

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
MAINE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION**

In Re:

Stephanie J. Burrige)	
Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate/)	
The Masiello Group)	
233 Central Avenue)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
Dover, New Hampshire)	

INTRODUCTION

This Consent Agreement regarding the brokerage activity of Stephanie J. Burrige is entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 13069(6)(B) (1988). The parties to this Consent Agreement are Stephanie J. Burrige (“Burrige”) and Carol J. Leighton, Director of the Maine Real Estate Commission (“Director”).

FACTS

Burrige is an associate broker licensed with Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate/The Masiello Group doing business at 233 Central Avenue in Dover, New Hampshire.

On May 10, 2009 Burrige completed the online renewal process. As part of the online process, she was required to respond to questions regarding her eligibility for renewal. One of the questions Burrige was required to answer concerned her completion of the required continuing education:

Your license requires 21 hours of continuing education for renewal. After you have reviewed the continuing education requirement for license renewal listed in the Board Rules Chapter 370 [link provided] and Continuing Education Statute, [link provided] please indicate whether you have met the requirements. Please note that a YES answer to this question means that at the time you submit this renewal application online, you have already successfully completed the 21 hours.

Burrige checked the “yes” answer and completed the renewal process. Based on the information provided in the application, Burrige’s associate broker renewal license was issued effective May 11, 2009 with an expiration date of May 10, 2011.

By letter mailed on or about June 9, 2009 Burrige was notified by the Commission that her name had been selected for an audit of the continuing education courses she had completed to qualify for renewal. Burrige did not respond to the notice and a second notice was mailed on or about July 10, 2009.

On July 13, 2009 Burrige submitted copies of continuing education course certificates totaling 16 clock hours completed during her license renewal term. The 16 clock hours did not include

the required core course, "What am I & Why is it Important." Burrige also submitted a copy of a course certificate that confirms she completed the required core course on July 13, 2009. In addition, Burrige submitted a copy of a course certificate completed for the renewal of her license in May 2007.

AGREEMENT

Whereas, the parties wish to conclude this matter without a hearing before the Commission, they hereby agree to the following terms, subject to the approval of the Commission and the Department of the Attorney General.

1. Burrige acknowledges all the facts set forth above as true to the best of her knowledge and belief.
2. Burrige acknowledges that her conduct in certifying that she met the continuing education requirement for renewal when she had not completed 21 clock hours of continuing education, including the required core course, constitutes a violation of 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5-A) (A)(4) & (5), 32 M.R.S.A. § 13197(1) and Chapter 370 Section 10(A) of the Maine Real Estate Commission Rules.
3. Burrige agrees to pay a fine in the amount of \$900.00. The fine shall be submitted to the Commission by December 10, 2009 and shall be payable to the Treasurer of the State of Maine.
4. Burrige agrees to submit to the Commission course certificates confirming completion of a minimum of 3 clock hours of approved continuing education within 10 days of the approval date of this Agreement. Burrige agrees that the course certificates submitted for compliance with this Agreement may only be used for renewal of her license in May 2009.
5. The Director and the Commission agree that no further agency or legal action will be initiated against Burrige by the Commission based upon the facts described herein, except that in the event that Burrige does not fully comply with the terms of this Agreement, the Director or the Commission shall initiate whatever action is deemed necessary. However, the Director or the Commission may consider the misconduct described above as evidence of a pattern of conduct in the event that similar misconduct allegations are brought against Burrige in the future. Additionally, the Director or the Commission may consider the fact that discipline was imposed by this Agreement as a factor in determining appropriate discipline should any further misconduct allegations be proven against Burrige in the future.

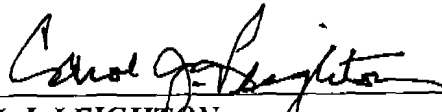
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STEPHANIE J. BURRIDGE

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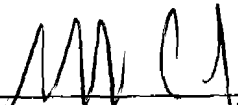
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CAROL J. LEIGHTON
Director, Maine Real Estate Commission

APPROVED

Dated: 9/17/09



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