

BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE

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In the Matter of the Accusation of)
)
RHONDA K. WALKER,)
)
Respondent.)
_____)

No. H-39480 LA

DECISION

This Decision is being issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 11520 of the Government Code, on evidence of compliance with Section 11505 of the Government Code and pursuant to the Order of Default filed on March 13, 2015, and the findings of fact set forth herein are based on one or more of the following: (1) Respondent's express admissions; (2) affidavits; and (3) other evidence.

This Decision revokes a real estate license on grounds of the discipline of Respondent's State Bar license and of the failure to disclose such discipline.

The right to reinstatement of a revoked real estate license or to the reduction of a suspension is controlled by Section 11522 of the Government Code. A copy of Section 11522 and a copy of the Commissioner's Criteria of Rehabilitation are attached hereto for the information of Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

I

On May 30, 2014, Maria Suarez made the Accusation in her official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California. The Accusation, Statement to Respondent, and Notice of Defense were mailed, by certified and regular mail, to Respondent's last known mailing address on file with the Bureau by certified mail on June 3, 2014.

On March 13, 2015, no Notice of Defense having been filed herein within the time prescribed by Section 11506 of the Government Code, Respondent's default was entered herein.

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II

Respondent is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code as a real estate broker, license ID 01303716.

III

On or about January 9, 2013, the State Bar Court in the Supreme Court of California, in Case No. 10-O-07865 (11-O-13744) ordered that Respondent, State Bar No. 175108, be suspended from the practice of law in California for one year (stayed) and that she be placed on probation for two years on two counts for violation of Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 3-110(A) (intentional, reckless, or repeated failure to perform legal services with competence). The Court also found aggravating circumstances for discipline in Respondent's prior discipline before the State Bar, on or about March 16, 2011, in Case Nos. 09-O-17011 and 9-O-19216, wherein Respondent was suspended from the practice of law in California for one year (stayed, with actual suspension for the first 60 days) and placed on probation for two years for violation of Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 3-110(F) (failure to protect clients' confidential financial information pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 6068(E)); Business and Professions Code Section 6068(M) (failure to respond to clients' reasonable status inquires); and Rules of Professional Conduct Sections 3-110(a)(intentional, reckless or repeated failure to perform legal services with competence); 3-700(D)(1) and 3-700(D)(2) (failure to release client papers and property, and unearned fees, respectively, after termination of employment).

IV

The evidence established that the acts resulting in the foregoing action taken with respect to Respondent would be grounds for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's real estate license.

V

Respondent did not, within 30 days of the State Bar discipline set forth in Paragraph III, above, report it to the Bureau.

VI

To date, the Bureau of Real Estate has incurred costs totaling \$1,085.25 in its investigation and enforcement of Case No. H-39480 LA.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

I

Cause for disciplinary action against Respondent exists pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 10177(f), 10177(g), and 10186.2.

II

The standard of proof applied was clear and convincing proof to a reasonable certainty.


ORDER

All licenses and license rights of Respondent RHONDA K. WALKER under the provisions of Part I of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code are revoked.

This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon MAY 13 2015.

DATED: APR 15 2015.

REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER


By: JEFFREY MASON
Chief Deputy Commissioner

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11 In the Matter of the Accusation of) NO. *H-39480 LA*
12 RHONDA K. WALKER,) DEFAULT ORDER
13 Respondent.)
14 _____)

15 Respondent RHONDA K WALKER, having failed to file a Notice of
16 Defense within the time required by Section 11506 of the Government Code, is now in
17 default. It is, therefore, ordered that a default be entered on the record in this matter.

18 IT IS SO ORDERED *March 13, 2015*.

19 REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

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22 By: *[Signature]*
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24 Regional Manager
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