## BEFORE THE MARYLAND REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

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V.

Hollis T. Brown

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Case Nos.: 70-RE-2014, et al.

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CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the Maryland Real Estate Commission ("Commission") based on numerous complaints filed against the Respondent, Hollis T. Brown, by Stephanie Matulich ("Complainant") and the other Complainants listed in Appendix A, which is attached to and incorporated as part of this Consent Order. Based on these complaints and an investigation commenced by the Commission, it was determined that administrative charges against the Respondent were appropriate and that an administrative hearing on those charges should be held.

The Commission and the Respondent have agreed to enter into this Consent Order to provide for the imposition of disciplinary measures which are fair & equitable in these circumstances and which are consistent with the best interest of the people of the State of Maryland. The Commission and the Respondent further agree to enter this Consent Order to provide for and issues regarding the claims against the Real Estate Guaranty Fund (Guaranty Fund) that have been filed by Ms. Matulich and the Complainants listed in Appendix A, and those that may be filed in the future against the Respondent, and which present the same or similar issues resulting from the Respondent's actions as property manager with H. T. Brown Real Estate Inc.

## The Commission and the Respondent agree and stipulate as follows:

- At all times relevant to the matters set forth in this Consent Order, the Commission had jurisdiction over the subject matter and the Respondent.
- The Respondent was licensed as a broker, license registration number 01-482, and at the time of the events at issue was affiliated with H. T. Brown Real Estate Inc., a property management company located at 305 Compton Avenue, Laurel, MD.
- 3. The Respondent's license expires on February 19, 2015.
- 4. The complaints received by the Commission generally allege that the Respondent failed to promptly account for or to remit money that belonged to someone else, and that he received in his capacity as property manager and pursuant to the terms of the property management agreements he entered into with the Complainants.

 The Respondent admits that his actions in failing to account for or submit the funds to the Complainants, violated the provision of Title 17, §17-322 (b) (22) of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code, which provides:

## Section 17-322 (b) (22) Business Occupations and Professions Article Maryland Annotated Code

(b) Grounds: Subject to the hearing provisions of§17-324 of this subtitle, the Commission may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee;

"Fails to account for or to remit promptly any money that comes into the possession of the licensee but belongs to another person;"

- 6. The Respondent consents to the entry of an Order by the Commission that his actions, as described in this Consent Order, violated §17-322 (b) (22). The Respondent agrees to a revocation of any and all licenses previously issued to him by the Maryland Real Estate Commission. The Respondent further agrees not to apply to renew or reinstate those licenses and not to apply for a new license to engage in or assist in the provision of real estate brokerage services in the State at any time in the future.
- The Respondent agrees that he will not contest or participate in any Guaranty Fund Hearing arising out of the Respondent's actions as a property manager with H.T. Brown Real Estate, Inc.
- 8. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that by entering into this Consent Order, he expressly waives the right to have the Commission issue charges, have an administrative hearing on the charges, the issuance of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by an independent Administrative Law Judge, any and all further proceedings before the Commission to which the Respondent may be entitled in this matter, and any rights to take an appeal from this Consent Order.
- The Respondent enters into this Consent Order freely, knowingly and voluntarily, and with the advice of counsel.
- 10. The Commission accepts this Consent Order as the full and final resolution of the regulatory actions taken or that could be taken by the Commission in connection with the complaints filed by the Complainants, and any future complaints filed with the Commission against the Respondent and arising out of the Respondent's actions as a property manager with H.T. Brown Real Estate, Inc.

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ORDERED, that the Respondent violated §17-322 (b) (22) of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code, for failing to promptly account for or to remit money that came into his possession, but belonged to another person.

ORDERED, that any and all licenses held by the Respondent with the Commission are revoked and that the Respondent shall surrender the license(s) within seven (7) days of the date of this Consent Order;

ORDERED, that the Respondent shall not be eligible for the renewal or reinstatement of the previously issued licenses, and he shall not be eligible to apply to the Commission in the future for a license to engage in the provision of or assist in the provision of real estate brokerage services in the State.

ORDERED, that the Respondent will not contest the Guaranty Fund claims submitted by the Complainants, listed on Appendix A nor any future claims filed against the Respondent that involve the Respondent's actions while a property manager at H.T. Brown Real Estate Inc., and he will not participate in any hearing related to those claims;

And it is further ORDERED that the claims will be reviewed by the Commission, and in accordance with §17-404, will be set for hearing or dismissed and that the Respondent will not appeal any decision by the Commission of the award or dismissal of the claims filed.

ORDERED, that the Commission's records and publications reflect the terms of this Consent Order.

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Hollis T. Brown, Respondent	