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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

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

STANLEY J. ROSS, RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 ARC 002

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

Stanley J. Ross 4892 Twins Court Eagan, MN 55123

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 Stanley J. Ross (DOB December 8, 1963) is registered by the State of Wisconsin as an Architect, having registration number 8266-5, first issued on July 10, 1996, and current through July 31, 2018. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 4892 Twins Court, Eagan, Minnesota 55123.

- 2. On February 26, 2016, the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design (Minnesota Board) disciplined Respondent for holding himself out as an architect while his license was expired from July 1, 2014 to July 11, 2014, and for failing to provide supporting documentation of 24 professional development hours he claimed he earned between July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014. Respondent was reprimanded, assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty, and his license was suspended until he paid the civil penalty and completed 24 professional development hours for the 2014-2016 renewal period.
- 3. Respondent did not notify the Department of his discipline by the Minnesota Board.
- 4. On or about May 2, 2016, the Department received a complaint regarding Respondent's discipline by the Minnesota Board. Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 ARC 002 was subsequently opened for investigation.
- 5. On October 13, 2016, the Department sent a letter by email to Respondent's email address of record, requesting that he respond to the allegations in the complaint.
- 6. On November 8, 2016, the Department sent a letter by certified mail to Respondent's address of record, requesting that he respond to the allegations in the complaint.
- 7. On December 27, 2016, the Department sent an email to Respondent's email address of record, requesting that he respond to the allegations in the complaint.
- 8. On January 18, 2017, Respondent provided the Department with a copy of the Order issued by the Minnesota Board and copies of continuing education certificates for the 2014-2016 renewal period.
- 9. On January 18, 2017, January 31, 2017, and February 14, 2017, the Department sent emails to Respondent's email address of record, requesting additional information regarding the complaint.
 - 10. No response was received to the Department's emails.
- 11. 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(3) by failing to respond in a timely manner to a request by the board, a section of the board or the department for information in conjunction with an investigation of a complaint filed against him.
- 4. 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 of being disciplined for unprofessional conduct in another state.
- 5. 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.
- 6. As a result of the above violations, Stanley J. Ross is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11(1)(d) and (e).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Stanley J. Ross is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$460.
- 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 violates any term of this Order, Respondent's registration (number 8266-5), 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 the terms of the Order. The Section may, in addition and/or in the alternative, refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.
 - 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

A Member of the Section

Date

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

STIPULATION

STANLEY J. ROSS, RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 ARC 002

Respondent Stanley J. Ross 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 Section 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 Section 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.

Stanley J. Ross, Respondent

4892 Twins Court Eagan, MN 55123

Registration No. 8266-5

5.30.17

5/1/17

Date

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