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TDLR revokes Houston man's Property Tax Consultant license

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has revoked the property tax consultant license of Adam L. Ward of Houston. He also was assessed an administrative penalty of \$3,000.

Between May 31, 2017 and Nov. 13, 2018, Ward failed to appear on behalf of his client at a Harris County Appraisal District tax protest hearing, and the client's protests were dismissed. Ward then created three forged informal settlement agreements that purported to show that the appraisal district had reduced the appraised value of his client's properties, when in fact the appraisal district had not reduced the appraised value of the properties. Ward then provided copies of the forged informal settlement agreements to his client and to the appraisal district.

"Consumers rely on their property tax consultants to be truthful and to represent their best interests. Mr. Ward failed to do that. The revocation and administrative penalty should show everyone that TDLR will not tolerate this type of conduct by our licensees," said Brian E. Francis, TDLR executive director.

By law, Ward will not be eligible to receive a new property tax consultant license in Texas until the first anniversary of his revocation date.

About TDLR

TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 38 business and occupational licensing programs with more than 1,000,000 licensees across the state.

Visit TDLR's [website](#) for more information and resources. You can search the [TDLR licensee database](#), and also find [past violations](#) in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer Service line is available anytime between 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Mandarin.

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