

WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

THIS POLICY IS REQUIRED FOR LEGAL COMPLIANCE.

Introduction

The Institute of Real Estate Management Utah Chapter 33 (“Organization”) Code of Ethics and Conduct requires directors, officers, members, employees, and subcontractors to observe high standards of business and personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. As employees and representatives of the IREM, we must practice honesty and integrity in fulfilling our responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Definition of Whistleblower One who reveals wrong doing within an organization to the public or to those in positions of authority; A key component of Sarbanes Oxley.

Reporting Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all directors, officers and employees to comply with the Code and to report violations or suspected violations in accordance with this Whistleblower Policy.

Retaliation

No directors, officers, members, employees, and subcontractors who in good faith reports a violation of the Code shall suffer harassment, retaliation or adverse consequence. A member who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including termination of membership. This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage and enable members and others to raise serious concerns within The Institute of Real Estate Management Utah Chapter 33 prior to seeking resolution outside the Organization.

Reporting Violations

The Code addresses the Organization’s open door policy and suggests that members and employees share their questions, concerns, suggestions or complaints with someone who can address them properly. In most cases, an Officer is in the best position to address an area of concern. However, if a member is not comfortable speaking with an Officer or not satisfied with the Officer’s response, the member is encouraged to speak with the Executive Director or the Regional Vice President or anyone in Senior Leadership of the Institute of Real Estate Management. Officers and the Executive Director are required to report suspected violations of the Code of Conduct to the Organization’s Compliance Officer, who has specific and exclusive responsibility to investigate all reported violations. For suspected fraud, or when you are not satisfied or uncomfortable with following the Organization’s open door policy, individuals should contact the Organization’s Compliance Officer directly.

Compliance Officer

The Organization’s Compliance Officer is appointed by the Executive Council and responsible for investigating and resolving all reported complaints and allegations concerning violations of the Code and, at his/her discretion, shall advise the Executive Director and/or the audit committee. The Compliance Officer has direct access to the audit committee of the board of directors and is required to report to the audit committee at least annually on compliance activity. The Organization’s Compliance Officer is the chair of the audit committee.



Accounting and Auditing Matters

The audit committee of the board of directors shall address all reported concerns or complaints regarding corporate accounting practices, internal controls or auditing. The Compliance Officer shall immediately notify the audit committee of any such complaint and work with the committee until the matter is resolved.

Acting in Good Faith

Anyone filing a complaint concerning a violation or suspected violation of the Code must be acting in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing the information disclosed indicates a violation of the Code. Any allegations that prove not to be substantiated and which prove to have been made maliciously or knowingly to be false will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offense.

Confidentiality

Violations or suspected violations may be submitted on a confidential basis by the complainant or may be submitted anonymously. Reports of violations or suspected violations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation.

Handling of Reported Violations

The Compliance Officer will notify the sender and acknowledge receipt of the reported violation or suspected violation within five business days. All reports will be promptly investigated and appropriate corrective action will be taken if warranted by the investigation.

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