

NEW JERSEY REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

NEW JERSEY REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, ) DOCKET NUMBER: REC E21-004  
 ) (REC Ref. No.10009471)  
 Complainant )  
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 v. ) ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
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 GEORGE REGGO, )  
 licensed New Jersey real estate broker, )  
 (8510137), broker of record of REGGO )  
 KELEMEN REAL ESTATE; and )  
 CHRISTOPHER KELEMEN, licensed New )  
 Jersey real estate salesperson, (9131528) )  
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Respondents.

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THIS MATTER being commenced by the New Jersey Real Estate Commission in the Department of Banking and Insurance, State of New Jersey (“Commission”), on its own motion, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:15-17, 45:15-18, and N.J.A.C. 11:5-1.1, and it appearing that:

1. On or about, August 1, 1985, George Reggo (“Reggo”) first obtained his New Jersey real estate broker license; and
2. On or about August 1, 1985 Reggo became licensed as broker of record for the real estate brokerage firm of Reggo Kelemen Real Estate (“Reggo Kelemen”), with offices located at 129 Queen Anne Road, Bogota, New Jersey; and
3. On or about July 1, 1991, Christopher Kelemen (“Kelemen”) was first licensed as a real estate salesperson in the State of New Jersey and became licensed with Reggo Kelemen; and

COUNT ONE

4. On or about June 30, 2019, Reggo, as broker of record of Reggo Kelemen, was responsible for renewing the brokerage license of Reggo Kelemen and thereafter, the licenses of all salespersons who held their licenses with Reggo Kelemen; and

5. Reggo failed to meet this responsibility and did not renew the brokerage license of Reggo Kelemen or the licenses its salespersons as required by June 30, 2019, for the 2019-2021 renewal cycle; and

6. As a result of Reggo's failure to renew the brokerage license of Reggo Kelemen and the salespersons licenses held by Reggo Kelemen, all those licenses became inactive as of July 1, 2019. Reggo did not reinstate the brokerage license of Reggo Kelemen until September 6, 2019, and the other salespersons licenses thereafter; and

7. Reggo's failure to timely renew the license of Reggo Kelemen and those of its salespersons, caused those licensees to be in jeopardy of violating N.J.S.A. 45:15-1 and N.J.S.A. 45:15-3, during the period of July 1, 2019 through September 6, 2019, by conducting real estate business without a license; and

8. Reggo's conduct was in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:15-17(e) in that it demonstrated incompetency; and

COUNT TWO

9. Kelemen, a licensee of Reggo Kelemen, also failed to renew his salespersons license, as required but continued to engage in real estate business during that period while his license was inactive, by accept two property listings; and

10. Reggo's failure to ensure that the Kelemen did not engage in real estate activities after his license was inactive, constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 11:5-4.2(a)1 by Reggo, as the broker

of record of Reggo Kelemen. This regulation holds individual brokers responsible for the actions of persons licensed through their real estate business, that are in violation of the provisions of the Real Estate License Law, N.J.S.A. 45:15-1 et seq. or the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

COUNT THREE

11. Kelemen's failure to renew his license on or about June 30, 2019 caused his license to become inactive; nonetheless, he continued to conduct real estate activities by taking real estate listings and conduct other related activities, when he knew or should have known that such activities can only be conducted by those persons with active real estate licenses; and

12. By engaging in real estate activities without an active real estate license, Kelemen was in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:15-17(e), as his conduct demonstrated unworthiness, incompetence, bad faith or dishonesty;

And for good cause shown,

IT IS ON THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2021

ORDERED that Reggo shall show cause why his real estate brokers license and/or eligibility to hold a real estate brokers license should not be suspended or revoked and/or why fines or other sanctions should not be imposed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:15-17 and N.J.A.C. 11:5-1.1.

Kelemen shall show cause why his real estate salespersons license and/or eligibility to hold a real estate salespersons license should not be suspended or revoked and/or why fines or other sanctions should not be imposed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:15-17 and N.J.A.C. 11:5-1.1

Reggo and Kelemen shall each file a written Answer to the charges in this Order to Show Cause as required by N.J.A.C. 11:5-11.2 within twenty (20) days of the service of this Order. As required by N.J.A.C. 11:5-11.2, their written Answers must include specific admissions or denials

of all allegations in the Order to Show Cause, state the factual basis of each and every factual allegation denied and assert any defenses that Reggo and Kelemen intend to present if this matter is deemed a contested case and a plenary hearing is held; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that failure to comply with all the requirements of N.J.A.C. 11:5-11.2 may result in a determination that there are no material facts or issues of law in dispute and any presentation made to the Commission will be limited to the issue of the severity of any sanction or penalty to be imposed; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the New Jersey Real Estate Commission will review this Order to Show Cause and Answer(s) filed, if any, at a meeting scheduled on or after the

27th day of July, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. to determine whether there is a material fact or issue of law contested. No appearance is required at that time; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the Commission determines that there is a material fact or issue of law contested, a hearing will be scheduled for a future date; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the Commission determines that there is no material fact or issue of law contested, a hearing shall be scheduled at which Reggo and Kelemen will be limited to presenting witnesses and documentary evidence regarding the issue of the severity of any sanction or penalty to be imposed; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be served upon Reggo and Kelemen as provided in N.J.S.A. 45:15-18, which service may be accomplished by serving a copy of this Order on Reggo and Kelemen personally, or by delivering a copy hereof to their last known business address via certified mail.



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Marlene Caride  
Commissioner  
New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance