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Alton Duncanson
DCREC Chairman Tenure
1990—2015

It is with profound sadness that we inform the DC real estate community of the passing of Alton “Tony” Duncanson on Saturday, June 27, 2015. “Tony”, as we all knew him, died suddenly and was found by a neighbor who noticed that there was no activity at the home, even though Tony’s car was parked out front.

Tony was extremely dedicated to the real estate industry and it showed through-out his professional activities and affiliations. In addition to his numerous years as a Multi-Million Dollar sales agent, Tony was a certified real estate instructor educating agents and other instructors in the Washington Metropolitan Area and world-wide.

Tony served on the District of Columbia Real Estate Commission under five mayors. He began as a member and ultimately

became the Chairman. Under Tony’s leadership, the Commission regularly drafted legislation and regulations, and vigorously looked out for the safety, health and welfare of the public. Leon W. Lewis, the Executive Director of the DC Real Estate Commission, knew Tony well. “I will tremendously miss Tony as Chair. He was a true friend, a big brother, supporter, an outstanding Real Estate Commission Chair and regulator, and a champion of fair housing, not only in the US, but throughout the world.”

Real estate education was a driving passion for Tony. As the Chairman of the Commission’s Education Committee, he helped ensure that DC licensees had access to the best education. Each course application was reviewed through the filter of “How does this help the District’s licensees perform better.” Growth of the number of quality distance education offerings occurred under Tony’s tenure and he ensured that only Certified Distance Education Instructors teach all of the web-based courses approved by the Commission.

Tony also reviewed courses and publications for Dearborn Real Estate Education. Through that experience he gained a deeper knowledge of national

education issues.

Tony served as District Vice President of the Association of Real Estate License Law Officials (ARELLO) Board of Directors for several years. He also chaired the ARELLO Fair Housing Committee, serving as director for several years.

Locally, Tony most recently served as the Assistant Manager to the Takoma Park Long & Foster Real Estate Sales Office. As a native Washingtonian he had over 20 years experience in the DC real estate market.

A perhaps lesser known side of Tony was his work as a professional musician and performing artist. He toured with Gil Scott Heron across the US and also abroad. Tony played in live concerts and on television including NBC’s “Saturday Night Live”, “The Today Show”, “Soul Train” and the “Africa 2000 Music Festival”, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Our community has suffered a tremendous loss. However, the memories left and many examples set by Alton “Tony” Duncanson will endure.

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Legal Actions

17 §42-1706 Application to the Real Estate Guaranty and Education Fund

A person filing an application meets the requirements of this subsection if:

(1) The person is not a licensee or the personal representative of a licensee and is not the spouse or child of the licensee against whom the final judgment was awarded, or the personal representative of the spouse or child;

(2) The person has made the investigation as is reasonably necessary to determine whether the judgment debtor possesses real or personal property or other assets which are liable to be sold or applied in satisfaction of the final judgment and has filed with the Commission an affidavit which states that the investigation has been made; and

(3) The investigation required by paragraph (2) of this subsection has not disclosed the existence of any real or personal property or other assets, or, if the investigation has disclosed the existence of real or personal property or other assets (which shall be described in the affidavit) the person has taken all action necessary for the sale or application, and the amount so realized is insufficient to satisfy the judgment (which amount shall have been stated in the affidavit together with the balance remaining due on the judgment after the sale or application).

Real Estate Guaranty and Education Fund Payment

The Commission authorized a payment from the Real Estate Guaranty and Education Fund. The licensee involved in actions taken by the Commission was Zina V. Stansbury. The amount of the payment was \$38,611.02.

David Bediz

By Consent Order, a fine of \$250.00 was imposed on the respondent for violation of 17 DCMR Section 2609.6 for permitting the use of his name in an advertisement without the telephone number of the brokerage company with whom he is affiliated.

Dwight Mortensen

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Timothy Woody-Lepre

A Final Order was issued imposing a fine of \$500.00 for violation of 17 DCMR Section 2609.6 for permitting the use of his name in an advertisement without the telephone number of the brokerage company with whom he is affiliated.

McEneaney Associates

A Final Order was issued imposing a fine of \$1,000.00 to McEneaney Associates for violations of 17 DCMR 2609.4 and 2609.5 for advertising without disclosing the broker's name and main telephone number of brokerage company.

Jeffrey L. Tanck

A Final Order was issued imposing a fine of \$500.00 in violation of 17 DCMR Section 2609.6 for permitting the use of his name in an advertisement without the main telephone number of the brokerage company with whom he is affiliated.

Kellie Will

A Final Order was issued revoking the license of Kellie Will. Ms. Will voluntarily surrendered her license to practice real estate in the District of Columbia during an investigation.

Redfin Corporation

By Consent Order, a fine of \$1,000.00 was imposed on the respondent for failure to adequately supervise the circulation or placement of an advertisement in accordance with 17 D.C.M.R. Section 2614.1 and Section 2615.3.

Thomas Gretz

By Consent Order, a fine of \$1,000.00 was imposed on the respondent for violation of 17 DCMR Section 2609.6 for permitting the use of his name in an advertisement without the telephone number of the brokerage company with whom he is affiliated.

Sammy Khosh

By Consent Order, a fine of \$1,000.00 was imposed on the respondent for violation of 17 DCMR Section 2609.6 for permitting the use of his name in an advertisement without the telephone number of the brokerage company with whom he is affiliated.

Mary Carroll

The Respondent entered into a Settlement Agreement for allegations regarding (1) making a substantial misrepresentation in violation of D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.197(1); (2) made false promises of a character likely to influence, persuade, or induce in violation of D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.197(2); (3) pursued a continued and flagrant misrepresentation, in violation of D.C. Official Code §§ 47-2853.197(3) and 47-2853.197(26); (4) demonstrated unworthiness or incompetence to act as a real estate salesperson so as to endanger the public interest, in violation of D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.197(11); (5) failed to furnish a copy of an act relevant to a real estate or business transaction to all signatories at the time of execution, in violation of D.C. Official § 47-2853.197(20); (6) made oral or written representations, after or prior to conveyance, to a prospective buyer of a business or residential real estate that repairs, renovations, improvements, installations, or additions would be made to the business or real estate after the conveyance or continued to act on behalf of a seller who made those representations unless all the representations are furnished in writing to the buyer at least 5 days prior to the conveyance in violation of D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.197(35); and (7) violated the provisions of code of ethics in violation of D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.197((15), 2609.9 and 2609.11). **On April 17, 2015, the Office of Administrative Hearings made its ruling dismissing all but two charges against Carroll: (1) violation of §47-2609.9 and (2) violation of § 47-2853.197(1), which carries a potential fine of \$5,000. The Respondent denied the allegations in the Notice of Intent to Take Disciplinary Actions. To avoid further litigation, and without making any admission of liability, the Respondent agreed to pay \$2,500.00, and the Commission agreed to dismiss the remaining charges with prejudice.**

Key Dates and Facts

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At Waterfront Metro Station on the Green Line.



<http://dcra.dc.gov/DC/DCRA>

2015 Event Calendar

National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB)

Annual Convention
Houston, TX, August 17—21

Association of Real Estate Law Officials (ARELLO)

Annual Conference
Washington, DC, Sept. 9 - 13

2015 National Association of REALTORS® (NAR)

Annual Conference
San Diego, CA, November 13-16

2015 Meetings

Commission meetings are scheduled the second Tuesday each month.

- January 13, 2015
- February 10, 2015
- March 10, 2015
- April 14, 2015
- May 12, 2015
- June 9, 2015
- July 14, 2015
- August—Recess
- September 8, 2015
- October 13, 2015
- November 10, 2015
- December 8, 2015

Dates subject to change.

Call 202-442-4320 for updated dates.

Active Licensee Counts

- Brokers 2,784
- Broker Companies 28
- Property Managers 614
- Salespersons 8,440

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