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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF
THE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION
OF

SUZANNE G. AKISKA,
RC00108000

TO PRACTICE AS A REAL ESTATE
APPRAISER IN THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Real Estate Appraisers ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a real estate appraiser in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. The Board conducted a continuing education audit in 2006, asking a

random sampling of its licensees for documentation of continuing education completed during the 2004-2005 licensing period.

3. Respondent submitted documentation in response to this audit, which was received on March 15, 2006.

4. Respondent did forward proof of successful completion of the 7-hour USPAP course.

5. Respondent submitted documentation of having completed a total of 25 credit hours of continuing education prior to December 31, 2005.

6. Respondent certified upon respondent's renewal application for the 2006-2007 licensure renewal period that respondent had completed the continuing education requirement during the previous biennial licensure renewal period.

7. Respondent certified upon respondent's renewal application for the 2006-2007 licensure renewal period that respondent had completed a USPAP course.

8. Respondent is required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:40A-5.3, -5.4 to have completed the equivalent of fourteen (14) classroom hours of instruction for each year during the period preceding renewal. The continuing education completed must include either a seven (7) or fifteen (15) hour USPAP course.¹

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to successfully complete continuing education requirements for licensure during the 2004-2005 biennial renewal period constitutes a

¹ 2004 was the last year that the 15-hour USPAP course could be used to satisfy the USPAP continuing education requirement.

violation of N.J.A.C. 13:40A-5.3, -5.4, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e) and (h).

2. Respondent's certification upon renewal for the January 1, 2006-December 31, 2007 renewal cycle that respondent had satisfied the continuing education requirement constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on February 26, 2007, provisionally suspending respondent until she had furnished proof of successful completion of the continuing education for the 2004-2005 licensure cycle, imposing a public reprimand upon respondent, and imposing a civil penalty in the amount of \$500. A copy of the Order was forwarded to respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent has forwarded proof of having belatedly satisfied her 2004-2005 continuing education obligation to the Board, along with payment in the amount of \$500 in satisfaction of the civil penalty indicated in the Provisional Order. Accordingly, the Board determined that further proceedings were not necessary, and that no material discrepancies had been raised with respect to the Findings of Fact or Conclusions of

Law, with the exception of the allegation of misrepresentation. It further determined that suspension was not warranted, inasmuch as respondent had submitted proof of successful completion of her 2004-2005 continuing education obligation. Upon review of respondent's submission, the Board noted that respondent was a new licensee in 2004, and indicated that she mistakenly believed that she was required to complete only 25 hours of continuing education credit hours for 2004-2005. The Board thus determined that respondent did not intentionally engage in misrepresentation upon renewal of her license, and the conclusion that a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) had occurred should be withdrawn. Accordingly, it determined that the Provisional Order should be made final, but that no public reprimand would be imposed. The civil penalty, based upon respondent's failure to timely complete her required continuing education, was to be finalized.

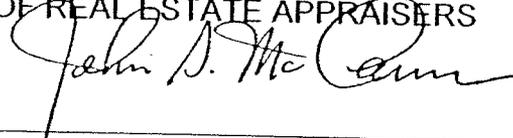
ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 16 day of April, 2007,

ORDERED that:

1. A civil penalty in the amount of \$500 is hereby imposed upon respondent.

For her violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h). Respondent has already made payment of this amount.

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