

Ethics Complaint Form

CALDWELL BOARD OF REALTORS® ETHICS COMPLAINT

FORM DATE: _____

TO: Grievance Committee – Caldwell Board of REALTORS®

FROM: _____ Complainant(s)

I/We charge that _____ REALTOR® associated with _____ (real estate firm) has violated Article(s) _____ of the Code of Ethics of the National Association of REALTORS®. The above charge is supported by an attached statement, which is signed and dated.

This complaint is true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned.

Under the penalties of perjury, I/we declare that to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, my/our allegations in this complaint are true.

Are the circumstances giving rise to this ethics complaint involved in civil or criminal litigation or in any proceeding before the state real estate licensing authority or any other state or federal regulatory or administrative agency? ____ Yes ____ No

Have you filed, or do you intend to file, a similar or related complaint with another Association(s) of REALTORS®? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, name of other Association(s): _____

Date(s) Filed: _____

_____/Complainant(s) Signature

_____/Complainant(s) Address

_____/Complainant(s) Phone Number

Please return to: Grievance Committee
Caldwell Board of REALTORS®
1509 Caldwell Blvd., Suite 1226
Nampa, Idaho 83651



FUNCTIONS OF GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee **does not** determine guilt or innocence. It will either:

1. Forward the case for a hearing before the Professional Standards Committee, or
2. Dismiss it, if the complaint is determined to be unfounded.

A Board of REALTORS® has limitations to its authority regarding its members. Below is a list of those limitations:

1. The complaint must be filed within one hundred eighty (180) days of the time that the alleged offense and facts relating to it could have been known by the complainant in the exercise of reasonable diligence.
2. The Board **cannot** try a Board member for violations of Idaho real estate license law or any other alleged violation of the law. It has jurisdiction only over violations of a member's duty to abide by the Code of Ethics.
3. For the same reason, the Board **cannot** suspend or terminate the license of one of its members.
4. The Board **can**, in the case of an ethics violation being determined, administer discipline to the REALTOR® in one or more of the following ways:
 - Send a letter of warning or reprimand to the member
 - Direct the member to attend an ethics class or other training appropriate to the violation
 - Fine the member up to \$5,000 (this fine is **not** awarded to the complainant)
 - Place the member on probation
 - Suspend the membership of the REALTOR®
 - Expel the member from membership
5. Money damages or earnest money disputes **cannot** be part of an ethics proceeding.