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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

DIANNE M. DEGROOT,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0001270

Division of Enforcement Case No. 08 REB 063

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

Dianne M. DeGroot
106 Lawson Street
Menasha, WI 54952

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

Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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 Board. The disposition of this matter comes after the issuance of a formal complaint. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Dianne M. DeGroot is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a Real Estate Salesperson, having license # 94-31762. This license was first granted to her on September 20, 1989 and expired on January 1, 1997. Ms. DeGroot did not renew her license again until June 16, 2008. The license is now current through December 14, 2012.
2. The most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services ("Department") for Ms. DeGroot is: 106 Lawson Street, Menasha, Wisconsin 54952.
3. On April 11, 2008, the Department received a consumer complaint alleging that Dianne M. DeGroot, a real estate agent with Acre Realty 21, LLC, engaged in unprofessional

conduct during a real estate transaction in 2007. At the time the consumer complaint was received, Respondent DeGroot's real estate salesperson's license was in expired status.

4. Between January 1, 1997 and June 16, 2008, Ms. DeGroot practiced real estate while she was not licensed to practice real estate in Wisconsin.

5. In resolution of this matter, the Respondent, Dianne M. DeGroot consents to 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 Dianne M. DeGroot has violated:

- Wis. Stat. § 452.03 by practicing real estate with an expired credential between the dates of January 1, 1997 and June 16, 2008.

3. As a result of the above violation, Dianne M. DeGroot is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 452.14(3)(i) and 452.14(3)(L).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The attached stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Dianne M. DeGroot (license #94-31762) is hereby **REPRIMANDED**.
3. Respondent **Dianne M. DeGroot** shall, within **180** days of the date of this Order, pay a **FORFEITURE** in the amount of **FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000.00)** and **COSTS** in the amount of **TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00)**.
4. The forfeiture and costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be 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

5. 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

Respondent's license. The Board 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 Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the forfeiture and costs as ordered and as set forth above, the Respondent's license (license # 94-31762) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be **SUSPENDED**, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the forfeiture and costs.

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

Dated this 7th day of December, 2011.

WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD

By: /s/ Stephen Beers - JS