



New York State  
Department of Economic Development  
Division of Minority and Women's  
Business Development

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In the matter of the appeal of

**A&G Title & Abstract Co., Inc.**

FINAL ORDER 17-16

From a denial of certification as a Women-owned Business Enterprise pursuant to Executive Law Article 15-A.

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This order arises from an administrative appeal brought on behalf of A&G Title & Abstract Co., Inc. ("A&G") pursuant to section 144.4 of title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations. Appellant, Ms. Gail Siesfeld, seeks reversal of the decision of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development (the "Division"), dated May 02, 2016, to deny A&G certification as a Women-owned Business Enterprise ("WBE").

This appeal was assigned to Administrative Law Judge Maria E. Villa. Mr. Richard D. Cirincione, Esq., counsel to Appellant, submitted a written appeal on August 08, 2016. The Division, represented by Mr. Phillip Harmonick, Esq., submitted a response on February 03, 2017. The respective submissions of the parties are contained in the appeal record.

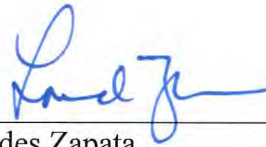
The issues on appeal were whether Appellant owned at least fifty-one percent of the outstanding common stock of A&G and contributed money, property, equipment, or expertise to A&G in proportion to her ownership interest therein.

On March 13, 2017, the Division received from Administrative Law Judge Villa a Recommended Order that recommended affirmation of the Division's May 02, 2016 denial on modified grounds. Specifically, the Recommended Order recommended modification of the Division's denial so as to omit the denial ground related to the ownership of at least fifty-one percent of the outstanding common stock of A&G by women.

After considering the appeal record, I accept the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge as it pertains to the facts of this case. Incorporation by reference is hereby made with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Recommended Order.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the decision to deny certification, dated May 02, 2016 is modified, and as so modified is affirmed. Accordingly, A&G will not be listed in the Division's directory of certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises.

March 20, 2017



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Division of Minority and Women's  
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