

BEFORE THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
CONCORD NH 03301

In the Matter of:

File No. 2012-017 NH Real Estate Commission v. Daniel R. Croteau
Allegations: RSA 331-A:26, I; Rea 401.01, b, 13

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

In order to avoid the delay and expense of further proceedings and to promote the best interests of the public and the practice of real estate, the New Hampshire Real Estate Commission (“Commission”) and Daniel R. Croteau (“the Licensee” or “the Respondent”), a real estate salesperson currently licensed by the Commission until May 28, 2014, agree to resolve certain allegations of professional misconduct now pending before the Commission in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. The parties stipulate that the Commission has jurisdiction to institute a disciplinary proceeding against the Respondent pursuant to RSA 331-A:29, I and RSA 541-A:31, V, and if such a proceeding were commenced, the allegations against the Respondent would be:

On October 7, 2011 Respondent Daniel Croteau plead guilty to 2 counts of Violation of Protective Order (Class A misdemeanor) and 1 count of Harassment (Class A misdemeanor). Respondent received a 30 day suspended sentence to the House of Corrections pending 1 year of Good Behavior. The NH Department of Safety State Police criminal history record indicates that all the offenses were non-violent. Respondent failed to disclose these criminal convictions on his 2012 application for renewal of his real estate salesperson license. Respondent

answered “No” on question #4: “Have you, since your last original or renewal application, been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor offense that has not been annulled by a court?” Respondent’s renewal application was signed by his principal broker. The Commission Investigator Ann Flanagan spoke to Respondent’s principal broker who indicated that he was aware that Respondent had been going through a divorce and that the police were present when Respondent was removing his belongings, but he was unaware that Respondent had been arrested or convicted of any offense.

2. The Respondent acknowledges and does not contest the allegations described in Paragraph 1 above.
3. The Respondent consents to the Commission imposing the following discipline, pursuant to RSA 331-A:28, I. The Respondent shall pay a disciplinary fine in the amount of two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) to the New Hampshire Real Estate Commission, payable to the Treasurer State of New Hampshire within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Settlement Agreement. Failure to comply with this disciplinary Settlement Agreement will result in the suspension of Respondent’s real estate license until the fine is paid.
4. The Respondent’s failure to adhere to any requirement imposed by this Agreement shall be a separate and sufficient ground for disciplinary action by the Commission.
5. Except as provided in Item 3 and 4 above, this Agreement shall forever bar further disciplinary action or other adverse action by the Commission based upon the specific allegations described above in Paragraph 1, provided, however, that this Agreement may be considered by the Commission in determining whether the Respondent has

engaged in a pattern of misconduct, or in determining the nature of any sanctions which may be imposed in any subsequent disciplinary proceeding arising out of different misconduct allegations.

6. The Respondent voluntarily signs this Settlement Agreement and states that no promises or representations have been made to him other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.
7. Respondent understands that his action in entering into this agreement is a final act and not subject to reconsideration or judicial review or appeal.
8. Respondent has had the opportunity to seek and obtain the advice of an attorney of his choosing in connection with his decision to enter into this Agreement.
9. Respondent understands that the Commission must review and accept the terms of this Agreement. If the Commission rejects any portion, the entire Agreement shall be null and void. Respondent specifically waives any claims that any disclosures made to the Commission during its review of this Agreement have prejudiced his right to a fair and impartial hearing in the future if this Agreement is not accepted by the Commission.
10. Respondent certifies that he has read this document titled Settlement Agreement. Respondent understands that he has the right to a formal adjudicatory hearing concerning this matter and that at said hearing he would possess the rights to confront and cross-examine witnesses, to call witnesses, to present evidence, to testify on his own behalf, to contest the allegations, to present oral argument, and to appeal to the courts. Further, Respondent fully understands the nature, qualities and dimensions of

these rights. Respondent understands that by signing this Agreement, he waives these rights as they pertain to the misconduct described herein.

11. The effective date of this Agreement shall be on the date it is signed by the representative of the Commission shown below.

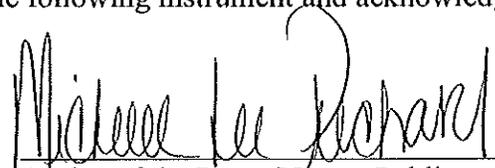
For the Respondent

I, Daniel R. Croteau, have reviewed the forgoing Settlement Agreement settling misconduct allegations pending against me, and, of my own free will and without duress, and being knowledgeable about all of the consequences, admit to the validity thereof, and agree to all of the terms of this Settlement Agreement. Further, I knowingly and freely waive my right to further notice, opportunity for hearing, substantial evidence, and findings and conclusions with regard to the allegations, which have been settled by the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

Dated: 8/8, 2012


Daniel R. Croteau
Respondent

On this 8th day of August A.D. 2012
personally appeared the person who subscribe to the following instrument and acknowledged the same as his voluntary act and deed before me.

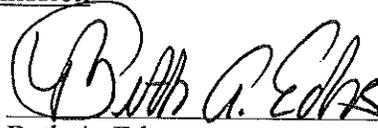

Justice of the Peace/Notary Public



My commission expires:
11.30.2016

For the Commission

Dated: August 21st, 2012



Beth A. Edes
Executive Director
of the NH Real Estate Commission