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| 9 | BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE |
| 10 | STATE OF CALIFORNIA |
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| 12 | In the Matter of the Accusation against) No. H-43000 LA |
| 13 | MATIAS MAURICIO SALINAS ORTIZ, |
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| 15 | Respondent.) |
| 16 | The Complainant, Jason Parson, acting in his official capacity as a Supervising |
| 17 | Special Investigator of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against MATIAS |
| 18 | MAURICIO SALINAS ORTIZ (Respondent), is informed and alleges as follows: |
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| 20 | All references to the "Code" are to the California Business and Professions Code |
| 21 | and all references to "Regulations" are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations. |
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| 1 | DRE LICENSE HISTORY 2. |
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| 3 | According to the DRE's records and records publicly available and accessible |
| 4 online | e (https://www2.dre.ca.gov/PublicASP/pplinfo.asp?License_id=02043841), Respondent is |
| ⁵ prese | ntly licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of |
| | alifornia Business and Professions Code ("Code"), as a real estate salesperson (RES), |
| ~ | rtment of Real Estate (DRE) license ID number 02043841. |
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| 9 | According to the DRE's records and records publicly available and accessible |
| | e, Respondent was first licensed by the Department on or about September 6, 2018. |
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| 14 | According to the DRE's records and records publicly available and accessible |
| ¹⁴ online | e, Respondent's mailing address of record is: 618 Ximino Ave., #B, Long Beach, |
| | ornia 90814, and Respondent is affiliated with responsible real estate broker (REB) Top |
| Produ | ucers Realty Partners, Inc. (DRE license ID 02072854). |
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| 19 | According to the DRE's records and records publicly available and accessible |
| ²⁰ online | e, Respondent's RES license was previously suspended [and subsequently released] |
| | ant to Family Code Section 17520 on June 15, 2019 and on January 18, 2024. |
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| 2 | According to the DRE's records and records publicly available and accessible |
| 3 | online, Respondent's license will expire on November 16, 2027. Upon license expiration: |
| 4 | pursuant to Code Section 10201, Respondent retains renewal rights, and pursuant to Code |
| 5 | Section 10103, the Department retains jurisdiction. |
| 6 | APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE REAL ESTATE LAW |
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| 8 | Further Grounds for Disciplinary Action |
| 9 10 | (Code Section 10177) |
| 10 | Pursuant to Code Section 10177 Further Grounds for Disciplinary Action: |
| 12 | "The commissioner may suspend or revoke the license of a real estate licensee, |
| 13 | delay the renewal of a license of a real estate licensee, or deny the issuance of a license to an |
| 14 | applicant, who has done any of the following: |
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| 16 | (f) Acted or conducted himself or herself in a manner that would have warranted |
| 17 | the denial of his or her application for a real estate license, or either had a license |
| 18 | denied or had a license issued by another agency of this state, another state, or |
| 19 | the federal government revoked, surrendered, or suspended for acts that, if done |
| 20 | by a real estate licensee, would be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a |
| 21 | California real estate license, if the action of denial, revocation, surrender, or |
| 22 | suspension by the other agency or entity was taken only after giving the licensee |
| 23 | or applicant fair notice of the charges, an opportunity for a hearing, and other |
| 24 | due process protections comparable to the Administrative Procedure Act |
| 25 | (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340), Chapter 4 (commencing with |
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| 1 | Section 11370), and Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of |
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| 2 | Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), and only upon an express finding |
| 3 | of a violation of law by the agency or entity" |
| 4 | 8. |
| 5 | Reporting |
| 6 | (Code Section 10186.2) |
| 7 | Pursuant to Code Section 10186.2 Reporting of Convictions, Indictments and |
| 8 | License Disciplinary Actions: |
| 9 | "(a) (1) A licensee shall report any of the following to the department: |
| 10 | (A) The bringing of a criminal complaint, information, or indictment |
| 11 | charging a felony against the licensee. |
| 12 | (B) The conviction of the licensee, including any verdict of guilty, or |
| 13 | plea of guilty or no contest, of any felony or misdemeanor. |
| 14 | (C) Any disciplinary action taken by another licensing entity or authority |
| 15 | of this state or of another state or an agency of the federal government. |
| 16 | (2) The report required by this subdivision shall be made in writing within 30 |
| 17 | days of the date of the bringing of the indictment or the charging of a |
| 18 | felony, the conviction, or the disciplinary action. |
| 19 | (b) Failure to make a report required by this section shall constitute a cause for |
| 20 | discipline." |
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| 2 | Costs |
| 3 | (Code Section 10106) |
| 4 | Pursuant to Code Section 10106 Cost Recovery of Investigations: |
| 5 | "(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a |
| 6 | disciplinary proceeding before the department, the commissioner may request the |
| 7 | administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation of this part to |
| 8 | pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case. |
| 9 | (b) In the case of a disciplined licensee that is a corporation or a partnership, the |
| 10 | order may be made against the licensed corporate entity or licensed partnership. |
| 11 | (c) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where |
| 12 | actual costs are not available, signed by the commissioner or the commissioner's designated |
| 13 | representative, shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of investigation and |
| 14 | prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of investigative and enforcement |
| 15 | costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not limited to, charges imposed by the |
| 16 | Attorney General. |
| 17 | (d) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount of |
| 18 | reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested pursuant to |
| 19 | subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to costs shall not be |
| 20 | reviewable by the commissioner to increase the cost award. The commissioner may reduce or |
| 21 | eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative law judge where the proposed |
| 22 | decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant to subdivision (a). |
| 23 | (e) Where an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made |
| 24 | as directed in the commissioner's decision, the commissioner may enforce the order for |
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| 1 | repayment in any appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other |
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| 2 | rights the commissioner may have as to any licentiate to pay costs. |
| 3 | (f) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the commissioner's decision |
| 4 | shall be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment. |
| 5 | (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the department shall not renew or |
| 6 | reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered under this |
| 7 | section. |
| 8 | (2) The department may, in its discretion, conditionally renew or reinstate |
| 9 | for a maximum of one year the license of any licensee who demonstrates |
| 10 | financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement with the |
| 11 | department to reimburse the department within that one-year period for the |
| 12 | unpaid costs. |
| 13 | (h) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement |
| 14 | for costs incurred and shall be deposited in the Real Estate Fund to be available, |
| 15 | notwithstanding Section 10451, upon appropriation by the Legislature. |
| 16 | (i) Nothing in this section shall preclude the department from including the |
| 17 | recovery of the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated settlement." |
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| 1 | FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE |
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| 2 | (LICENSE DISCIPLINE BY ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY) |
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| 4 | Department of Insurance Accusation No. OC 202100202 |
| 5 | According to certified records from the State of California Department of |
| 6 | Insurance (DOI) (certified on or about January 16, 2023), on or about June 3, 2022, DOI Case |
| 7 | No. OC 202100202, an Accusation was filed against the licenses and licensing rights of Matias |
| 8 | Salinas-Ortiz (DOI License No. 0K01899) and Las Americas Specialty Imports (DOI License |
| 9 | No. 0K01899) ¹ that alleged facts to support findings to revoke Respondent's DOI license |
| 10 | pursuant to: |
| 11 | A. Insurance Code (IC) Section 1668(b) (against public interest); |
| 12 | B. IC Section 1668(d) (not of good business reputation); |
| 13 | C. IC Section 1668(e) (lacking in integrity); |
| 14 | D. IC Section 1668(j) (shown incompetency or untrustworthiness in the conduct |
| 15 | of any business, or has by commission of a wrongful act or practice in the |
| 16 | course of any business exposed the public or those dealing with him or her to |
| 17 | the danger of loss); |
| 18 | E. IC Section 1668(1) (failure to perform a duty expressly enjoined upon him); |
| 19 | and |
| 20 | F. and IC Section 1668(o) (permitted any person in his or her employ to violate |
| 21 | any provision of this code). |
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| 25 | ¹ According to the DOI Accusation, Respondent was the Chief Executive Officer, owner, partner, officer, director |
| 26 | and sole controlling person of Las Americas Specialty Imports DBA Southwestern Premiere Insurance Services. |
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| 2 | According to certified records from the State of California Department of |
| 3 | Insurance (DOI) (certified on or about January 16, 2023), on or about July 18, 2022, in a |
| 4 | Default Decision and Order of Revocation in DOI Accusation Case No. OC 202100202, the |
| 5 | DOI licenses and all licensing rights of both Respondent (DOI License No. 0K01899) and Las |
| 6 | Americas Specialty Imports Southwestern Premiere Ins. Services (DOI License No. 0K91666) |
| 7 | were revoked and both were prohibited from participation in the insurance industry in any |
| 8 | capacity until expressly permitted by written order of the DOI Commissioner. Said Default |
| 9 | Decision and Order of Revocation were to become effective within ten (10) calendar days (July |
| 10 | 28, 2022). |
| 11 | 12. |
| 12 | According to the publicly accessible DOI records for Respondent available |
| 13 | online (https://cdicloud.insurance.ca.gov/cal/LicenseDetail), Respondent's DOI License |
| 14 | No. 0K01899 has been inactive since July 28, 2022. |
| 15 | 13. |
| 16 | The revocation of Respondent's DOI license and the order prohibiting his |
| 17 | participation in the insurance industry, as alleged herein above in Paragraph 11, constitutes |
| 18 | cause for the suspension or revocation of the REB license, license rights and associated license |
| 19 | endorsements, if any, of Respondent under the Real Estate Law, pursuant to Business and |
| 20 | Professions Code Section 10177(f). |
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| 1 | SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE | |
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| 2 | (FAILURE TO REPORT LICENSE DISCIPLINE TO DRE) | |
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| 4 | According to DRE records to date, Respondent did not report in writing to the | |
| 5 | Department, the aforementioned discipline by the California Department of Insurance in DOI | |
| 6 | Accusation Case No. OC 202100202, as described above in Paragraph 11, within thirty (30) | |
| 7 | days of the July 28, 2022 effective [revocation] date. | |
| 8 | 15. | |
| 9 | Respondent's failure to report his license revocation in DOI Accusation Case | |
| 10 | No. OC 202100202, as described above in Paragraph 11, constitutes cause for discipline under | |
| 11 | Code Section 10186.2 of the RES license, license rights and associated license endorsements, if | |
| 12 | any, of Respondent under the Real Estate Law. | |
| 13 | COSTS OF INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT | |
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| 15 | If Respondent is found to have committed a violation of the Real Estate Law, the | |
| 16 | Commissioner may request Respondent to pay the reasonable costs of the investigation and | |
| 17 | enforcement of this case, pursuant to Code Section 10106. | |
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| 1 | WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the |
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| 2 | allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing |
| 3 | disciplinary action against all licenses and license rights of Respondent MATIAS MAURICIO |
| 4 | SALINAS ORTIZ under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and |
| 5 | Professions Code), for the cost of investigation and enforcement as permitted by law, and for |
| 6 | such other and further relief as may be proper under other provisions of law. |
| 7 | Dated at Los Angeles, California: November 14, 2024 |
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| 11 | Supervising Special Investigator |
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| 15 | cc: Matias Mauricio Salinas Ortiz Top Producers Realty Partners, Inc. |
| 16 | LA Enf.: J. Parson Sacto. |
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