

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE ARCHITECT SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF  
ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS,  
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS, AND REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :  
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
THOMAS E. HIRSCH, :  
RESPONDENT. : **ORDER 0008799**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 ARC 005

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

Thomas E. Hirsch  
Madison, WI 53726

Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape  
Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, Professional Land Surveyors, and  
Registered Interior Designers  
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, Professional Land Surveyors, and Registered Interior Designers (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 Thomas E. Hirsch (Birth Year 1943) is registered by the State of Wisconsin as an architect, having registration number 4449-5, first issued on December 14, 1977 and current through July 31, 2024. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Madison, Wisconsin 53726.

2. On June 1, 2021, Respondent reported to the Department that he had accidentally allowed his architect registration to expire. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) subsequently opened Case Number 21 ARC 005 for investigation.

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3. Department records show that Respondent's architect registration expired on August 3, 2018 and was not renewed until April 22, 2020.

4. Department records also show that Respondent's architect registration expired again on August 3, 2020 and was renewed on June 15, 2021.

5. On February 7, 2023, Respondent told the Department that he worked on 25 architectural projects when his registration was expired between August 3, 2018 and April 22, 2020, and 10 projects when his registration was expired between August 3, 2020 and June 15, 2021.

6. 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, Professional Land Surveyors, and Registered Interior Designers 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 Hirsch violated Wis. Stat. § 443.02(2) by practicing architecture while his registration was expired.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Hirsch violated Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 8.09(1) by failing to comply with the requirements of Chapter 443 of the Wisconsin Statutes and rules and codes that relate to the practice of architecture.

4. As a result of the above violations, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11(1)(e).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Thomas E. Hirsch is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent Thomas E. Hirsch shall pay the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$703.

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) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264  
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

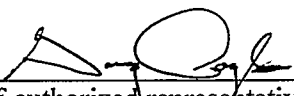
Payment may also be made online at: <https://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov/>

5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's architect registration (number 4449-5), 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.

WISCONSIN ARCHITECT SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF  
ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS,  
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS, AND REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS

by:

  
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Signature of authorized representative for the  
Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining  
Board of Architects, Landscape Architects,  
Professional Engineers, Designers, Professional  
Land Surveyors, and Registered Interior Designers

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Date 10/10/23

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE ARCHITECT SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF  
ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,  
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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
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STIPULATION

**ORDER 0008799**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 ARC 005

Respondent Thomas E. Hirsch 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, Professional Land Surveyors, and Registered Interior Designers (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.

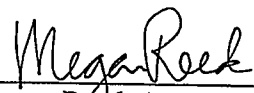
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for 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.

  
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Thomas E. Hirsch, Respondent  
Madison, WI 53726-3924  
Credential No. 4449-5

8.29.2023  
Date

  
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Megan Reed, Attorney  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
P.O. Box 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

09/14/2023  
Date