

December 16, 2004

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Denise Graves
Appraisal Subcommittee
2000 K St, N.W. Suite 310
Washington, D.C. 20006

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Re: State of Montana, Board of Real Estate Appraisers

Dear Ms. Graves,

Enclosed you will find a complaint that was filed against me by an anonymous complainant and acted upon by the State of Montana, Board of Real Estate Appraisers. Please note that this complainant was allowed to remain anonymous, file a written complaint on a small note, and make an unsubstantiated claim against me.

This is an outrage! Should states be allowed to act upon anonymous complaints with regards to professional conduct? I am a professional, not a criminal. I should be allowed due process, which would include knowing who the complainant is. The State should not be allowed to act upon anonymous, unsubstantiated claims. This is complete hearsay! The enclosed complaint suggests that I performed an appraisal that my license level would not allow and acted as the sole appraiser. In fact, I acted as an apprentice under the supervision of a Montana State Certified General appraiser as the evidence shows. This is obviously an attempt by a competitor to cast a shadow on my reputation. To think that the State would actually act upon such a complaint leads me to believe that the State would consider me guilty until proven innocent.

I would ask that you consider the enclosed complaint relative to the ASC's responsibilities of state oversight. I would hope that your organization would be able to recommend changes in the State's complaint process that would preclude any action on anonymous complaints, reject all anonymous complaints, and institute a disciplinary process for complaints filed by competitors that lead to an unfounded case.

This action is requested because of my belief in facing your accuser and to eliminate a long standing practice in the State of Montana whereby competitors use the State's Board of Real Estate Appraisers disciplinary process as a way to gain a competitive edge in their respective markets.

Respectfully,

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