

CONSENT FOR USE OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS AND SIGNATURES IN CONSUMER REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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Word File.doc (28 KB)



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- ◆ Sample Files (make sure you can open and save): Word PDF

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Specific Property:

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