

1 2. MAX REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC., and RHETT BUTLER
2 STAFFORD individually and as designated officer of Max Real
3 Estate Services, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Respondents")
4 are presently licensed and/or have license rights under the Real
5 Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions
6 Code, hereinafter Code).

7 3. At all times herein mentioned, Respondents MAX REAL
8 ESTATE SERVICES, INC., and RHETT BUTLER STAFFORD were licensed as
9 real estate brokers. Respondent STAFFORD was the designated
10 officer and pursuant to Code Section 10159.2 was responsible for
11 the supervision and control of the activities conducted on behalf
12 of the corporation by its officers and employees as necessary to
13 secure full compliance with the provisions of the real estate law
14 including supervision of salespersons licensed to the corporation
15 in the performance of acts for which a real estate license is
16 required.

17 4. At all times material herein, Respondents engaged
18 in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or
19 assumed to act as real estate brokers in the State of California
20 within the meaning of Section 10131(a) of the Code including
21 soliciting buyers and sellers, and negotiating the sale of real
22 property.

23 5. On or about June 6, 2016, the Bureau completed an
24 examination of Respondent MAX REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC.'s books
25 and records, pertaining to the activities described in Paragraph
26 4 above, covering a period from March 1, 2013, through April 30,
27 2016, which examination revealed violations of the Code and of

1 his real estate licenses and license rights to suspension or
2 revocation pursuant to Sections 10177(d), 10177(g), and 10177(h)
3 of the Code.

4 COST RECOVERY

5 Code Section 10106 provides, in pertinent part, that in
6 any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding
7 before the bureau, the commissioner may request the
8 administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have
9 committed a violation of this part to pay a sum not to exceed the
10 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the
11 case.

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