

Maryland Real Estate Commission	*	BEFORE THE
	*	MARYLAND REAL
v.	*	ESTATE COMMISSION
Evan Lacopo	*	Case No.: 192-RE-2023
RESPONDENT	*	*
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Consent Order

This matter comes before the Maryland Real Estate Commission (“Commission”) as the result of an audit of continuing education hours conducted by the Commission in connection with the 2022 renewal application of Evan Lacopo. As a result of the audit, it was determined that the Respondent did not complete the required hours of continuing education instruction for renewal of his license. As a means of resolving this matter, the Commission and the Respondent have agreed to enter into this Consent Order, and agree and stipulate to the following:

1. On May 18, 2022, the Respondent submitted an electronic application for the renewal of his salesperson’s license for the (2020-2022) renewal period.
2. Pursuant to Section 17-315 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code, the Respondent was required to complete 15 hours of continuing education instruction during the two-year period preceding the renewal date of May 18, 2022.
3. The Respondent failed to complete the required number of hours, but certified on the renewal application dated May 18, 2022, that the continuing education requirement had been fulfilled. The failure to obtain the continuing education hours

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was in violation of Section 17-315 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code.

4. The Respondent agrees that his 15-hour continuing education requirements were not completed in his 2022 renewal when he answered "Yes, to the question that he completed the required continuing education course needed to renew his salesperson's license".

5.. As a term and condition of this Consent Order, the Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) in connection with the violation of Section 17-315, Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code. In addition, the Respondent will pay a fee in the amount of \$100 for the administrative costs associated with this matter. The fee and fine are to be paid within sixty (60) days of the date of this Consent Order.

6. The Respondent also agrees that all continuing education courses that Respondent submitted were not completed until 9/30/2022 and 10/1/2022. The courses were outside the renewal period of 5/18/2022 and cannot be submitted for his next renewal period.

7. By entering into the Consent Order, the Respondent expressly waives the right to an administrative hearing before a Commission panel or the Office of Administrative Hearings, the making of Findings and Conclusions of Law, any further proceedings before the Commission, and any rights to appeal from this Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, based on these stipulations and agreements, it is hereby this
16th day of October, 2023, **ORDERED** by the Commission:

- I. That the Respondent has been found to have violated Section 17-315 and 17-322 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code and it is further,
- II. That Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of \$1,600.00 to the Commission for the violation upon Respondent's execution of this Consent Order, and it is further
- III. The Respondent agrees that his 15-hour continuing education requirements were not completed in his 2022 renewal when he answered "Yes, to the question that he completed the required continuing education course needed to renew his salesperson's license".
- IV. The Respondent also agrees that all continuing education courses that Respondent submitted were not completed until 9/30/2022 and 10/1/2022. The courses were outside the renewal period of 5/18/2022 and cannot be submitted for his next renewal period.
- V. That the Commission's records and publications reflect the violation and civil penalty imposed on the Respondent

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Evan Lacopo
Respondent

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Michael L. Kasnic
Executive Director