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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

CYNTHIA L. WOLLERSHEIM-TILSON, RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0 0 0 8 5 0 1

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 REB 122

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

Cynthia L. Wollersheim-Tilson Shorewood, WI 53211

Real Estate 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 Real Estate 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 Cynthia L. Wollersheim-Tilson (Birth Year 1951) is licensed by the State of Wisconsin as a real estate salesperson, having license number 75790-94, first issued on January 26, 2012 and current through December 14, 2024. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Shorewood, Wisconsin 53211.
- 2. On December 18, 2020, the Department received a complaint alleging that Respondent acted improperly during a real estate transaction. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) subsequently opened Case Number 20 REB 122 for investigation.
- 3. On June 12, 2020, Respondent submitted an offer to purchase the subject property on her client's behalf.

- 4. On June 13, 2020, the seller countered the offer, with a stipulation that the property was being sold "as is" with no warranty as to the condition of the property, however, an inspection would be allowed as set forth in the inspection contingency included in the offer to purchase. The inspection contingency allowed for the buyer to inspect the property and complete any follow up inspections within 15 days prior to closing, which was scheduled for July 20, 2020.
- 5. On June 19, 2020, an inspection of the property was completed. No evidence of mold was identified by the home inspector.
- 6. On July 9, 2020, an appraisal of the subject property was performed. The appraisal came in at value, however the appraiser identified what he described as possible black mold in the basement.
- 7. On July 14, 2020, the underwriter for the lender added a condition that the mold issue must be addressed prior to the loan being approved.
- 8. A request by Respondent for a follow up home inspection was denied because it was now within 15 days of closing, and the seller was no longer obligated to allow the follow up inspection under the terms of the inspection contingency.
- 9. On July 16, 2020, Respondent requested a final walkthrough for the buyer, to occur on July 17, 2020. Respondent made no mention of her client's intention to bring home inspectors along to inspect the basement.
- 10. On July 17, 2020, Respondent and her clients brought two home inspectors into the subject property for the 'walkthrough.' The two home inspectors performed an inspection of the basement and confirmed that there was no mold present.
 - 11. On August 3, 2020, the transaction closed.
- 12. On December 15, 2020, the Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors (GMAR) Ethics Hearing Panel issued a decision finding that Respondent had violated the code of ethics by providing access to property on terms or conditions other than those authorized by the owner.
- 13. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Real Estate Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 452.14, 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. Admin. Code § REEB 24.03(2)(b) by failing to act to protect the public against fraud, misrepresentation and unethical practices.

3. As a result of the above violations, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 452.14(3)(L).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Cynthia L. Wollersheim-Tilson is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. Respondent Cynthia L. Wollersheim-Tilson's real estate salesperson license (no. 75790-94) is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. Within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete one (1) course on the topic of ethical real estate practice from a provider pre-approved by the Board or it's designee, including taking and passing any exam(s) offered for the course(s).
 - b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below.
 - c. The education completed pursuant to this Order may not be used to satisfy any other continuing education requirements with the Board.
- 4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent Cynthia L. Wollersheim-Tilson shall pay a FORFEITURE in the amount of \$200 and the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$400, for a total of \$600.
- 5. All submissions, including requests for pre-approval, proof of successful course completion, and payment of forfeiture and 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) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Submissions may also be made online at: https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov/

6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (number 75790-94), 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.

| WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD | | | |
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| by: | Thomas A. Rabie | 4/13/2023 | |
| • | A Member of the Board | Date | |

This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

CYNTHIA L. WOLLERSHEIM-TILSON, RESPONDENT.

STIPULATION

ORDER 0 0 0 8 5 0 1

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 RBB 122

Respondent Cynthia L. Wollersheim-Tilson 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. Respondent is represented by Attorney James McAlister.
- 4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Real Estate 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.

ynthia L. Wollersheim-Tilson, Respondent

Shorewood, WI 53211 Credential No. 75790-94

Jon Derenne, Attorney

Division of Legal Services and Compliance

P.O. Box 7190

Madison, WI 53707-7190

Date

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