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Mark and Carol DeCoursey 8209 172nd Avenue NE Redmond, WA 98504

Re: Your Question about the Department of Licensing

Dear Mr. and Mrs. DeCoursey:

Thank you for your letter received July 14, 2009. You ask a number of questions related to the Department of Licensing's role in disciplining real estate licensees in Washington.

As I have explained in my previous letter, I am the attorney assigned to represent the Department in disciplinary actions against real estate licensees. It is the Department, however, that makes the decision to take action or not. My role is to give the Department option-based advice, but any advice I give my client is subject to the attorney-client privilege.

Your letter also raises an issue regarding a case in which you believe a real estate licensee knowingly sold a house to buyer without disclosing that it had been used as a meth lab. I am forwarding your letter to Karen Jarvis, Disciplinary Program Manager of the Real Estate Section at the Department, so that she may be aware of your concerns. In the future, if you believe that a real estate salesperson or broker has violated the laws and rules governing the license, you may complain to: Real Estate Section, Regulatory and Enforcement Unit, P.O. Box 9015, Olympia, WA 98507-9015, Phone:(360) 664-6484, Fax:(360) 570-4941, Email: RealEstate@dol.wa.gov.

Again, I am sorry that I could not be of more assistance, but I hope this referral will be useful to you.

Sincerely,

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cc: Karen Jarvis (w/ enclosure – 7/13/09 letter from DeCoursey).