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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

AARON J. SLAVEY, RESPONDENT.	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER ORDER 0006857
IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 RHI 014

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

Aaron J. Slavey Winona, MN 55987

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Department adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Aaron J. Slavey (DOB xx/xx/1983) is registered in the State of Wisconsin as a Home Inspector, having registration number 2986-106, first issued on November 4, 2016, and current through December 14, 2020. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department is located in Winona, Minnesota 55987.

2. On September 30, 2019, the Department received a complaint regarding a home inspection performed by Respondent. Division of Legal Services and Compliance (Division) Case Number 19 RHI 014 was subsequently opened for investigation.

3. On December 18, 2019, the Department emailed Respondent requesting a response to the complaint and an accounting of Respondent's continuing education (CE) credits for the prior biennium.

4. On December 18, 2019, Respondent emailed the Department with evidence that he had taken the required amount of CE credits.

5. Respondent admitted, in the above email, that he did not describe the condition of every item in his report as is required. Respondent stated that he has now updated his reporting format to address the issue, and has obtained new software that enables the reporting of the condition for each item in his report.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.978, 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 violated Wis. Stat. § 440.975(3)(d) and Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 131.33(1)(c) by failing to describe the condition of all items required in Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 131.32.

3. As a result of the violations noted in the Conclusions of Law, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.978(2)(m).

<u>ORDER</u>

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Aaron J. Slavey is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$592.00.

4. Respondent shall submit payment of costs (payable to the Department of Safety and Professional Services) 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

You may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System at: <u>https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring</u>.

5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's credential (number 2986-106), or Respondent's right to renew his credential, may, in the discretion of the

Department or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Department 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.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

by:

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Aloysius Rohmeyer, Chief Legal Counsel On Behalf of the Department

6-20-2020 Date

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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	STIPULATION
AARON J. SLAVEY,	:	
RESPONDENT.		ORDER 0006857

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 RHI 014

Respondent Aaron J. Slavey 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 Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). 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 Department's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Department, 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 Department, the parties agree not to contend that the Department 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 Department ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Department 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 Department may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Department should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department'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 Department adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Aaron J. Slavey, Respondent

Winona, MN 55987 Credential No. 2986-106

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05/21/20 Date