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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

LORI J. KNOKE,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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: ORDER 0001216

Division of Enforcement Case Number 11 REB 042

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

Lori J. Knoke
4700 N. Devonshire Drive
Appleton, WI 54913

Wisconsin Real Estate Examining Board
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 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 Wisconsin Real Estate Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Lori J. Knoke (dob 08/18/1965) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a Real Estate Salesperson, having license number 94-54285, first issued on 02/27/2002 and current through 12/14/2012. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 4700 N. Devonshire Drive, Appleton, WI 54913.

2. On or about April 29, 2011, the Department received a Report of Conviction from Respondent indicating a misdemeanor conviction in Outagamie County Circuit Court. Division of Enforcement Case Number 11 REB 042 was subsequently opened for investigation.

3. Court records obtained during the course of the Department's investigation revealed that Respondent, while acting as Treasurer of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA), had diverted over \$51,000.00 from the PTA's account to use for personal expenses.

4. On April 8, 2011, Respondent was convicted in Outagamie County Circuit Court of two counts of Theft - Business Setting <=\$2500 (Misdemeanors).

5. On April 9, 2011, Respondent pled no contest to one count of Theft - Business Setting >\$10,000 (Felony). Respondent entered a 24-month deferred judgment/prosecution agreement for this charge.

6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Real Estate Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 452.14, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Lori J. Knoke has violated Wis. Admin. Code § RL 24.17(1) by being convicted of a crime the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of a real estate salesperson.

3. As a result of the violation noted in the Conclusions of Law, Respondent Lori J. Knoke is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 452.14(3)(i) and (k) and Wis. Admin. Code § RL 24.17(2).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of the real estate salesperson's license of Lori J. Knoke (license number 94-54285) is hereby ACCEPTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Respondent shall not seek to reinstate or apply for any real estate license with the State of Wisconsin, until such time as Respondent has completed all terms of her extended supervision in Wisconsin Circuit Court Case Number 2011CF000203.

3. If Respondent ever seeks to renew or reinstate her license or applies for any other credential regulated by the Department, then she shall pay the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter, in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$158.00), before any such application may be considered. Payment of the costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to:

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

4. In the event that Respondent seeks to renew or reinstate her license or applies for any other real estate license, she shall submit a new application for licensure and meet all requirements for licensure then existing at the time of her request.

5. Should Respondent seek to renew or reinstate her license or apply for any other real estate license, the Wisconsin Real Estate Examining Board may in its sole discretion determine whether, and under what circumstances, a license may be issued.

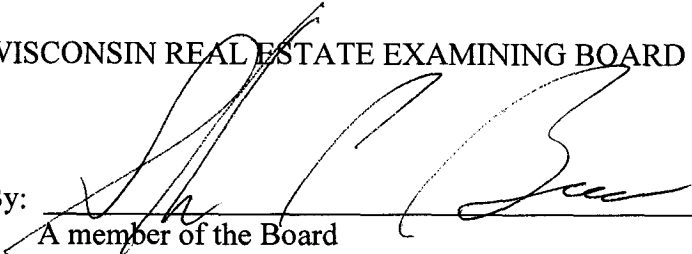
6. Violation of any terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare. In its discretion the Board or Department may, in the alternative, impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.

7. Respondent shall not practice real estate in Wisconsin without being licensed in Wisconsin.

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

WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD

By:


A member of the Board

4-16-11
Date