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State of Louisiana
LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS
STATE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION

MAY 15

Mr. Herbert S. Yolles, Chairman
Appraisal Subcommittee
2000 K Street, NW, suite 310
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Field Audit of 01/19-20/00

Dear Mr. Yolles:

The above referenced field review report was distributed to the members of the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers State Board of Certification for review at its March 14, 2000 regular business meeting. The following is provided in response to the recommendations contained therein.

Enforcement Program

(1) The Board and staff will strive to ensure that all investigative procedures, decisions, and disciplinary actions are performed in a diligent, unbiased, and equitable manner.

Application Processing

(1) Present statutory requirements do not provide a "trainee" or "licensed" category in which to place applicants who have not achieved the "certified" status. As such, the Board does not have the regulatory authority to enforce continuing education requirements on applicants for certification. Regarding same, the Board will delay action until such time as the AQB opinion which you seek is received.

(2) In 1998, prior to receiving certification, applicants who had submitted 165 hours of education hours to qualify to take the examination were required to submit proof of 15 additional education hours when the AQB increased the education requirement to 180 hours. Any action by the Board contrary to this would have been an apparent oversight. The Board is unable to review the specific incident cited in the review report in that the name of the applicant has not been furnished.

(3) The Board has reviewed the file of the applicant in question and has determined that the applicant did meet the minimum requirements (3 years, 3000 hours or 300 credit points) for general certification. The Board will strive to ensure that all of its procedures, decisions, and actions are performed in a diligent, unbiased, and equitable manner.

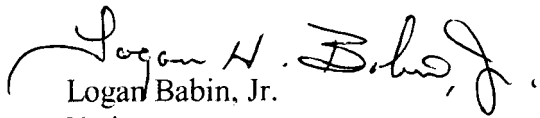
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The Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers State Board of Certification is dedicated to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Louisiana appraisal certification law, so as to ensure competency in the appraisers that it regulates and to provide comprehensive protection of the public that it serves. Please advise should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,


Logan Babin, Jr.
Chairman

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