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Please phone me at: 1 800 489-2703

Mr. James Park
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Dear Mr. Park:

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention a problem resulting from the Mississippi Real Estate Appraisers Board refusing to permit an appraiser trainee to work in Mississippi because she did not complete a trainee course in Mississippi.

The young lady in question lived in Alabama when she completed the AQB 75-hour Appraiser Trainee Course in Alabama last fall. She now wishes to work as a trainee under the supervision of a licensed appraiser in Mississippi. She has been denied to work in Mississippi because our school (AREI) is not licensed to teach appraisal courses in Mississippi.

The background of our school is that AREI was the first state licensed real estate and appraisal private school in Alabama in 1966. I am the founder of the school, and was inducted into the Realtors Hall of Fame in 1993. Enclosed is a copy of the citation issued upon my induction. Currently, I am licensed by Alabama and Florida as a Certified General Appraiser Instructor. Formerly, I was licensed to teach appraisal courses in Mississippi, too. A couple of years ago I elected to NOT teach in Mississippi and did not renew the dues to teach INSIDE Mississippi. Now, the Mississippi Appraisers Board refuses to recognize our courses because we have not paid fees to teach INSIDE Mississippi. Many of our appraisal students have moved to other states, and the other states have recognized the courses taken by these students, because AREI is and has been approved by both Florida and Alabama.

Over the years, I have taken several appraisal courses - and all of these courses were taken OUTSIDE Alabama. Florida and Alabama does NOT require that only courses taken in those states will be recognized. What would happen if a degree from Harvard would only be recognized in Massachusetts? We shall appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lorren L. Perdue", is written over a horizontal line.

Lorren L. Perdue
Dean, AREI

Enclosures.