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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE ARCHITECT SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD
OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
DESIGNERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

MICHAEL J. CASTRO,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 ARC 007

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

Michael J. Castro
909 Montgomery St., Suite 260
San Francisco, CA 94133

Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape
Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors
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 Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors (Section). The Section has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Michael J. Castro (DOB May 28, 1963) is registered by the State of Wisconsin as an Architect, having registration number 11627-5, first issued on February 11, 2014, and current through July 31, 2018. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 909 Montgomery Street, Suite 260, San Francisco, California 94133.

2. On July 13, 2010, the Oregon Board of Architect Examiners (Oregon Board) disciplined Respondent for using the title of, and working as, an architect while his license was inactive. Respondent was fined \$500.

3. On September 1, 2010, the Oregon Board disciplined Respondent for providing false answers on his June 2010 license renewal application. Respondent was fined \$500.

4. On June 21, 2013, Respondent applied for an architect credential with the Department, and provided information regarding his previous discipline from the Oregon Board.

5. On or about March 20, 2014, the Wyoming Board of Architects and Landscape Architects reprimanded Respondent for failing to disclose his discipline from the Oregon Board.

6. On October 5, 2014, the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration disciplined Respondent for failing to disclose his discipline from the Oregon Board. Respondent was reprimanded and fined \$150.

7. On January 15, 2015, the Hawaii Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects disciplined Respondent for failing to timely report his discipline from the Oregon Board. Respondent was fined \$1,500.

8. On August 3, 2016, Respondent notified the Department of his discipline from Wyoming, Arizona, and Hawaii.

9. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11, 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 engaged in misconduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 8.03(3)(a) by violating federal or state laws, local ordinances or administrative rules relating to the practice of architecture.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 8.08(4) by failing to notify the Department within 48 hours of being disciplined for unprofessional conduct in another state.

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 8.09(1) by failing to comply with all state codes which relate to the practice of architecture.

5. As a result of the above violations, Michael J. Castro is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11(1)(d) and (e).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Michael J. Castro is REPRIMANDED.
3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$347.
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:

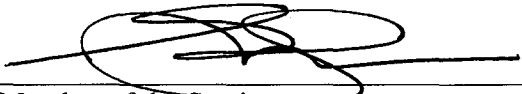
Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

5. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, Respondent's registration (no. 11627-5), or Respondent's right to renew his registration, may, in the discretion of the Section 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.

ARCHITECT SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS,
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

by:


A Member of the Section

Date

1/11/18

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 ARC 007

Respondent Michael J. Castro 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 Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Professional Land Surveyors (Section). 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 Section's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Section, 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 Section, 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 Section 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 Section may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

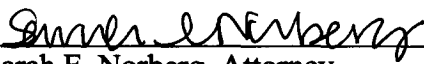
7. Respondent is informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

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



Michael J. Castro, Respondent
909 Montgomery St., Suite 260
San Francisco, CA 94133
Registration No. 11627-5

20 APRIL 2017
Date



Sarah E. Norberg, Attorney
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
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4.26.17
Date