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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE ARCHITECT SECTION OF THE EXAMINING BOARD OF
ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
DESIGNERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
MICHAEL G. HOEFLER AND :
HAF ARCHITECTS LLC, :
RESPONDENTS. : ORDER 0000809

Division of Enforcement Case Number 09 ARC 002

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Michael G. Hoefler
13987 Ozark Avenue
Stillwater, MN 55082

HAF Architects LLC
106 East Chestnut Street
Stillwater, MN 55082

Architect Section of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects,
Professional Engineers, Designers, and Land Surveyors
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Architect Section ("Section") of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors. The Section has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Section in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Michael G. Hoefler (dob 5/21/1960) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as an Architect, having license number 5-8418, first issued on 03/12/1997 and current through 07/31/2012. Michael G. Hoefler's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin

Department of Regulation and Licensing (“Department”) is 13987 Ozark Avenue, Stillwater, Minnesota 55082.

2. Respondent HAF Architects LLC is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as an Architectural or Engineering Corporation, having license number 11-3487, first issued on 09/08/2010 and current through 01/31/2012. HAF Architects LLC’s most recent address on file with the Department is 106 East Chestnut Street, Stillwater, Minnesota 55082.

3. On or about June 8, 2009, the Department received a complaint against HAF Architects LLC and Michael G. Hoefler. The complaint alleged unlicensed practice. This case was subsequently opened for investigation.

4. The Department’s investigation revealed that HAF Architects LLC and Michael G. Hoefler completed at least twelve architectural projects in Wisconsin between January 2001 and May 2010 although HAF Architects LLC did not have a Certificate of Authorization to perform architectural services in Wisconsin during that time.

5. On August 4, 2009, the Department informed Michael G. Hoefler of the requirement for HAF Architects LLC to have a Certificate of Authorization to perform architectural services in Wisconsin.

6. In May 2010, Michael G. Hoefler and HAF Architects LLC performed architectural services in St. Joseph, Wisconsin although HAF Architects LLC did not have a Certificate of Authorization to perform architectural services in Wisconsin at that time.

7. In resolution of this matter, Respondents Michael G. Hoefler and HAF Architects LLC consent to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Architect Section of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in Findings of Fact 4-6, Respondents Michael G. Hoefler and HAF Architects LLC violated Wis. Stat. §§ 443.02(1) and 443.08(2) and (5) and Wis. Admin. Code §§ A-E 8.07(1) and (2) by aiding in the unlicensed practice of architecture and by failing to have the required certificate of authorization.

3. As a result of the above violations, Respondents Michael G. Hoefler and HAF Architects LLC are subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11(1)(c) and (e).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The attached Stipulation is hereby accepted.

2. Respondents Michael G. Hoefler and HAF Architects LLC are hereby REPRIMANDED.

3. Respondent Michael G. Hoefler shall, within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the date of this Order, pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of DOLLARS (\$508.00).

4. Respondent HAF Architects LLC shall, within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the date of this Order, pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of DOLLARS (\$508.00).

5. Payment of the costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing) shall be sent to the Department Monitor at:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 267-3817, Fax (608) 266-2264

6. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondents' licenses. The Section in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondents Michael G. Hoefler and HAF Architects LLC fail to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered and as set forth above, their licenses (numbers 5-8418 and 11-3487) may, in the discretion of the Section or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondents have complied with payment of the costs.

7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

ARCHITECT SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS,
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, AND LAND
SURVEYORS

By JS/Walter L. Wilson 4/21/11
A Member of the Section Date