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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
EDWARD A. STERN AND :
LAKEVIEW FUNERAL HOME, :
RESPONDENTS. :

0004730

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 FDR 018

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

Edward A. Stern
9075 N. 76th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53223

Lakeview Funeral Home
9075 N. 76th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53223

Wisconsin Funeral Directors 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 Funeral Directors 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 Edward A. Stern (DOB 01/28/1934) is licensed by the State of Wisconsin as a funeral director, having license number 4920-77, first issued on December 13, 1990 and current through December 14, 2017. Edward A. Stern's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 9075 North 76th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53223.

2. Respondent Lakeview Funeral Home is permitted by the State of Wisconsin as a funeral establishment, having permit number 2466-78, first issued on May 30, 2006 and current through May 31, 2017. This permit was expired from June 1, 2009 through January 12, 2010, and from June 1, 2013 through November 11, 2014. Lakeview Funeral Home's most recent address on file with the Department is 9075 North 76th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53223.

3. Respondent Stern is identified in Department records as the funeral director in charge for Respondent Lakeview Funeral Home at all times relevant to this matter.

4. Respondents performed twenty-one (21) funerals between June 14, 2013 and November 10, 2014.

5. In resolution of this matter, Respondents consent to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 445.13, 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, Edward A. Stern and Lakeview Funeral Home violated Wis. Stat. § 445.105(1) by conducting funeral services outside a funeral establishment that has been issued a permit by the board.

3. As a result of the above violations, Respondents Edward A. Stern and Lakeview Funeral Home are subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 445.13(1) and Wis. Stat. § 445.105(4).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Edward A. Stern is hereby REPRIMANDED.

3. Respondent Lakeview Funeral Home is hereby REPRIMANDED.

4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent Edward A. Stern shall pay one-half of the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$455.

5. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent Lakeview Funeral Home shall pay one-half of the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$455.

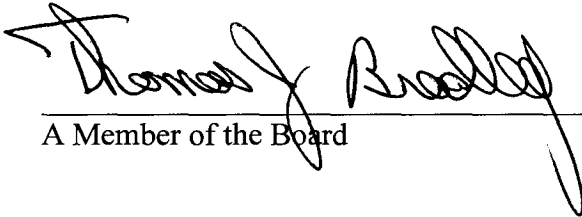
6. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

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

7. In the event Respondents fail to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, Respondents' credentials (numbers 4920-77 and 2466-78), or Respondents' right to renew their credentials, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondents have complied with payment of the costs.

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

WISCONSIN FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

by: 
A Member of the Board

5-24-16
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	STIPULATION
EDWARD STERN AND	:	
LAKEVIEW FUNERAL HOME,	:	
RESPONDENTS.	:	0004730

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 FDR 018

Respondents Edward A. Stern and Lakeview Funeral Home 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. Respondents consent to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondents understand that by signing this Stipulation, Respondents voluntarily and knowingly waive the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondents, 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 Respondents;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondents' behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondents' 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 Respondents under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondents are aware of Respondents' right to seek legal representation and have been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondents agree to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Funeral Directors 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. Respondents waive all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

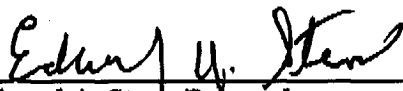
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

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 Respondents, 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.

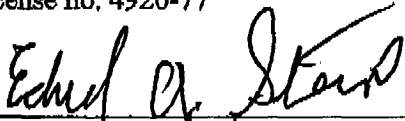
7. Respondents are informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

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



Edward A. Stern, Respondent
9075 N. 76th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53223
License no. 4920-77

5-12-16
Date



Lakeview Funeral Home, Respondent
By: Edward A. Stern
1209 Glenwood Ave.
North Minneapolis, MN 55405
Permit no. 2466-78

5-12-16
Date



Renee M. Parton, Attorney
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

5/12/2016
Date