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## **GREC RENews**



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### 2025 Calendar

 GREC Annual School Meeting Lake Lanier Islands December 4-5, 2025

### **NEW**

Understanding
Your GREC
Account and
CE Hours
Video Tutorial

## Case involving Advertising Property on a Personal Website

A Salesperson maintained a personal website, www.janesells.com. She decided to advertise a specific property on her personal website with the name Jane & Associates at the top and bottom of the website pages. The Salesperson made the following violations of the License Law, Rules, and Regulations: 43-40-25(b)(2) and 520-1-.09 (2),(2.1)&(7).

- 1. Failed to include the Firm's name and Firm telephone number on the web pages.
- 2. Failed to have her Broker review her website for approval before the advertisement was published.

She was fined \$600 which included reimbursement to the Commission of administrative, investigative, and legal costs and expenses. She was also required to complete a specific 3-hour continuing education course regarding brokerage activities and advertising regulations within 45 days.

[Although based on an actual case reviewed by the Commission, all names and websites are fictious].

Visit the <u>GREC CONNECT</u> session weekly on Fridays 9:00 AM GREC CONNECT is a weekly Zoom call with GREC Education Advisor, Kim Yarrington. Every Friday morning at 9:00 AM via the **grecconnect.com** website, you can join in to listen, learn, and share. Each week the topic is shared through GREC's Facebook™ page and by email. Should you have any questions, contact Kim at <u>education@grec.state.ga.us</u>.

#### EDUCATION ADVISOR Grecconnect.com Link

Georgia Real Estate Infobase

<u>Click Here</u>

## 2025 You Can't Fix Stupid!!!... But We Can Work With Ignorance!

(Broker CE & License Law)
Commission Sponsored Classes

Sept 9, 2025 REALTORS® of Greater Augusta 706.736.0429 Sept 17, 2025 GAMLS Tucker 770.493.9000 October 22, 2025 Central GA BOR Warner Robins 478.922.0099 November 6,2025 Athens Area AOR Watkinsville 706.353.1126 November 12, 2025 **GAMLS** LIVESTREAM 770.493.9000

Two of the GREC online courses also meet requirements for Broker CE& License Law Being a Broker & Staying Out of Trouble

Avoiding Trust Account Trouble

# Link to GREC Online School

To sign up to receive the GREC RENewsletter Click Here

## SUBMIT Comments & Suggestions

Link to GREC
Disciplinary Actions
View Current
Suspensions and
Revocations

<u>Link to</u> <u>Proposed Rule</u> Changes

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### **August 2025 Meeting – Commission Actions Taken**

Cases Sent to the Attorney General for Review and Disposition by	
Consent Order or by Hearing	0
Cease & Desist Orders Issued	0
Citations Issued	2
Letter of Findings Issued	1
Consent Orders Entered Into	0
Final Orders of Revocation of Licensure	1
Cases Closed for Insufficient Evidence or No Apparent Violation	12
Licensing Cases - Applicant has a Criminal Conviction - License Issued	5
Licensing Cases - Applicant has a Criminal Conviction - License Denied	2
Total	23

Click to review a legend of the disciplinary actions the Commission may impose.

## Did You Know?

A Cease & Desist order may be issued by the Georgia Real Estate Commission against a party(ies) that engages in activities that require a real estate License. The Commission is authorized to impose a fine of \$1,000 for EACH TRANASACTION in addition to a fine as a separate violation of \$1,000 for EACH DAY the party acts without a License. 43-40-30(a)(b)(c). O.C.G.A. 43-40-.1.

New Job Opportunities at the Georgia Real Estate Commission & Appraisers Board

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner Click for More Info
Real Estate Brokerage Investigator Click for More Info
Information Specialist Click for More Info
Appraisal Investigator Click for More Info



### Focus on Terminology "Rule or Law"

Laws are passed by the Georgia legislature and Rules are a clarification of a Law. The Georgia Real Estate Commission is responsible for enforcing the License Law and its Rules and Regulations.

As noted in the Disciplinary Statistics, the Georgia Real Estate Commission has various tools to enforce the Rules and Regulation of the Commission. There is a schedule of fees for violations listed in the License Law, Rules and Regulations Rule 520--1.14.Citations. The minimum fine for a Citation is \$200 plus legal and administrative fees, with a maximum of \$1,000 for each violation with fines for multiple violations limited to \$5,000 in any one Citation.