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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JEFFREY J. STAHL AND  
STAHL FUNERAL HOME LLC,  
RESPONDENTS.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

**ORDER 0007093**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 FDR 007

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

Jeffrey J. Stahl  
Wautoma, WI 54982

Stahl Funeral Home, LLC  
Plainfield, WI 54966

Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining 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 Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining 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 Jeffrey J. Stahl (Birth Year 1972) is licensed by the State of Wisconsin as a funeral director, having license number 5196-77, first issued on August 30, 1996 and current through December 14, 2021. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Wautoma, Wisconsin 54982.

2. Respondent Stahl Funeral Home, LLC is permitted by the State of Wisconsin as a funeral establishment, having permit number 2673-78, first issued on March 22, 2016 and current through May 31, 2021. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department is in Plainfield, WI 54966.

3. Respondent Jeffrey J. Stahl is identified in Department records as the responsible licensee in charge of Respondent Stahl Funeral Home, LLC.

4. On February 20, 2019, the Department received a complaint alleging that Respondents were performing funeral services while Respondents' credentials were expired. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) subsequently opened Case Number 19 FDR 007 for investigation.

5. On May 23, 2019, the Department emailed Respondent Jeffrey J. Stahl to request a response to the complaint.

6. On May 28, 2019, Respondent Jeffrey J. Stahl emailed the Department and stated that he had been unaware that the credentials had expired. Respondent Stahl stated that this was an honest mistake, and that he would renew both credentials promptly.

7. On May 29, 2019, Respondent Jeffrey J. Stahl renewed his funeral director license. A review of Department records revealed that the license was expired from December 15, 2017 through May 29, 2019.

8. On May 31, 2019, Respondent Stahl Funeral Home, LLC renewed its funeral establishment permit. A review of Department records revealed that the permit was expired from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2019.

9. On October 16, 2019, Respondent Jeffrey J. Stahl admitted that Respondents had performed 93 funeral services between December 15, 2017 and May 29, 2019.

10. In resolution of this matter, Respondents consent 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, Respondents violated Wis. Stat. § 445.105(1) by operating a funeral establishment while its funeral establishment permit was expired pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 445.105(4).

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Jeffrey J. Stahl violated Wis. Stat. § 445.04(2) by engaging in the business of a funeral director while his funeral director license was expired.

4. As a result of the above violations, Respondents are subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 445.13(1) and 445.105(4).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Jeffrey J. Stahl is REPRIMANDED.
3. Respondent Stahl Funeral Home, LLC is REPRIMANDED.
4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent Jeffrey J. Stahl shall pay one-half of the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$195.
5. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent Stahl Funeral Home, LLC shall pay one-half of the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$195.
6. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondents 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://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov/>

7. In the event Respondents violate any term of this Order, Respondents' credentials (numbers 5196-77 and 2673-78), or Respondents' right to renew their credentials, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondents have 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.

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

WISCONSIN FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

by: Marc Emmerich / c.f.  
A Member of the Board

11/17/2020  
Date

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STIPULATION

**ORDER 0007093**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 FDR 007

Respondents Jeffrey J. Stahl and Stahl Funeral Home, LLC and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

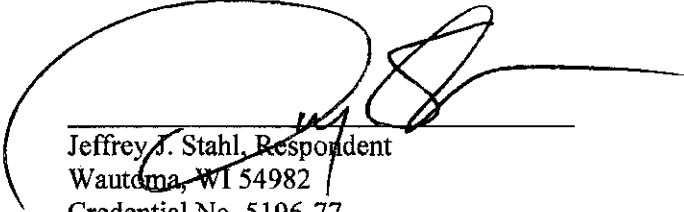
1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondents consent to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
2. Respondents understand that by signing this Stipulation, Respondents voluntarily and knowingly waive the following rights:
  - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondents, 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 Respondents;
  - the right to call witnesses on Respondents' behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
  - the right to testify on Respondents' 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 Respondents under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
3. Respondents are aware of Respondents' right to seek legal representation and have been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
4. Respondents agree 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. Respondents waive 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 Respondents, 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.

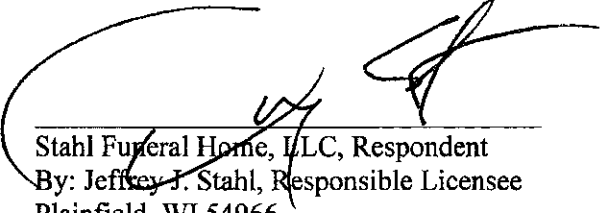
7. Respondents are informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

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

  
Jeffrey J. Stahl, Respondent  
Wautoma, WI 54982  
Credential No. 5196-77

Date

10/12/20

  
Stahl Funeral Home, LLC, Respondent  
By: Jeffrey J. Stahl, Responsible Licensee  
Plainfield, WI 54966  
Credential No. 2673-78

Date

10/12/20

*Renee M. Parton*

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

Date

10/30/2020