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## STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

**PROCEEDINGS AGAINST** 

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

JORDAN M. WEGNER, RESPONDENT. ORDER 0006958

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 FDR 010

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

Jordan M. Wegner Sparta, WI 54656

Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining Board P.O. Box 8366 Madison, WI 53708-8366

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 Funeral Directors Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Respondent Jordan M. Wegner (Birth Year 1986) is licensed by the State of Wisconsin as a Funeral Director, having license number 5799-77, first issued on February 25, 2010 and current through December 14, 2021, and as an Agent for Burial Agreements, first issued on May 1, 2012. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Sparta, Wisconsin 54656.
- 2. On July 30, 2018, the Department received a complaint alleging that Respondent signed a family member's signature on a cremation and disposition authorization form. Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 FDR 010 was subsequently opened for investigation.

- 3. On June 25, 2018, Complainant's sister passed away in Sparta, Wisconsin and was transported to Madison, Wisconsin for an autopsy. J.F.F.H.C., the funeral home hired by Complainant's family, contracted with a local funeral home to pick up the deceased's remains after the autopsy.
- 4. On June 27, 2018, Complainant's family met with a funeral director at J.F.F.H.C., and the Complainant's mother signed J.F.F.H.C.'s cremation authorization form.
- 5. On June 27, 2018, Respondent, an employee of J.F.F.H.C, filled out the local funeral home's cremation and disposition authorization form and initialed and signed it using the Complainant's mother's name. Respondent made no indication that she was not actually Complainant's mother, or that she was signing on another individual's behalf. On this form, Respondent made a number of decisions concerning the decedent's remains which Complainant later stated were not consistent with the family's wishes. However, Respondent contends Complainant's mother verbally consented to these actions.
- 6. On September 10, 2018, Respondent was interviewed by the Bangor Police Department. Respondent admitted that she had initialed and signed Complainant's mother's name on the local funeral home's form. Respondent stated that she should have signed her own name in care of Complainant's mother's name.
- 7. In resolution of this matter, Respondent does not admit to the above findings above but do not wish to contest and consents 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, Respondent violated Wis. Stat. § 445.12(4) by committing an act not in accord with the rules established by the Funeral Directors Examining Board and not in accord with proper business practice as applied to the business or profession of funeral directing and embalming.
- 3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Stat. § 440.73(9) and engaged in unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § FD 3.02(6) by performing the services of funeral directing in a manner which falls below the minimal standards established by statute, rule or practice in the profession, and by failing to have the signature of the person directing the cremation attesting to the accuracy of the representations contained on the form pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.73(9).
- 4. As a result of the above violations, Respondent Jordan M. Wegner is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 445.13(1).

#### <u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Jordan M. Wegner is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay one-third of the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$616.
- 4. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent 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: https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring.

- 5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (number 5799-77), or Respondent's right to renew her license may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board 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 FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

by:	Mars A. E	ssente	8/25/2020	
•	A Member of the Board		Date	

### STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPI MARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JORDAN M. WEGNER, RESPONDENT. STIPULATION

URDER UU06958

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 FDR 010

Respondent Jordan M. Wegner and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

- 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 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. 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.

dan M. Wegner, Responde

Gredential Nos. 5799-77 and 735-107

7-26-2020

Date

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Date