

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**MISSOURI REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS COMMISSION**  
**AND**  
**YVONNE S. WHEELER**

Yvonne S. Wheeler (Wheeler) and the Missouri Real Estate Appraisers Commission (MREAC) enter into this Settlement Agreement for the purpose of resolving the question of whether Wheeler's certification as a state-certified residential real estate appraiser, no. RA002349, will be subject to discipline. Pursuant to § 536.060, RSMo 2000,<sup>1</sup> the parties hereto waive the right to a hearing by the Administrative Hearing Commission of the State of Missouri and, additionally, the right to a disciplinary hearing before the MREAC under § 621.110, RSMo Supp. 2011. The MREAC and Wheeler jointly stipulate and agree that a final disposition of this matter may be effectuated as described below pursuant to § 621.045, RSMo Supp. 2011.

Wheeler acknowledges that she understands the various rights and privileges afforded her by law, including the right to a hearing of the charges against her; the right to appear and be represented by legal counsel; the right to have all charges proven upon the record by competent and substantial evidence; the right to cross-examine any witnesses appearing against her at the hearing; the right to present evidence on her behalf at the hearing; the right to a decision

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory citations are to the 2000 Revised Statutes of Missouri unless otherwise noted.

upon the record of the hearing by a fair and impartial administrative hearing commissioner concerning the charges pending against her; the right to a ruling on questions of law by the Administrative Hearing Commission; the right to a disciplinary hearing before the MREAC at which time Wheeler may present evidence in mitigation of discipline; the right to a claim for attorney fees and expenses; and the right to obtain judicial review of the decisions of the Administrative Hearing Commission and the MREAC.

Being aware of these rights provided to her by law, Wheeler knowingly and voluntarily waives each and every one of these rights and freely enters into this Settlement Agreement and agrees to abide by the terms of this document as they pertain to her.

Wheeler acknowledges that she has received a copy of documents that were the basis upon which the MREAC determined there was cause for discipline, along with citations to law and/or regulations the MREAC believes were violated. Wheeler stipulates that the factual allegations contained in this Settlement Agreement are true and stipulates with the MREAC that Wheeler's certification as a state-certified residential real estate appraiser, certificate no. RA002349, is subject to disciplinary action by the MREAC in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 621, RSMo, and §§ 339.500 through 339.549, RSMo, as amended.

The parties stipulate and agree that the disciplinary order agreed to by the MREAC and Wheeler in Part II herein is based only on the agreement set out in Part I herein. Wheeler understands that the MREAC may take further disciplinary action against her based on facts or conduct not specifically mentioned in this document that are either now known to the MREAC or may be discovered.

**I.**  
**Joint Stipulation of Facts and Conclusions of Law**

Based upon the foregoing, the MREAC and Wheeler herein jointly stipulate to the following:

1. Section 339.535, RSMo, which requires real estate appraisers to comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), states:

State certified real estate appraisers and state licensed real estate appraisers shall comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice promulgated by the appraisal standards board of the appraisal foundation.

2. On February 7, 2012, Wheeler, and Wheeler alone, signed an appraisal report for 219 Shady Oak Drive, Fordland, Missouri (the Shady Oak Appraisal Report), which valued the property as of February 1, 2012 at \$275,000.

3. The preparation of the Shady Oak Appraisal Report was to be prepared in compliance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, 2012-2013 edition.

4. In the Shady Oak Appraisal Report, Wheeler made the following relevant certifications:

2. I performed a complete visual inspection of the interior and exterior areas of the subject property. . . .

3. I performed this appraisal in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice that were adopted and promulgated by the Appraisal Standards Board of The Appraisal Foundation and that were in place at the time this appraisal report was prepared.

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19. I personally prepared all conclusions and opinions about the real estate that were set forth in this appraisal report. If I relied on significant real property appraisal assistance from any individual or individuals in the performance of this appraisal or the preparation of this appraisal report, I have named such individual(s) and disclosed the specific tasks performed in this appraisal report. . . .

5. Contrary to Wheeler's Certification No. 2, she did not inspect the interior or exterior of the Shady Oak property. The inspection, if any, was conducted by her son, Brian Sherrill.

6. Wheeler's Certification No. 19 was false because she did not disclose the appraisal assistance she received from her son.

7. Wheeler's Certification No. 3 was false because based on her misrepresentation that she inspected the property and her failure to disclose the appraisal assistance received from her son, she violated various provisions of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, 2012-2013 edition.

8. Based on the errors and omissions in the preparation of the Shady Oak Appraisal Report, as set forth above, Wheeler violated Section 339.535, RSMo, the USPAP Preamble, the Conduct provision of the USPAP Ethics Rule, USPAP Standard 2, and USPAP Standards Rules 2-1(a) and (b), 2-2(b)(vii), (viii) and (xi), and 2-3, 2012-2013 edition.

9. Based on the facts and violations set forth above, cause exists to discipline Wheeler's certification as a state-certified residential real estate appraiser pursuant to § 339.532.2(5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), and (14), RSMo, which states:

2. The commission may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo, against any state-certified real estate appraiser, state-licensed real estate appraiser, or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered his or her certificate or license for any one or any combination of the following causes:

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(5) Incompetency, misconduct, gross negligence, dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation in the performance of the functions or duties of any profession licensed or regulated by sections 339.500 to 339.549;

(6) Violation of any of the standards for the development or communication of real estate appraisals as provided in or pursuant to sections 339.500 to 339.549;

(7) Failure to comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice promulgated by the appraisal standards board of the appraisal foundation;

(8) Failure or refusal without good cause to exercise reasonable diligence in developing an appraisal, preparing an appraisal report, or communicating an appraisal;

(9) Negligence or incompetence in developing an appraisal, in preparing an appraisal report, or in communicating an appraisal;

(10) Violating, assisting or enabling any person to willfully disregard any of the provisions of sections 339.500 to 339.549 or the regulations of the commission for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of sections 339.500 to 339.549;

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(14) Violation of any professional trust or confidence[.]

## II.

### Joint Agreed Disciplinary Order

Based on the foregoing, the parties mutually agree and stipulate that the following shall constitute the disciplinary order entered by the MREAC in this matter under the authority of § 536.060, RSMo, and §§ 621.045.4 and 621.110, RSMo Supp. 2011.

1. Wheeler's certification is on probation. Wheeler's certification as a state-certified residential real estate appraiser is hereby placed on

PROBATION for a period of ONE YEAR. The period of probation shall constitute the “disciplinary period.” During the disciplinary period, Wheeler shall be entitled to practice as a state-certified residential real estate appraiser under §§ 339.500 through 339.549, RSMo, as amended, provided Wheeler adheres to all the terms of this agreement.

2. **Terms and conditions of the disciplinary period.** The terms and conditions of the disciplinary period are as follows:

A. Wheeler shall submit written reports to the MREAC by no later than January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15, during each year of the disciplinary period stating truthfully whether there has been compliance with all terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement. Wheeler is responsible for assuring that the reports are submitted to and received by the MREAC.

B. During the disciplinary period, Wheeler shall maintain a log of all appraisal assignments as required by 20 CSR 2245-2.050. A true and accurate copy of which shall be submitted to the MREAC every three (3) months after the disciplinary period goes into effect with the written reports required under subparagraph B., above. Wheeler is responsible for assuring that the logs are submitted to and received by the MREAC. Upon MREAC request, Wheeler shall submit copies of her work samples for MREAC review.

C. Within nine months after the effective date of this Settlement Agreement, Wheeler shall submit verification to the MREAC of successful completion of the fifteen-hour approved National USPAP course, including examination. This course will not replace the 7-hour National USPAP course required by the general continuing education requirements.

D. Wheeler may not apply the education required by this Settlement Agreement to satisfy the continuing education hours required for certification renewal.

E. During the period of probation, Wheeler shall not sign appraisal reports as a supervising appraiser.

F. During the disciplinary period, Wheeler shall not serve as a supervising appraiser to trainee real estate appraisers under 20 CSR 2245-3.005. Within ten days of the effective date of this Settlement Agreement, Wheeler shall advise each trainee real estate appraiser working under her that the supervisory relationship is terminated and comply with all other requirements of 20 CSR 2245-3.005 regarding the termination of the supervisory relationship.

G. Whenever during the disciplinary period Wheeler provides others with a copy of her certification as a Missouri state-certified residential real estate appraiser, Wheeler shall provide the most recent version of her certification issued by the MREAC.

H. During the disciplinary period, Wheeler shall keep the MREAC apprised at all times in writing of her current work and home addresses and telephone numbers at each place of residence and employment. Wheeler shall notify the MREAC in writing of any change in address or telephone number within 15 days of a change in this information.

I. Wheeler shall timely renew her certification and timely pay all fees required for certification renewal and comply with all other MREAC requirements necessary to maintain her certification in a current and active state.

J. During the disciplinary period, Wheeler shall comply with all provisions of §§ 339.500 through 339.549, RSMo, all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and all federal and state laws. "State" includes the state of Missouri and all other states and territories of the United States. Any cause to discipline Wheeler's certification as a real estate appraiser under § 339.532.2, RSMo, as amended, that accrues during the disciplinary period shall also constitute a violation of this Settlement Agreement.

K. Wheeler shall accept and comply with reasonable unannounced visits from the MREAC's duly authorized agents to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions stated herein.

L. Wheeler shall appear before the MREAC or its representative for a personal interview upon the MREAC's written request.

M. If, at any time within the disciplinary period, Wheeler removes herself from the state of Missouri, ceases to be currently certified under the provisions of §§ 339.500 through 339.549, RSMo, or fails to keep the MREAC advised of all current places of residence and business, the time of absence, uncertified status or unknown whereabouts shall not be deemed or taken as any part of the disciplinary period.

3. Upon the expiration of the disciplinary period, the certification of Wheeler shall be fully restored if all requirements of law have been satisfied; provided, however, that in the event the MREAC determines that Wheeler has violated any term or condition of this Settlement Agreement, the MREAC may, in its discretion, after an evidentiary hearing, vacate and set aside the discipline imposed herein and may suspend, revoke or otherwise lawfully discipline Wheeler's certification.

4. No additional discipline shall be imposed by the MREAC pursuant to the preceding paragraph of this Settlement Agreement without notice and opportunity for hearing before the MREAC as a contested case in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 536, RSMo.

5. This Settlement Agreement does not bind the MREAC or restrict the remedies available to it concerning any future violations by Wheeler of §§

339.500 through 339.549, RSMo, as amended, or the regulations promulgated thereunder, or of the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.

6. This Settlement Agreement does not bind the MREAC or restrict the remedies available to it concerning facts or conduct not specifically mentioned in this Settlement Agreement that are either now known to the MREAC or may be discovered.

7. If any alleged violation of this Settlement Agreement occurred during the disciplinary period, the parties agree that the MREAC may choose to conduct a hearing before it either during the disciplinary period, or as soon thereafter as a hearing can be held, to determine whether a violation occurred and, if so, may impose further disciplinary action. Wheeler agrees and stipulates that the MREAC has continuing jurisdiction to hold a hearing to determine if a violation of this Settlement Agreement has occurred.

8. Each party agrees to pay all their own fees and expenses incurred as a result of this case, its litigation, and/or its settlement.

9. The terms of this Settlement Agreement are contractual, legally enforceable, and binding, not merely recital. Except as otherwise contained herein, neither this Settlement Agreement nor any of its provisions may be changed, waived, discharged, or terminated, except by an instrument in writing signed by the party against whom the enforcement of the change, waiver, discharge, or termination is sought.

10. The parties to this Settlement Agreement understand that the MREAC will maintain this Settlement Agreement as an open record of the MREAC as required by Chapters 339, 610, and 324, RSMo, as amended.

11. Wheeler, together with her partners, heirs, assigns, agents, employees, representatives and attorneys, does hereby waive, release, acquit and forever discharge the MREAC, its respective members, employees, agents and attorneys including former members, employees, agents and attorneys, of, or from any liability, claim, actions, causes of action, fees, costs, expenses and compensation, including, but not limited to, any claim for attorney's fees and expenses, whether or not now known or contemplated, including, but not limited to, any claims pursuant to § 536.087, RSMo (as amended), or any claim arising under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which now or in the future may be based upon, arise out of, or relate to any of the matters raised in this case or its litigation or from the negotiation or execution of this Settlement Agreement. The parties acknowledge that this paragraph is severable from the remaining portions of the Settlement Agreement in that it survives in perpetuity even in the event that any court or administrative tribunal deems this agreement or any portion thereof void or unenforceable.

12. Wheeler understands that she may, either at the time the Settlement Agreement is signed by all parties, or within fifteen days thereafter, submit the agreement to the Administrative Hearing Commission for

determination that the facts agreed to by the parties constitute grounds for disciplining Wheeler's certification. If Wheeler desires the Administrative Hearing Commission to review this Settlement Agreement, Wheeler may submit her request to: Administrative Hearing Commission, Truman State Office Building, Room 640, 301 W. High Street, P.O. Box 1557, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

13. If Wheeler requests review, this Settlement Agreement shall become effective on the date the Administrative Hearing Commission issues its order finding that the Settlement Agreement sets forth cause for disciplining Wheeler's certification. If the Administrative Hearing Commission issues an order stating that the Settlement Agreement does not set forth cause for discipline, then the MREAC may proceed to seek discipline against Wheeler as allowed by law. If Wheeler does not request review by the Administrative Hearing Commission, the Settlement Agreement goes into effect 15 days after the document is signed by the Executive Director of the MREAC.

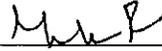
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