GROUP (AIG) and ANDREW FRANK ROOSEN (ROOSEN). 5 2. б All references to the "Code" are to the California Business 7 and Professions Code and all references to "Regulations" are to 8 9 Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations. 10 License 11 3. 12 At all times mentioned, AIG was licensed or had license 13 rights issued by the Department of Real Estate (Department) as a 14 real estate broker by and through real estate broker ROOSEN. 15 <u>Brokerage</u> 16 4 17 At all times mentioned, in the City of Irvine, County 18 of Orange, Respondents engaged in the business of real estate 19 brokers conducting licensed activities within the meaning of Code 20 Sections 10131(a), 10131(d) and 10131.2. Respondents operated a 21 resale, mortgage loan, loan modification and advanced fee 22 brokerage dba Armored Home Loans, Armored Home Savers and Armored 23 Real Estate. For compensation or in expectation of compensation 24 and for fees often collected in advance. Respondents contacted 25 lenders on behalf of distressed homeowners seeking modification 26 or forbearance of the terms of their home loans. 27 - 2 -

FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION (Audit LA 080216)

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On May 19, 2009, the Department completed an audit examination of the books and records of AIG pertaining to the mortgage loan, advanced fee and loan modification service activities described in Paragraph 4, which require a real estate The audit examination covered a period of time license. beginning on November 1, 2007 to March 31, 2009. The audit examination revealed violations of the Code and the Regulations as set forth in the following paragraphs, and more fully discussed in Audit Report LA 080216 and the exhibits and work 12 papers attached to said audit report. 13

> No trust account was kept during the audit period. Violations

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In the course of activities described in Paragraph 4, above, and during the examination period described in Paragraph 5, Respondents AIG and ROOSEN, acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that Respondents:

(a) Failed to maintain a control record in the form of a columnar record in chronological order of all trust funds including advance fees received, deposited and disbursed, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831. /// ///

(b) After notice and subpoena on April 16, 2009, failed
to retain all records of AIG's activity during the audit period
requiring a real estate broker license, in violation of Code
Section 10148.

(c) ROOSEN failed to exercise adequate supervision over
AIG's activities requiring a real estate license to ensure
compliance the Real Estate Laws and Regulations and had no system
in place for regularly monitoring AIG's compliance with the Real
Estate Law, in violation of Code Sections 10159.2, 10177(h) and
Regulation 2725.

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8. The conduct of Respondents AIG and ROOSEN described in

Disciplinary Statutes

Paragraph 7, above, violated the Code and the Regulations as set forth below:

16	PARAGRAPH	PROVISIONS VIOLATED
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18 19	7(a)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831
20	7 (b)	Code Section 10148
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22	7(c)	Code Section 10159.2 and 10177(h) and Regulation 2725
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24	The foregoing violations constitutes cause for the discipline of	
25	· ·	state license and license rights of AIG and ROOSEN, as
26		under the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d) for
27	violation	of the Real Estate Law and/or 10177(g) for negligence.
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SECOND CAUSE OF ACCUSATION (Audit LA 100021)

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On August 31, 2010, the Department completed an audit 4 examination of the books and records of AIG pertaining to the 5 mortgage loan, advanced fee and loan modification service 6 activities described in Paragraph 4, which require a real estate 7 license. The audit examination covered a period of time 8 beginning on November 1, 2007 to March 31, 2009. The audit 9 examination revealed violations of the Code and the Regulations 10 as set forth in the following paragraphs, and more fully 11 discussed in Audit Report LA 100021 and the exhibits and work 12 papers attached to said audit report. 13

Bank Accounts

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At all times mentioned, in connection with the 16 activities described in Paragraph 4, above, AIG accepted or 17 received funds including funds in trust (hereinafter "trust 18 funds") in the form of advance fees on behalf of actual or 19 prospective parties, including lenders, borrowers, homeowners for 20 mortgage loans and loan modifications handled by AIG and AIG's 21 dba Armored Home Savers Client Escrow Account and Armored Home 22 Thereafter AIG made deposits and or disbursements of Savers. 23 such trust funds. From time to time herein mentioned during the 24 audit period, said trust funds were deposited and/or maintained 25 by AIG in the bank accounts as follows: 26

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1 "Armored Investment Group dba Armored Home Savers Client Escrow 2 Account Account No. XXXXXXX-2506 3 Wachovia Bank (B/A #1) (AIG's general business account) Δ 5 6 "Armored Investment Group dba Armored Home Savers Account No. XXXXXXX-1879 7 Wachovia Bank (G/A #1) (AIG's general business account) 8 9 Violations 10 11. . 11 In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 4 and 10 above, and during the examination period described in 12 Paragraph 9 Respondents AIG and ROOSEN, acted in violation of the 13 Code and the Regulations in that Respondents: 14 (a) Collected advance fees within the meaning of Code 15 Section 10026 from homeowners seeking loan modification services 16 17 wherein AIG did not have and thus failed to provide a preapproved advance fee agreement from the Department between the 18 period October 30, 2008 and January 30, 2009, in violation of 19 Code Section 10085 and Regulation 2970. 20 (b) AIG failed to provide a complete description of 21 services to be rendered provided to each prospective tenant in 10 22 point type font and failed to provide an allocation and 23 disbursement of the amount collected as the advance fee to 24 Armando Moreno, in violation of Code Section 10146 and Regulation 25 26 2972. Between the period October 30, 2008 and January 30, 2009, 27

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AIG deposited \$23,200.00 out of \$34,845.00 in collected advance fees were deposited into AIG's non trust fund general operating account, G/A #1.

(c) Mixed and commingled trust funds and personal funds
by depositing collected advance fees from AIG's loan modification
service activity into, AIG's non trust fund general operating
account B/A #1, in violation of Code Sections 10145 and 10176(e)
and Regulation 2832.

9 (d) Failed to maintain a complete and accurate control
10 record in the form of a columnar record in chronological order of
11 all trust funds including advance fees received, deposited and
12 disbursed by B/A #1 and G/A #2, in violation of Code Section
13 10145 and Regulation 2831.

(e) Failed to maintain a separate record for each
beneficiary or transaction, thereby failing to account for all
trust funds received, deposited and disbursed by B/A #1, in
violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.1. No
separate trust fund beneficiary records were maintained for
collected advance fees in loan modification activity.

(f) Failed to perform a monthly reconciliation of the
balance of all separate beneficiary or transaction records
maintained pursuant to Regulation 2831.1 with the record of all
trust funds received and disbursed by B/A #1, in violation of
Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.2.

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1		(g) Failed to retain all records of AIG's activities		
2	requiring	a real estate license during the audit period requiring		
3	a real est	ate broker license, in violation of Code Section 10148.		
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6		The conduct of Respondents AIG and ROOSEN described in		
7	Paragraph	12, above, violated the Code and the Regulations as set		
8	forth below:			
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10	PARAGRAPH	PROVISIONS VIOLATED		
11	11(a)	Code Section 10085 and Regulation 2970		
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13	11(b)	Code Section 10146 and Regulation 2972		
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-15	11(c)	Code Sections 10145 and 10176(e) and Regulation 2832		
16	11(d)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831		
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18	11(e)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.1		
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20	11(f)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.2		
21	11(g)	Code Section 10148		
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25		state license and license rights of AIG and ROOSEN, as		
26	aforesaid,	under the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d) for		
27	violation	of the Real Estate Law and/or 10177(g) for negligence.		
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THIRD CAUSE OF ACCUSATION (Negligence)

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The overall conduct of Respondents AIG and ROOSEN constitutes negligence and is cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of said Respondents pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 10177(g).

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACCUSATION (Fiduciary Duty)

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¹¹ The conduct, acts and omissions of Respondents AIG and ¹² ROOSEN constitute a breach of fiduciary duty, in violation of ¹³ Code Section 10177(g).

FIURTH CAUSE OF ACCUSATION (Lack of Supervision)

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The overall conduct of Respondent ROOSEN constitutes a 17 failure on said Respondent's part, as officer and former officer 18 designated by a corporate broker licensee, to exercise the 19 reasonable supervision and control over the licensed activities 20 of AIG as required by Code Section 10159.2 and Regulation 2725, 21 and to keep AIG in compliance with the Real Estate Law, with 22 specific regard to trust fund and credit report fee handling, 23 mortgage and loan brokering and unlicensed loan modification 24 services, and is cause for discipline of the real estate license 25 and license rights of all Respondents pursuant to the provisions 26 of Code Sections 10177(d), 10177(g) and 10177(h). 27

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WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be 1 conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon . 2 3 proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against the license and license rights of Respondents 4 ARMORED INVESTMENT GROUP and ANDREW FRANK ROOSEN, under the Real 5 Estate Law (Part 1 of vision 4 of the Business and Professions 6 Code) and for such other and further relief as may be proper 7 under other applicable provisions of law including: (1) an 8 accounting of advanced fees paid for unearned loan modification 9 services; (2) deposit into a trust account or restitution to loan 10 modification applicants of advance fees paid; and, (3) for costs 11 of audits of LA 080216 and LA 1000021. 12 13 Dated at Los Angeles, California this 9, 1/124 20/1. 14 15 Estate Zommissioner ₽eal 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 Armored Investment Group cc: 25 c/o Andrew Frank Roosen D.O. Maria Suarez 26 Sacto Audits - Gina King 27 - 10 -

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(b) After notice and subpoena on May 14, 2009, failed 1 to retain all records of AIG's activity during the audit period 2 requiring a real estate broker license, in violation of Code 3 Section 10148; and 4 (c) ROOSEN failed to exercise adequate supervision over 5 AIG's activities requiring a real estate license to ensure 6 7 compliance the Real Estate Laws and Regulations and had no system 8 in place for regularly monitoring AIG's compliance with the Real 9 Estate Law, in violation of Code Sections 10159.2, 10177(h) and 10 Regulation 2725. 11 Disciplinary Statutes 12 8. 13 The conduct of Respondents AIG and ROOSEN described in 14 Paragraph 7, above, violated the Code and the Regulations as set 15 forth below: 16 17 PARAGRAPH PROVISIONS VIOLATED 18 19 7(a) Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831 20 7(b) Code Section 10148 21 22 7(c) Code Section 10159.2 and 10177(h) and Regulation 2725 23 24 25 The foregoing violations constitutes cause for the discipline of 26 the real estate license and license rights of AIG and ROOSEN, as 27

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5	failure on Respondent's part, as officer designated by a
6	corporate broker licensee, to exercise the reasonable supervision
7	and control over the licensed activities of AIG, as required by
8	Code Sections 10159.2 and 10211, and to keep AIG in compliance
9	with the Real Estate Law, with specific regard to loan
10	modifications services and advance fee handling, requiring a real
11	estate license and is cause for the suspension or revocation of
12	the real estate license and license rights of AIG and ROOSEN
13	pursuant to the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d), 10177(g)
14	and 10177(h).
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