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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

BRENDA K. BRUYETTE, RESPONDENT.

0004104

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 REB 075

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

Brenda K. Bruyette 250 Brookside Dr. Mayville, WI 53050

Wisconsin Real Estate Examining 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 Examining 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 Brenda K. Bruyette (dob September 30, 1959) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a real estate broker, having license number 54954-90, first issued on January 24, 2008 and current through December 14, 2016. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 250 Brookside Dr., Mayville, WI 53050.
- 2. On January 25, 2013, Respondent entered into a listing agreement with Seller A. S. to list Seller's property located in Horicon, Wisconsin.

- 3. Seller A.S. verbally advised Respondent that all further contacts regarding the sale of the Horicon, Wisconsin property could be done through Seller's son J.S.
  - 4. On March 7, 2013, Seller A.S. died.
- 5. On April 18, 2013, Respondent received an Offer to Purchase the Horican, Wisconsin property which she presented to and was accepted by Seller's son J.S.
- 6. After further Amendments to the Offer to Purchase and an inspection, the sale of the Horicon Wisconsin property closed on May 31, 2013. The closing documents were signed by the surviving children of Seller A.S., including Seller's son J.S.
- 7. At no time did Respondent enter into a listing agreement with any of the surviving children of Seller A.S., including Seller's son J.S.
- 8. 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 Brenda K. Bruyette violated Wis. Stat. § 452.133(1)(b) by failing to provide brokerage services with reasonable skill and care.
- 3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Brenda K. Bruyette violated Wis. Admin. Code § REEB 24.08 by failing to put in writing all listing contracts, and other commitments regarding transactions, expressing the exact agreement of the parties.
- 4. As a result of the above violations, Respondent Brenda K. Bruyette is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 452.14(3)(L) and (4m).

#### **ORDER**

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Benda K. Bruyette is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. The real estate broker license issued to Respondent Brenda K. Bruyette (license number 54954-90) is LIMITED as follows:
  - a. Within 90 days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete 3 hours of education on the topic of ethics and 3 hours of education on the topic of contracts offered by a provider pre-approved by the Board's

monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any examination offered for the courses.

- b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education and passage of any examination in the form of verification from the institution providing the education and examination 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 Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.
- c. 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, Respondent Bruyette shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$310,00.
- 5. Proof of successful course completion, passage of any examination, 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 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 costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education and passage of any examination as set forth above, Respondent's license (no. 54954-90) 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, completion of the education and passage of any examination.
  - 7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD

by:

A Member of the Board

<u>6-18-15</u> Date STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

BRENDA K. BRUYETTE, RESPONDENT. STIPULATION

0004104

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 REB 075

Respondent Brenda K. Bruyette 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 Examining 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.

Brenda K. Bruyette, Respondent

250 Brookside Dr. Mayville, WI 53050

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