

**BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION  
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<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
	)	<b>CASE NUMBER: A09-038</b>
<b>Jill Bassman</b>	)	
<b>Broker (B44955)</b>	)	
<b>INACTIVE</b>	)	<b>COMBINED STATEMENT OF</b>
	)	<b>CHARGES, INFORMAL</b>
<b>49101 Cedar Drive</b>	)	<b>SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT</b>
<b>Wets Des Moines, Iowa 50266</b>	)	<b>AND CONSENT ORDER IN A</b>
	)	<b>DISCIPLINARY CASE</b>
<b>Respondent.</b>	)	

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The Iowa Real Estate Commission (Commission) and **Jill Bassman** (Respondent) enter into this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement, and Consent Order in a Disciplinary Case (Order) pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 17A.10(1) and 272C.3(4) (2009).

1. The Commission issued the Respondent real estate broker officer license number B44955 on October 17, 2006. Respondent's license is current and in full force and effect through December 31, 2011. At all times relevant to this matter, the Respondent was a licensed real estate broker sole officer assigned to Red Maple Management, LLC, a licensed firm, license number F05043 located in West Des Moines, Iowa.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 543B (2009). Licenses issued by the Commission are subject to the laws of the State of Iowa and to the administrative rules of the Commission.

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

**COUNT I**

3. Respondent is charged with engaging in practices harmful or detrimental to the public in violation of Iowa Code sections 543B.29(1)(c), 543B.29(10), 543B.34, and 543B.46 (2009) by:

- (a) Failing to maintain at all times a record of the Respondent's trust account. See 193E Iowa Admin. Code §§ 13.1(6) and 18.14(5)(e).
- (b) Failing to maintain the general ledger, individual ledgers, and bank reconciliation to reflect accurate current balances. See 193E Iowa Admin. Code §§ 13.1(6), 18.14(5)(e).

- (c) Failing to maintain an individual ledger for Broker Equity in the Respondent's trust account. See 193E Iowa Admin. Code §§ 13.1(6), 18.14(5)(e).

#### CIRCUMSTANCES

4. On or about December 16, 2009, an audit of the Respondent's trust account and records was conducted.
5. The auditor found that the Individual Ledger total was \$18,047.83, the General Ledger total was \$18,047.83 and the Reconciled Bank Balance total was \$17,950.00 resulting in a shortage of \$97.35 in the Respondent's trust account.
6. The auditor found the Respondent is not performing monthly reconciliations on a written worksheet to document and ensure agreement of the general ledger balance, individual ledgers, and reconciled bank balance ("three-way tie" is not being completed and documented).
7. The auditor found that the Respondent was not maintaining an Individual Ledger for Broker Equity in the Respondent's trust account.

#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

8. Respondent admits each and every allegation in the above-stated Statement of Charges.
9. Respondent acknowledges that she has a right to receive notice of the above-stated charges and to request a hearing before the Commission on the merits of the charges. By freely and voluntarily entering into this Order, the Respondent waives her right to notice and a hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review. This Order constitutes discipline against the Respondent, and is the final agency order in this contested case pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and 193 Iowa Administrative Code 7.4.
10. Respondent agrees that the State's attorney and/or Commission staff may present this Order to the Commission and may have *ex parte* communications with the Commission while presenting it. Respondent waives any right of notice of this meeting or any right that the Respondent might have to participate in the discussion of this Order among the Commission, the Commission staff and the State's attorney.
11. This Order shall be part of the permanent record of Respondent and shall be considered by the Commission in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations of the laws and rules governing the practice of real estate by the Respondent.
12. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of Iowa Code sections 543B.29(3), 543B.34(2) and 272C.3(2)(a) (2009) and shall

be grounds for further disciplinary action. However, no action may be taken against the Respondent for violations of this Order without a hearing, or waiver of hearing.

13. This Order is not binding on the Iowa Real Estate Commission until it has been formally approved by a majority of the Commission members.

- (a) In the event that this Order is rejected by the Commission it shall be of no force or effect to either party, and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter.
- (b) If the Commission approves this Order, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.

14. Upon acceptance by both the Commission and Respondent, this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement and Consent Order shall be a public record available for inspection and copying in its entirety in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22 (2009).

### **CONSENT ORDER**

#### **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

15. **REPRIMAND.** Pursuant to 193E Iowa Administrative Code section 18.14(1)(j), the Respondent is reprimanded.

16. **CIVIL PENALTY.** The Respondent shall pay to the Commission a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 as a condition precedent to:

- (a) The Respondent's reactivation of her inactive Iowa real estate broker license.
- (b) The Respondent's reinstatement of her Iowa real estate broker license in the event of its expiration.

The Commission shall not reactivate or reinstate the Respondent's real estate broker license before and until it has received payment in full of the required civil penalty from the Respondent. Payment of the civil penalty shall not excuse the Respondent from demonstrating compliance with all other applicable statutory and regulatory requirements or otherwise qualifying for reactivation or reinstatement of her real estate broker license.

17. **EDUCATION.** The Respondent shall attend the Commission approved eight (8) hour course "Trust Accounts." These hours shall be in addition to any real estate continuing education required by law for license renewal. The original certificate of attendance must be submitted to the Iowa Real Estate Commission prior to reactivation or reinstatement of her real estate broker license in the event it expires, and must come

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under a cover letter addressed to the Commission's Executive Officer and refer to case A09-038.

**18. FUTURE COMPLIANCE.** The Respondent also shall at all future times fully and promptly comply with all pertinent Orders of the Commission and the statutes and Commission rules regulating the practice of real estate.

**WHEREFORE,** the terms of this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement, and Consent Order are agreed to and accepted by the Iowa Real Estate Commission and the Respondent.

**FOR THE RESPONDENT:**


Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by **Jill Bassman** on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

  
By: **JILL BASSMAN**, Respondent

State of Georgia)

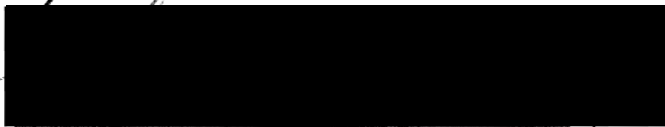
County of Chatham)

Signed and sworn to before me on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 2010, by:

  
Notary Public, State of ~~Iowa~~ Georgia  
Printed Name: Reginald Crawford  
My Commission Expires: My Commission Expires August 17, 2013

**FOR THE COMMISSION:**

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by the **IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION** on this 25 day of FEBRUARY, 2010.

  
**Laurie Dawley**, Chair  
Iowa Real Estate Commission