

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COMMISSION ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY  
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540 Broadway  
Albany, New York 12207

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IN THE MATTER OF BUFFALO NIAGARA  
ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, INC.

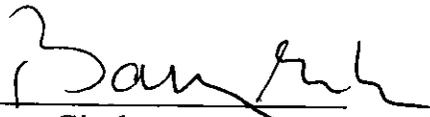
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**NOTICE OF REASONABLE CAUSE**

Pursuant to Executive Law §94(12)(a), the Commission on Public Integrity ("Commission") finds that there is sufficient evidence establishing reasonable cause to believe that you violated Legislative Law §1-m, when, on or about June 9, 2008, you hosted a "meet and greet" reception, to which 40 individuals were invited, including members of the Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors and members of the Western New York delegation to the State Assembly and Senate. The 2008 January/June Client Semi-Annual report filed with the Commission indicates the cost associated with the reception was \$1,454. Therefore, the cost per person for this reception was \$35.36, which is more than nominal value.

As required by law, a copy of this notice is retained by the Commission for public inspection. Please be advised that pursuant to Legislative Law §1-o(b), a lobbyist, public corporation, or client who, following a hearing, is found to have knowingly and intentionally violated the provisions of Legislative Law §1-m shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed the greater of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each violation or three times the amount of the gift offered.

Dated: 12/10/09

By:   
Barry Ginsberg  
Executive Director  
Commission on Public Integrity