

**BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
1920 S.E. HULSIZER
ANKENY, IOWA**

IN RE:)	
)	CASE NUMBER: 12-110
Wendy Cohen)	
Broker (B40868))	
INACTIVE)	COMBINED STATEMENT OF
)	CHARGES, INFORMAL
RESPONDENT)	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT,
)	AND CONSENT ORDER IN A
4149 Bon Rea Drive)	DISCIPLINARY CASE
Charlotte, NC 28226)	

The Iowa Real Estate Commission (Commission) and **Wendy Cohen** (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) (2011).

1. The Commission issued the Respondent a real estate broker license number B40868 on September 25, 2000. Respondent's license is in full force and effect until December 31, 2014. At all times relevant to this matter, the Respondent was licensed real estate broker associate assigned to FastStart Real Estate Services, LLC, a licensed real estate firm, license number F04989 located in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Respondent's license was placed on inactive status on May 10, 2012.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 543B (2011). 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. The Respondent is charged with submitting, or causing to be submitted; whether intentional or otherwise, incorrect information on a renewal application. See Iowa Code sections 272C.10(1); 543B.15(5); 543B.29(1), 543B.34 (1)(a) & (k) (2011); and 193E Iowa Administrative Code section 16.2(2); 16.4(2); 16.5(1) & (4) and 18.14(5)(s). ~

CIRCUMSTANCES

4. On December 22, 2011, the Respondent submitted her on-line renewal application for an Iowa real estate salesperson license. On the renewal, the Respondent attested that she

had completed the required thirty six hours of continuing education required by 193E Iowa Administrative Rule 16.2(2).

5. In February of 2012, the Respondent was chosen for a random audit for her continuing education for her 2011 license renewal.

6. The Respondent included as a part of her renewal courses that were deemed not acceptable for Iowa continuing education as the courses appear to have North Carolina or Kentucky state specific material. Additionally, two courses were taken in 2008 and two courses were taken in 2012, all of which were completed outside of the 2009, 2010, and/or 2011 license renewal period.

7. Accurate and truthful attestation of one's continuing education history is essential to the Commission's determination of whether an applicant meets all requirements for renewing an Iowa real estate broker license. See Iowa Code § 543.15(5) (2011). The Respondent's failure to complete all required continuing education within the renewal period as attested on her Iowa real estate broker license renewal application constituted a false statement of material fact.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

7. Respondent admits to each and every allegation in the above-stated Statement of Charges.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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) (2011) 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 (2011).

CONSENT ORDER

14. **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.

15. **FUTURE COMPLIANCE.** The Respondent 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 is agreed to by the Iowa Real Estate Commission and the Respondent.

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by Wendy Cohen on this 20th day of August, 2012.



By: Wendy Cohen, Respondent

State of North Carolina

County of Mecklenburg

Signed and sworn to before me on this 20th day of August, 2012, by



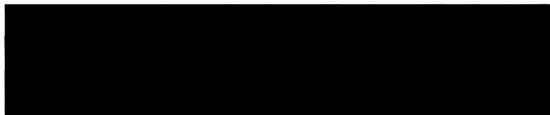
Notary Public, State of ~~Iowa~~ NC

Printed Name: Anthony Chaliny

My Commission Expires: 8/22/16

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by the IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION on this 18 day of October, 2012.



Judith E. Stevens, Chair
Iowa Real Estate Commission