

Legal & Policy Insights:

Impact of NAR's Antitrust Settlement on CRE & More



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Impact of NAR's Proposed Antitrust Settlement on CRE

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What impact does the proposed NAR settlement have on commercial transactions?

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Are commercial REALTOR®

members included in the

release of liability?





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Will the MLS rule changes be applicable to commercial listings?

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Is a buyer broker agreement required to show a commercial property?





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Can REALTOR® members share their compensation in commercial deals?

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Can a landlord representative

compensate a tenant's

representative for a lease?





COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE LIEN ACT

Commercial Real Estate Sales Commission Lien Act §475.700 - 457.719 Fla. Stats. (2023)

Commercial Real Estate Leasing Commission Lien Act §475.800 - 457.813 Fla. Stats. (2023)

Link to the Florida Statutes







FORM DISCLOSURE LANGUAGE FOR THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SALES COMMISSION LIEN ACT (F.S. 475.703(5))

"The Florida Commercial Real Estate Sales Commission Lien Act provides that when a broker has earned a commission by performing licensed services under a brokerage agreement with you, the broker may claim a lien against your net sales proceeds for the broker's commission. The broker's lien rights under the act cannot be waived before the commission is earned."

(For the Commercial Real Estate Leasing Commission Lien Act, the disclosure is the same as the Sales Leasing except lien is to the property itself rather than sales proceeds. See F.S. 475.805(2) for form of the Notice)

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IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE DISCLOSURE:

- Cannot be waived before the commission is earned.
- Cannot be waived by any person other than the broker, regardless of whether that
 person may execute and bind the broker to a brokerage agreement (even if the
 property owner or their counsel use a strikethrough on the language).
- IMPORTANT SIDENOTE: Make sure you are signing your agreements with a principal
 of your client and not a broker or other unauthorized agent.







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Saves commercial tenants approximately \$1 billion annually





Business Rent Tax

County Discretionary Sales apply to Business Rent Tax, in addition to the state tax rate:

Miami-Dade 1%

Broward 1%

Palm Beach 1%

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