

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE,
GEOSCIENCE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

In the Matter of

**STIPULATION AND
CONSENT ORDER**

Richard J Olson
Certified Interior Designer No. C00080

Board File No. 2024-0011

STIPULATION

Richard Olson ("Respondent") and the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design's Complaint Committee stipulate that, subject to Board's review and discretionary approval, the Board may issue a consent order that imposes the following sanctions:

A. Respondent's Certified Interior Designer certificate, No. C00080, is CENSURED, and REPRIMANDED pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326.111 (2022).

B. Respondent shall pay to the Board a civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). Respondent shall submit the civil penalty by check to the Board within sixty (60) days of the Board's approval of this Stipulation and Consent Order.

C. Respondent shall comply with all statutes and rules within the Board's jurisdiction. See Minn. Stat. §§ 326.02–.15 (2022) and Minn. R. chs. 1800 & 1805 (2023).

D. Respondent shall report in writing within ten days any and all violations of this stipulation and consent order to the Board's Executive Director.

Respondent and the Committee enter into this stipulation based on the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and other stipulated provisions:

Findings of Fact

1. The Board issued Respondent a Certified Interior Designer certificate in Minnesota on April 22, 1994.

2. Respondent renewed his Minnesota Certified Interior Designer certificate online on June 22, 2022. At that time, Respondent affirmed that he earned thirty-four (34) Professional Development Hours (PDH) and that two (2) hours were dedicated to ethics as required by Minnesota Statute §326.107, subd. 1(c) (2022).

3. Respondent was notified on December 19, 2022, that he was randomly selected for review as part of the Board's continuing education audit.

4. In the same letter, the Board notified Respondent that as part of the audit, he must submit supporting documentation for a minimum of twenty-four (24) professional development hours, of which two (2) must be dedicated to ethics, that were earned during the 2020-2022 biennium period as affirmed with his renewal.

5. Respondent submitted his professional development hours and documentation on January 16, 2023.

6. During the review of Respondent's continuing education documentation, twenty-two (22) hours were rejected for insufficient supporting documentation. Respondent's two (2) ethics hours were able to be substantiated.

7. Respondent was notified on March 10, 2023, of his deficiencies with the professional development hours requirements and was given the 180-day cure period to substantiate the validity of the rejected hours or to earn other qualifying hours to meet the minimum requirement.

8. Respondent submitted an additional twenty-two and a half (22.5) hours of professional development hours. Of the submitted hours, twenty (20) hours were outside the 2020-2022 biennium period and were earned during the 180-day cure period. These twenty (20) hours that Respondent submitted to remedy the deficiencies cannot be used for the next reporting period.

9. Respondent submitted false information with his renewal when he affirmed that that he earned the professional development hours and that two (2) hours were dedicated to ethics during the 2020-2022 biennium period.

Conclusion of Law

1. The Board has authority to certify and regulate Certified Interior Designers and to take disciplinary action as appropriate. Minn. Stat. ch. 326.111 (2022).

2. Respondent violated Minnesota Statutes § 326.107, subds. 1(a), (c), and 7 (2022), and Minnesota Rules 1805.0200, subds. 2 and 4(C) (2023).

3. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326.111, subd. 4(a)(1), (2), (5), and (8) (2022).

4. This stipulation and consent order is in the public interest.

Other Stipulated Provisions

1. This stipulation and consent order must be approved by the Board to become effective.

2. Respondent agrees that the Committee may move the Board *ex parte*, with or without advance notice to the Respondent, to approve this stipulation and consent order.

Respondent understands that the Board may either approve the stipulation and consent order or not approve it. This stipulation and the files, records, and proceedings associated with this matter may be reviewed by the Board in its consideration of the Committee's motion.

3. If approved by the Board, this stipulation and consent order shall be classified as public data. Minn. Stat. § 13.41, subd. 5 (2022). The Board will post a copy of this order on its website. The Board will also send a summary to the national discipline data bank pertaining to the practice of certified interior designers.

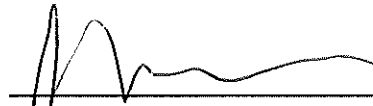
4. If the Board does not approve this stipulation and consent order, then the matter remains unresolved and the Committee may either seek to negotiate a revised stipulation and consent order with Respondent to present to the Board or issue an order commencing a contested-case hearing before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings. *See* Minn. Stat. §§ 14.57–.62, 214.10, subd. 2 (2022) (describing administrative hearing process).

5. Respondent agrees that if this case comes before the Board again after it reviews and discusses this stipulation and consent order, Respondent waives any claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this stipulation and consent order and any records relating to it.

6. Respondent acknowledges that they were advised by the Committee of their right to a contested-case hearing in this matter before an Administrative Law Judge, to file exceptions and make argument to the Board after the hearing, and to seek judicial review from any adverse decision rendered by the Board. Respondent hereby expressly waives those rights. Respondent was further advised by the committee of their right to be represented by counsel and that they knowingly waive that right.

7. Respondent has read, understands, and agrees to this stipulation and has voluntarily signed it. It is expressly understood that this stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise. If approved by the Board, a copy of the final stipulation and consent order shall be served personally or by first class mail on Respondent. The Board's order shall be effective when it is signed by the Chair of the Board or the Chair's designee.

8. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.13 (2022), any civil penalty imposed by this stipulation and consent order shall begin to accrue simple interest in accordance with that section thirty days after the civil penalty is due. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.17 (2022), thirty days after any civil penalty imposed by this stipulation and consent order is due, the Board may file and enforce any unpaid portion of the civil penalty as a judgment against Respondent in district court without further notice or additional proceedings.



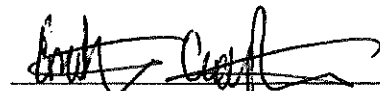
Richard J. Olson, CID

STATE OF _____

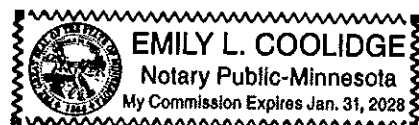
COUNTY OF _____

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____ by Richard Olson.

(stamp)


(Signature of notary officer)

My commission expires: _____



COMPLAINT COMMITTEE



ERIC FRISKE, JD
Chair

Dated: January 30, 2024

CONSENT ORDER

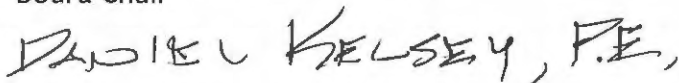
Upon consideration of this stipulation and consent order, and based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein, all terms of the stipulation and consent order are approved. Accordingly, the Board hereby ADOPTS the stipulation and issues the ORDER described above.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE,
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Dated: 1-30-2024



For MELISA RODRIGUEZ, PE
Board Chair


DANIEL KELSEY, P.E.,
BOARD VICE CHAIR