



**Division of Minority
and Women's
Business Development**

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

In the matter of the appeal of

Sherlock Homes Interior Corp.

FINAL ORDER 18-07

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

This order arises from an administrative appeal brought on behalf of Sherlock Homes Interior Corp. ("Sherlock Homes") pursuant to section 144.4 of title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations. Appellant seeks reversal of the decision of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development (the "Division"), dated October 03, 2016, to deny Sherlock Homes certification as a Women-owned Business Enterprise ("WBE").

This appeal was assigned to Administrative Law Judge Lisa A. Wilkinson. Appellant, represented by Mr. John Servider, Esq., appeared at a hearing concerning this matter on November 14, 2017. Ms. Shirley Paul, Esq. represented the Division. A recording of the proceedings is contained in the appeal record.

The issues on appeal were whether the woman owner of Sherlock Homes: contributed money, property, equipment, or expertise proportionate to her equity interest in the business enterprise; possessed adequate managerial experience or technical competence to operate the business enterprise; and demonstrated control of business negotiations through the production of signed contracts.

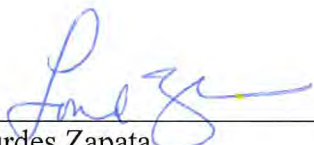
On February 06, 2018, the Division received from Administrative Law Judge Wilkinson a Recommended Order that recommended affirmation of the Division's denial of the application

to certify Sherlock Homes as a WBE on the grounds set forth in the Division's October 03, 2016 letter.

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 October 03, 2016, is affirmed. Accordingly, Sherlock Homes will not be listed in the Division's directory of certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises.

February 08, 2018



Lourdes Zapata
Executive Director
Division of Minority and Women's
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