

RenovationTrap.com

<http://www.RenovationTrap.com>

We're the newcomers to Washington who were brought to the verge of financial ruin by Windermere, the Northwest's largest real estate firm. We're attempting to turn our negative experiences into something positive for our community and the American Homestead. Our website is dedicated to a study of *Public Interest * Public Conscience * Public Duty

"You cannot submit to evil without allowing evil to grow. Each time the good are defeated, or each time they yield, they only cause the forces of evil to grow stronger. Greed feeds on greed, and crime grows with success. Our giving up what is ours merely to escape trouble would only create greater trouble for someone else." -- Louis Lamour, *A Man Called Noon*, Bantam, page 173.

June 15, 2009

Rob McKenna
Attorney General
State of Washington
1125 Washington Street SE
PO Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

Reference:

- (1) Writ of Mandamus. A writ issuing from a court of competent jurisdiction, commanding an inferior tribunal, board, corporation, or person to perform a purely ministerial duty imposed by law. -- Black's Law Dictionary, Fifth Edition, pg. 866.
- (2) Mandamus: (man-dame-us) n. Latin for "we order," a writ (more modernly called a "writ of mandate") which orders a public agency or governmental body to perform an act required by law when it has neglected or refused to do so. <http://dictionary.law.com/>

Dear Mr. McKenna:

We write to ask that you file a Writ of Mandamus -- or use some other legal tool at your disposal -- to compel the Department of Licensing to enforce state law.

We have been documenting a pattern of behavior: A cooperative effort between the Windermere real estate syndicate and the Department of Licensing to flout Washington law. Windermere allows agents and brokers to engage in unlawful, deceptive, and predatory business practices. The Department of Licensing knows about these practices, refuses to protect the public against them, and protects Windermere. The enterprise is causing great harm to the Washington public.

Many experts call a cooperative effort between a corrupt government agency and a business like Windermere a "criminal enterprise." What would you call it? By whatever name, we write to ask that you take action to enforce the law in the State of Washington and protect the public.

You can see case studies of the business practices to which we refer at:
<http://RenovationTrap.com/gallery>

As you can see, we have documented ten (10) stories of Windermere's abuse of public trust that shock the conscience. The stories of these victims are contained under the following headings:

The Meth Lab House
Signing Other People's Names (Some Call It "Forgery")
Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult
The Rat House
Foreclosure Scam
Serial Con Artist
Hidden Conflict of Interest
The Windermere Name Game
The House That Jack Built
The Toxic Mold House

You can see the correspondence DOL had with two Windermere victims at these pages:
<http://RenovationTrap.com/dol>
and
<http://Renovationtrap.com/kruger/>

The correspondence is instructive because it shows DOL bobbing and weaving and using contradictory excuses to protect Windermere.

We are NOT asking your office to intervene in any of these cases or to personally assist any of these victims. We are asking you to take measures to see state law is enforced so that others may be protected.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark & Carol DeCoursey

cc: Victims of Windermere (VOW)
Society for the Ethical Treatment of Homeowners