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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

DOUGLAS X. ADAMS,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 APP 034

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

Douglas X. Adams
1300 Turvey Road
Downers Grove, IL 60515

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 Douglas X. Adams (DOB 10/31/1937) is certified by the State of Wisconsin as a Certified General Appraiser, having certificate of licensure and certification number 1115-10, first issued on May 31, 2001 and current through December 14, 2017. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1300 Turvey Road, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

2. On April 18, 2016, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) disciplined Respondent for issuing an appraisal report that was misleading, lacked credibility and allegedly violated the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal

Practice (USPAP) Competency Rule and USPAP Standards Rules 1 and 2. Respondent was reprimanded and fined \$2,750.

3. On June 16, 2016, IDFPR reported this discipline to the Department. The Department subsequently opened DLSC Case No. 16 APP 034 for investigation.

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, Respondent Douglas X. Adams violated Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 86.01(13) by engaging in conduct reflecting adversely on his fitness to practice as a real estate appraiser pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 86.01(14).

3. As a result of the above conduct, Respondent Douglas X. Adams is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 458.26(3)(b) and (i).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Douglas X. Adams is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$193.

4. 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

5. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, Respondent's certificate of licensure and certification (number 1115-10), or Respondent's right to renew his certificate of licensure and certification, 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.

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

WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

by: Larry Nicholson
A Member of the Board

8/4/16
Date

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 APP 034

Respondent Douglas X. Adams 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.



Douglas X. Adams, Respondent
1300 Turvey Road
Downers Grove, IL 60515
Credential no. 1115-10

July 25, 2016

Date



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

7/25/2016

Date