

**IN A MATTER BEFORE THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE REAL ESTATE COUNCIL OF
ONTARIO**

BETWEEN

REAL ESTATE COUNCIL OF ONTARIO (“**RECO**”)

Applicant

AND

ZHICEN GUO registered as CECILIA GUO (“**Guo**”)

Respondent

ALLEGATION STATEMENT

WHEREAS the respondent is registered as a salesperson under the *Trust in Real Estate Services Act, 2002* (“**Act**”);

AND WHEREAS section 20 of the Act provides that if the Registrar is of the opinion, whether as a result of a complaint or otherwise, that a registrant has contravened any provision of the Act or of a regulation under the Act, the Registrar may refer the matter in whole or in part to the Discipline Committee of RECO (“**Discipline Committee**”);

AND WHEREAS section 21 of the Act provides that the Discipline Committee shall hear and determine whether a registrant has contravened any provision of the Act or of a regulation under the Act;

THEREFORE, take notice that pursuant to section 20 of the Act, the Registrar hereby refers this matter to a hearing before the Discipline Committee based on the allegations set out herein.

A. PARTICULARS

It is alleged as follows:

1. At all relevant times, Guo was employed at the brokerage HomeLife Landmark Realty Inc. (“HomeLife Landmark”).
2. On or about July 10, 2025, Brokerage A, with Representative A as the sellers’ representative (the “Sellers’ Representative”), represented a property for sale at Street A, Town A, (the “Property”) on a local listing service.
3. HomeLife Landmark, with Guo as buyer representative, represented the buyer (the “Buyer”) who was interested in purchasing the Property.
4. On August 1, 2025, between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Guo had a scheduled viewing appointment at the Property.
5. At approximately 4:40 p.m., the sellers’ security camera captured the Buyer and his son entering the Property without Guo.
6. The sellers’ son, who was outside at the time, also witnessed the Buyer and his son entering the Property without Guo.
7. Guo advised the Sellers’ Representative that she took a wrong turn when driving to the Property and admitted releasing the door code to the Buyer.
8. The Sellers’ Representative subsequently complained to RECO about the unauthorized entry.

B. SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

It is alleged that Guo failed to comply with the Code of Ethics (O. Reg. 365/22) and the General Regulation (O. Reg. 567/05) as follows:

- A. Guo facilitated unsupervised and/or unauthorized access to the Property by failing to be in attendance with the Buyer during a viewing appointment and releasing the door code to the Buyer to gain access to the Property, contrary to sections 1 and 2 of the Code of Ethics, O. Reg. 365/22 and section 22.5 of the General Regulation, O. Reg. 567/05.

It is alleged that Guo failed to comply with the following sections of the Code of Ethics (O. Reg. 365/22):

Integrity, honesty, good faith, etc.

1. In carrying on business, a registrant shall act with courtesy, honesty, good faith and integrity in relation to every person the registrant deals with.

Unprofessional conduct, etc.

2. A registrant shall not engage in any act or omission that, having regard to all of the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded as,

- (a) being disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unbecoming a registrant; or
- (b) likely to bring the sector into disrepute or to undermine public confidence the regulation of registrants under the Act.

It is alleged that Guo failed to comply with the following sections of the General Regulation (O. Reg. 567/05):

Protection of property

22.5 In carrying on business, a registrant shall not provide any person with access to real estate unless,

- (a) a registrant is present with the person; or
- (b) the owner of the real estate has consented in writing.

C. APPLICATION OF THE STATUTORY POWERS PROCEDURE ACT

The *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter S.22 (“**SPPA**”), as amended, applies to matters before the Discipline Committee. Section 8 of the SPPA provides as follows:

8. Where the good character, propriety of conduct or competence of a party is an issue in a proceeding, the party is entitled to be furnished prior to the hearing with reasonable information of any allegations with respect thereto.

RECO states that propriety of conduct or competence shall be an issue in the hearing and RECO has provided herein information of the allegations with respect thereto.

D. FURTHER PARTICULARS / ALLEGATIONS

RECO may send further or other particulars or allegations relevant to this matter or the allegations set out herein. RECO may rely upon such other matters that arise during a hearing of this complaint and that the Discipline Committee sees fit to consider.

Glen Thomas, Registrar (Interim)
Trust in Real Estate Services Act, 2002

Date: March 9, 2026