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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

BETH M. DARST,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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ORDER 0003715

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 12 APP 082

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

Beth M. Darst
15 S. Second St.
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Wisconsin Real Estate Appraisers Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

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 Real Estate Appraisers Board (Board). 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 Beth M. Darst (dob January 3, 1965) is certified in the State of Wisconsin as a Certified General Appraiser, having certificate of licensure and certification number 828-10, first issued on October 7, 1996 and current through December 14, 2015. Beth M. Darst's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 15 S. Second St., Black River Falls, WI 54615.

2. On April 26, 2012, Respondent signed an appraisal report for an appraisal of property located at W11457 Cooper Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

3. Respondent's appraisal was reviewed by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and it was determined that the appraisal and appraisal report violated the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) Rules and/or Standards Rules (SR) as follows:

a. Respondent completed the appraisal on lender forms, which did not properly identify the client, other intended users or the intended use of the appraisal report. [SR 1-2(b), SR 2-1(a).]

b. Respondent stated the appraisal was performed "as is," although she used a hypothetical condition and appraised only the subject property's above grade improvements. [Scope of Work Rule, SR 2-1(a,c).]

c. Respondent did not explain how she calculated depreciation in the cost approach. [SR 2-2(b)(viii).]

d. Respondent did not complete the zoning for the subject property. [SR 1-1(c).]

e. Respondent omitted the date and price of the prior sale of a comparable sale utilized and did not report the data source or effective date of the data for all of the comparable sales utilized. [Scope of Work Rule.]

4. 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 Appraisers Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 458.26, 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, Beth M. Darst violated the Scope of Work Rule by failing to identify the problem to be solved, determine and perform the scope of work necessary to develop credible assignment results and disclose the scope of work in the report.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Beth M. Darst violated USPAP SR 1-1(c) by rendering appraisal services in a careless or negligent manner, such as by making a series of errors that, although individually might not significantly affect the results of an appraisal, in the aggregate affects the credibility of those results.

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Beth M. Darst violated USPAP SR 1-2(b) by failing to identify the intended use of the appraiser's opinions and conclusions.

5. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Beth M. Darst violated USPAP SR 2-1(a) and (c) by failing to:

- a. clearly and accurately set forth the appraisal in a manner that will not be misleading, and
- b. clearly and accurately disclose all assumptions, extraordinary assumptions, hypothetical conditions and limiting conditions used in the assignment.

6. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Beth M. Darst violated USPAP SR 2-2(b)(viii) by failing to summarize the information analyzed, the appraisal methods and techniques employed and the reasoning that supports the analyses, opinions and conclusions.

7. As a result of the above violations, Beth M. Darst has violated Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 86.01(1) and (2), and is therefore subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 458.26(3)(b), (c) and (i).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Beth M. Darst is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. The Certified General Appraiser certificate of licensure and certification issued to Respondent Beth M. Darst (number 828-10) is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. Within 180 days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete 45 hours of education from the following courses offered by a provider pre-approved by the Board's monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses:
 - i. USPAP (15 hours) and
 - ii. General Appraiser Sales Comparison (30 hours).
 - b. The courses listed above may be taken in person in a classroom setting or online.
 - c. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or the Department.
 - d. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Board or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all of the ordered education.

4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Beth M. Darst shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$795.

5. Proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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 Respondent's certificate of licensure and certification. 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 costs as ordered or fails to comply with the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's certificate of licensure and certification (no. 828-10) 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 costs and completion of the education.

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

WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

by: Leanne R. Nicholson
A Member of the Board

2/11/2015
Date

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STIPULATION
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 12 APP 082

Respondent Beth M. Darst and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Real Estate Appraisers Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

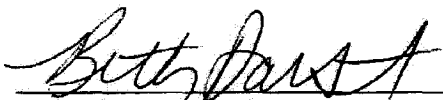
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

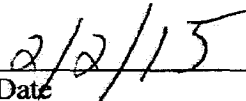
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

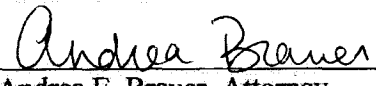
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



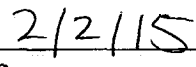
Beth M. Darst, Respondent
15 S. Second St.
Black River Falls, WI 54615
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