# BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA REAL ESTATE APPRAISER BOARD STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF DAN MONTAGUE, RESPONDENT,	FILED
Disciplinary Hearing.	) Complaint No. 04-060FEB 03 2006
	Real Estate Appraiser Boar State of Oklahoma

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#### **CONSENT ORDER**

This Order is an agreement between **DAN MONTAGUE**, Respondent, and the Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board. Respondent is represented by the law firm of Michael D. Roberts, and the Board is represented by Sue Wycoff, in his capacity as Prosecutor for the Board.

The Respondent and the Board hereby agree to the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Settlement. The Respondent has been advised of his rights to contest the allegations against him, to cross-examine witnesses, and to present witnesses and evidence in his defense. The Respondent hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives these rights.

## **AGREED FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board and the Respondent agree to the following Agreed Findings of Fact in settlement of this matter:

- 1. That on or about January 31, 2004, Dan Montague conducted an appraisal of the property located at 1701 North Van Buren in Enid, Oklahoma, prepared a report of that appraisal, and submitted that report to Gary Unruh Real Estate, 1710 W. Willow, Enid, OK 73703.
- 2. That in the above-referenced appraisal report, Respondent stated that the report was a Self Contained Appraisal Report, i.e. one which complies with all of the requirements of Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Standards Rule 2.2(a).
- 3. That the appraisal report does not meet the requirements of USPAP Standards Rule 2.2(a). Deficiencies in the report include but are not limited to: inadequate data regarding the physical site and topography of the property; inadequate information concerning the utilities available at the property; inadequate discussion of how and why Respondent reached the conclusion that the highest and best use of the property was "a

retail store or night club"; and inadequate discussion and analysis of the "Neighborhood Data".

- 3. That in the Market Approach portion of his appraisal report, Respondent chose as comparable sales commercial properties located in Oklahoma City and Edmond. These properties were many miles from the subject property, were not comparable properties in comparable locations, and were all located in Oklahoma County. Respondent did not use any properties located in Enid or in Garfield County although appropriate property sales were available there.
- 4. That in the Market Approach portion of his appraisal report, Respondent included no description, discussion or analysis of the features, specifications, amenities, sites, neighborhoods, age or condition of the comparable sales and merely averaged their per square foot price to arrive at his notion of an appropriate per square foot price for the subject property.
- 5. That the use of inappropriate comparable sales, the failure to properly describe and analyze the comparable sales, and incomplete presentation and analysis of relevant data concerning the subject property resulted in Respondent presenting an incomplete appraisal report and giving an inflated and misleading valuation of the property.

#### AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Agreed Conclusions of Law in settlement of this matter:

That Respondents' conduct as described above violates the following provisions of law:

- 1. 59 O.S. § 858-723(A)(7): "Failure or refusal without good cause to exercise reasonable diligence in developing an appraisal, preparing an appraisal report or communicating an appraisal"
- 59 O.S. § 858-723(A)(8): "Negligence or incompetence in developing an appraisal, in preparing an appraisal report, or in communicating an appraisal"
- 59 O.S. § 858-723(A)(9): "Willfully disregarding or violating any of the provisions of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act or the regulations of the Board for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act"
- 2. 59 O.S. §858-723(A)(6): "Violation of any of the standards for the development or communication of real estate appraisals as provided in the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act", by violation of:

- a. Conduct Section, Ethics Rule,
- b. Standard 1 and Standards Rules 1-1(a)(b) & (c); 1-2(e); 1-3(a); USPAP 2004
- c. Standard 2 and Standards Rules 2-1, and 2-2(a) USPAP 2004.
- d. Departure Rule, all as in USPAP 2003 Edition.
- 3. 59 O.S. § 858-723 (A).(13): "Violating any of the provisions of the code of ethics set forth in this Act", by violation of 59 O.S. § 858-732 (A)(1): "An appraiser must perform ethically and competently and not engage in conduct that is unlawful, unethical or improper. An appraiser who could reasonably be perceived to act as a disinterested third party in rendering an unbiased real property valuation must perform assignments with impartiality, objectivity and independence and without accommodation of personal interests".

## **AGREED SETTLEMENT**

Based on the foregoing, the Board and Respondent consent to the issuance of the following Order in settlement of this matter:

- 1, That Respondent and the Board agree to waive any appeals of this Order, which shall constitute a final decision effective upon execution and filing with the Board;
- 2. That Respondent and the Board agree that Respondent's license as a Certified Residential Appraiser, Number 10438CRA, shall be suspended for a period of thirty (30) days. During this thirty day period, Respondent shall not perform or sign any appraisals or appraisal reports of any kind. The thirty day period will commence on the date the Board receives Respondent's surrendered license; Respondent shall surrender his license immediately upon receipt of this executed and filed Consent Agreement. The Board will inform Respondent of the date it receives his surrendered license. During the thirty day period the conditions set out in OAC 600:15-1-15 shall apply.
- 3. That Respondent and the Board agree that Respondent will immediately upon receipt of an executed and filed copy of this Consent Agreement cease to hold himself out as a commercial appraiser or declare in any way in any medium or forum that he is competent to perform commercial appraisals. PROVIDED, that if Respondent at some later time becomes trained and certified as a general appraiser, competent to perform commercial appraisals, this last agreement, contained in this paragraph, shall cease to have any force or effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this 3th day of February, 2006.

DAN MONTAGUE, Respondent

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KIM HOLLAND, Chairwoman, Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board

JOANN STEVENSOM, Asst. Attorney General, Counsel to the Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board

SUE WYCOFF, Prosecutor

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#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, George R. Stirman III, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Consent Order was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, on the 14th day of February 2006 to:

Dan Montague c/o Michael D. Roberts Roberts Law Office PO Box 5672 Enid, OK 73701

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and that copies were mailed by first class mail to:

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GEORGE R. STIRMAN III, Director

Real Estate Appraiser Board

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