Department of Commerce Professional Licensing Bureau

# OF THE STATE OF IOWA

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IN THE MATTER OF:	)	Case No. 19-01	Signature, Executive Officer
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Barbara Jeanne Huelat	)		
Interior Design Registration 00094	)	STATEMENT OF CHARGES	
	)	AND CONSENT ORDER IN	
Respondent.	)	<b>DISCIPLINARY CA</b>	SE
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## A. Statement of Charges

- 1. The Iowa Interior Design Examining Board ("Board") has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 544C (2019).
- 2. Respondent holds interior design registration number 00094, issued by the Board on September 6, 2018, which is active and due for renewal on June 30, 2020.
- 3. On or about July 3, 2018, Respondent renewed her registration. The online renewal form states the continuing education requirements for renewal with a checkbox for "I Agree." The box was checked. The renewal form asks "How are you providing your CE Unit requirements?" Respondent chose "Attest the Total Number of Required Continuing Education Hours" and checked the "I Agree" box stating, "I attest I have completed the number of hours needed for renewal as required by Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code applicable to my renewal." Respondent answered "11.25" to the "Number of hours reported."
- 4. On or about November 9, 2018, Respondent was notified of her selection for a continuing education audit. On or about December 11, 2018, Respondent was sent a certified letter asking for documentation of the required continuing education hours. The letter was delivered and signed for on December 20, 2018. On December 28, 2018, Respondent e-mailed a list of conferences she attended. She was notified on January 2, 2019 she needed to supply course completion certificates. On February 7, 2019 Respondent was sent another certified letter asking for official documentation. The letter was delivered and signed for on February 19, 2019. Respondent has not responded to the Board's request for documentation in relation to the audit.
- 5. Respondent is charged with violating lowa Administrative Code rule 193G—3.6 by failing to supply proof of completion of the continuing education requirements of chapter 193G—3 and rule 193G—5.2 by failing to respond to the Board.

6. The Board and Respondent have agreed to fully resolve these charges through the following Consent Order, rather than proceed to contested case hearing.

## **B. Settlement Agreement and Consent Order**

- 7. Respondent has a right to a hearing on the charges, but waives her right to hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Order. This Consent Order constitutes discipline against the Respondent, and is the final agency order in the contested case, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and Iowa Administrative Code rule 193—7.4. Respondent acknowledges she had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel before signing this Consent Order.
- 8. Respondent agrees the State's counsel may present this Order to the Board and may have exparte communications with the Board while presenting it.
- 9. This Order shall be part of the permanent record of Respondent and shall be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations.
- 10. This Combined Statement of Charges and Consent Order is a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22.
- 11. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Order may be grounds for further disciplinary action. However, no action may be taken against Respondent for violations of these provisions without a hearing, or waiver of hearing.
  - 12. This Order is subject to approval of the Board:
  - (a) If the Board fails to approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect on either party, and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter.
    - (b) If the Board approves this Order, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

#### A. Reprimand

Respondent is reprimanded for failing to respond to the Board's communications.

## B. Registration Placed in Lapsed Status

Respondent agrees to the Board placing her active interior design registration into lapsed status, during which she may not use the title "lowa Registered Interior Designer," without first complying with all rules governing reinstatement to active status.

## C. Continuing Education

Respondent shall attend ten (10) additional hours of continuing education as a condition precedent to Respondent's reinstatement of her lapsed interior design registration, along with fulfilling the requirements listed in Iowa Administrative Code rule 193G—2.3 to reinstate her lapsed registration to active status. These continuing education hours shall conform to the requirements of Iowa Administrative Code chapter 193G—3. These hours shall not count towards and are in addition to Respondent's continuing education requirement under rule 193G—2.3(4). Respondent is solely responsible for all costs associated with obtaining these hours.

# D. <u>Civil Penalty</u>

Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) as a condition precedent to Respondent's reinstatement of her lapsed registration. The Board shall not reinstate the Respondent's license to active status before and until it has received payment in full of the required civil penalty. Payment of the civil penalty shall not excuse the Respondent from demonstrating compliance with all other applicable statutory and regulatory requirements or otherwise qualify for reinstatement of her interior design registration.

### E. Future Compliance

Respondent is ordered to obey all applicable lowa laws and rules in the future.

The Respondent Iowa Interior Design Examining Board

Barbara Jeanne Huelat Chairperson

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