結果

監管局牌照委員會認為,涉事地產代理應有辨別是非的能力;另外,局方有責任保障公眾利益及提高地產代理及營業員的地位;該持牌人在從事地產代理工作時干犯《房屋條例》下的非法讓與等罪行;他在知悉未補地價的資助房屋不能出租的情況下仍安排向業主介紹租客,使其及業主觸犯《房屋條例》下的罪行,情況非常嚴重。基於上述因素,監管局決定撤銷該地產代理的牌照。

Result

The EAA's Licensing Committee was of the view that the concerned estate agent should have the ability to distinguish right from wrong. Furthermore, the EAA has the responsibility to safeguard the public interest and uphold the professional standard of estate agents and salespersons. The licensee committed the offence of unlawful alienation under the Housing Ordinance while engaging in estate agency work; he introduced the tenant to the landlord despite knowing that the subsidised housing with an unpaid premium should not be leased. This led both the agent and the landlord to violate the Housing Ordinance, which is considered a serious matter. Considering these factors, the EAA decided to revoke the estate agent's licence.



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業界意見 Comment from the trade

地產代理必須嚴格遵守《房屋條例》及監管局指引,確保所有交易合法合規。本案中,涉事代理於單位未補地價仍安排出租,不僅違反法律,更損害客戶及公眾利益,嚴重影響行業聲譽。地產代理公司應強化內部培訓與監察機制,確保員工熟悉資助房屋交易的限制,防範類似違規行為。監管局對違規行為採取嚴厲處分,充分體現維護公眾利益及行業標準的決心,希望從業員引以為鑑,秉持誠信與專業,共同提升行業公信力。

Estate agents must comply with the Housing Ordinance and the EAA's guidelines. In this case, the agent arranged for the leasing of a flat on which the premium had not been paid, which violated the regulations, harmed the interests of the client and the public, and damaged the reputation of the industry. Estate agency companies should strengthen their internal training and monitoring mechanisms to ensure that their staff are familiar with the restrictions on subsidised housing transactions to prevent similar breaches. The EAA's severe sanction for this case fully reflects its determination to safeguard the public interest and industry standards. I hope that practitioners will learn from this case and uphold their professionalism, so as to enhance the public credibility of the industry.

紀律研訊個案 Disciplinary Hearing Case

提供失實按揭資訊

Providing false mortgage information

引言

持牌人不得向客戶聲稱可保證其可獲得某按 揭貸款金額或獲得其希望的按揭條款,否則 有機會被監管局紀律處分。

Introduction

Licensees must not make any statement to assure the client that he would be able to obtain a specific amount of mortgage loan or the desired terms to finance the client's purchase. Otherwise, they may be subject to disciplinary action by the EAA.

事件經過

一名年過60歲的準買家在視察某一手住宅樓盤的示範單位後,於展銷廳內向涉事地產代理查詢有關按揭事宜。該地產代理告知該準買家,由發展商提供的按揭可以承造至90歲,並透過其手機應用程式,按28年年期的按揭基準為該準買家計算出每月的供款額,並將有關計算寫在紙上。

結果

Incident

A prospective buyer aged over 60 visited the show flat of a first-hand residential property and subsequently asked an estate agent about the mortgage matters at the sales office. The estate agent informed the buyer that the mortgage provided by the developer could be underwritten up to the age of 90. He also used a mobile app to calculate the monthly repayment amount based on a 28-year mortgage term and wrote the calculation down on a paper for the buyer.

Relying on the statement and monthly repayment amount calculated by the estate agent, the prospective buyer decided to purchase the property and signed a provisional agreement for sale and purchase. About two weeks later, the buyer contacted the developer's mortgage department to inquire further about the mortgage terms and discovered that the developer's mortgage plan only allowed repayment up to the borrower's age of 75, not 90 as stated by the estate agent. After careful consideration, the buyer opted to switch to a "Pay After Occupation" plan with a one-year term, which required an additional payment of 5% of the property price. However, one year later, due to financial difficulties, the buyer was unable to afford the property and ultimately abandoned the transaction. The buyer subsequently lodged a complaint with the EAA.

Result

The Disciplinary Committee found that the licensed estate agent had breached paragraph 3.7.2 of the *Code of Ethics*: "Estate agents and salespersons should avoid any practice which may bring discredit and/or disrepute to the estate agency trade." Having considered the nature of the case and the disciplinary record of the estate agent, the Disciplinary Committee decided to sanction the estate agent, including a reprimand, imposing a fine of \$10,000 and attaching conditions on his licence. The estate agent is required to obtain 12 points through attending seminars or workshops in the "Compliance and Effective Management" category of the Continuing Professional Development Scheme within 12 months, with at least two points from seminars or workshops on the subject of Professional Ethics and Integrity.



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業界意見 Comment from the trade

地產代理不應胡亂向客戶作出有關按揭年期或金額的承諾,地產代理應建議客 戶向銀行查詢,而不應隨便向客戶作出有關申請按揭的保證。地產代理的責任 僅包括物業買賣相關事宜,並不包括提供財務資訊。

Estate agents should not make any promises to their clients on the terms or amount of the mortgage loan. They should advise their clients to check with the banks and should not casually make any assurance to their clients relating to mortgage applications. Estate agents' duties only include matters related to the sale and purchase of property and do not include the provision of financial information.