

THE REAL ESTATE COUNCIL OF ALBERTA

Case Number: 011314
Name on Licence: Vincent Hong
Licence Type & Class: Real Estate Associate
Brokerage Name on Licence: Panda Realty Inc. o/a Coldwell Banker Venture Realty
Process: Section 39 & 83 of the *Real Estate Act*

Document: ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY
Penalty: \$1,500.00

Payment

This Penalty must be paid **within 30 days** of the date this Notice was issued.

If you fail to pay the Penalty the Registrar may commence collection under Part 6 of the *Real Estate Act* and may suspend your licence under section 38.1 of the Rules.

If you pay the Penalty

- You will have satisfied the Administrative Penalty and no further proceedings under Part 6 will be taken against you.
- You cannot be charged under the *Real Estate Act* with an offence for the contravention(s) in this Administrative Penalty.

TO: Vincent Hong

The Registrar of the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA) has determined there is sufficient evidence you have contravened **section 41(b) of the *Real Estate Act Rules*** and this is conduct deserving of sanction.

Rule 41 – *Licensees must:*

(b) provide competent service

Particulars of the contravention(s):

1. In or around March 2021, you failed to exercise reasonable care and skill, contrary to section 41(b) of the *Real Estate Act* Rules:
 - a) You were representing buyers interested in viewing a property.
 - b) This was during the COVID-19 pandemic. The seller's agent made buyer's agents aware of the requirements for showings. The requirements were to wear face masks.
 - c) On March 4, 2021, you had permission to bring your buyers to view the property.
 - d) You allowed the buyers to enter the property while not wearing masks. This was a failure to follow the seller's requirements when viewing the property. This was a failure to exercise reasonable care and skill when a property was under your care and control.

The Registrar considered the following aggravating and mitigating factors:

Aggravating Factors

- RECA has received multiple complaints from sellers about buyer agents failing to follow permissions or guidelines around showings. We must deter this conduct.

Appeal

You have the right to appeal this Administrative Penalty to a Hearing Panel. See **section 83.1 of the *Real Estate Act*** for what you must do to appeal.

In an appeal you will be given a full opportunity consistent with procedural fairness and natural justice to present evidence before the Hearing Panel in relation to the contraventions alleged.

Your written notice of appeal must comply with section 83.1 and must be received by the Registrar **within 30 days** of you receiving this Administrative Penalty.

If you appeal, payment of the Penalty will not be required until an order to pay a penalty is issued by the Hearing Panel. If you have any questions regarding particulars or the appeal process, please contact:

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Issued at Calgary, Alberta, on May 7, 2021.

"Signature"

Charles Stevenson, Registrar
Real Estate Council of Alberta

cc [J.A], Real Estate Broker
Coldwell Banker Venture