

## **Probable Cause Panel Meeting March 13, 2008**

*On March 13, 2008, in [Disciplinary Cases](#), by Smith Thompson Law*

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### **I. Unlicensed Cases**

**Accurate Dream Home, Inc.**

**Neil Murphy**

**Case No. 2007-068811**

Probable cause was found that Accurate Dream Home of Seminole, Florida, is not licensed to practice architecture in Florida and contracted to provide architectural services for a residential project. Further, Mr. Murphy's title block offers architectural drafting and his letterhead offers commercial design. Mr. Murphy is offering these services through a corporation without a certificate of authorization. An Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed and a Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued.

**American Hotel Registry, Co.**

**James F. Leahy**

**Case No. 2007-064344**

Probable cause was found that American Hotel Registry Co. of Vernon Hills, Florida, is not licensed to practice interior design in Florida and the company contracted to provide interior design services on a commercial project. Mr. Leahy is offering such services through a business entity without a certificate of authorization. An Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed and a Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued.

**Reuben Benjamin**

**Benjamin Design & Associates**

**Case No. 2007-064906**

Probable cause was found that Reuben Benjamin of Oakland Park, Florida, is not licensed to practice architecture in Florida and is offering architectural services on his business card. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued requiring Mr. Benjamin to sign an affidavit stating he will change his business card and no longer offer architectural services.

**Bridget J. Hankins & Associates, Inc.**

**Bridget J. Hankins**

**Case No. 2007-067403**

Probable cause was found that Bridget J. Hankins & Associates, Inc. of Littleton, CO, is not licensed to practice interior design in Florida and she contracted to provide interior design services on a commercial project. Further, Ms. Hankins is holding herself out as an interior designer throughout the contract and is offering such services through a business entity without a

certificate of authorization. An Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed and a Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued.

**George Cargill**  
**Case No. 2007-043564**

Probable cause was found that George Cargill of Miami, Florida, is not licensed to practice architectural services in Florida and he contracted to provide architectural services for a residential project. Further, Mr. Cargill business card offers architectural services. A Notice to Cease and Desist offering architectural services was issued along with the requirement that Mr. Cargill sign an affidavit stating he has changed his business card to delete all references to architecture. If Mr. Cargill fails to return the affidavit, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

**Design Schemes of Florida, LLC.**  
**Sharon Lawrence**  
**Case No. 2007-050315**

Probable cause was found that Design Schemes of Florida, LLC. of Fort Myers, Florida, is not licensed to practice interior design in Florida and contracted to provide interior design services on a commercial project. Further, Ms. Lawrence is offering commercial interior design on its web site and is offering such services through a business entity without a certificate of authorization. An Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed and a Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued.

**Hans Dierks**  
**Case No. 2007-060756**

Probable cause was found that Hans J. Dierks of Bradenton, Florida, is a licensed Professional Engineer but not licensed to practice architecture in Florida. Mr. Dierks signed and sealed plans for a commercial project without the involvement of an architect. The architectural drawings were prepared by an unlicensed draftsman that contracted directly with the owner. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline will be filed.

**JRS Design, Inc.**  
**Joseph R. Barna**  
**Case No. 2007-062794**

Probable cause was found that JRS Design, Inc. of Hollywood, Florida, is not licensed to practice architecture and interior design in Florida and entered into numerous contracts to provide both architectural and interior design services. Further, Mr. Barna is offering these services through a corporation without a certificate of authorization. An Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed and a Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued.

**Morrissey Design Studio,  
Michael A. Morrissey  
Case No. 2007-049984**

Probable cause was found that Morrissey Design Studio, Inc. of Orlando, Florida, is not licensed to practice architecture in Florida. Mr. Morrissey prepared drawings for a residence. The cover sheet of the drawings states "this is an architectural site plan only". Mr. Morrissey is offering these services through a corporation without a certificate of authorization. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued and an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

**New Age Design, LTD  
Anthony Mella  
Case No. 2007-056584**

Probable cause was found that New Age Design, Ltd. of St. Petersburg, Florida is not licensed to practice architecture in Florida. Mr. Mella contracted to provide architectural services for a commercial project. Mr. Mella is offering these services through a business entity without a certificate of authorization. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued and an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

**Tricia H. Otto  
Tricia Lee Designs  
Case No. 2007-067217**

Probable cause was found that Tricia H. Otto of Fort Myers, Florida is not licensed to practice interior design in Florida. According to Ms. Otto's web site, she provided design services for a restaurant. The Subject is offering such services through a business entity without a certificate of authorization. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued and an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

**Dan Owens  
Case No. 2007-048888**

Probable cause was found that Dan Owens of Miami, Florida is not licensed to practice interior design in Florida. Mr. Owens' business card offers both interior design and architectural services. Mr. Owens applied for an interior design license but his application was denied. Mr. Owens has failed to respond to the complaint. Therefore, a Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued and an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

**Roland Patterson  
George E. Patterson & Associates, Inc.  
Case No. 2007-064933**

Probable cause was found that Roland Patterson of Jacksonville, Florida is not licensed to practice architecture in Florida. Mr. Patterson entered into a contract to perform architectural

services for a commercial project and he also prepared plans for the project. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued and an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

**Perfection Interior Design, Inc.**

**Kibris Borea**

**Case No. 2007-065788**

Probable cause was found that Perfection Interior Design, Inc. of Tampa, Florida is not licensed to practice interior design in Florida. Ms. Borea is doing business as Perfection Interior Design, Inc. Ms. Borea has failed to respond to the complaint. Therefore, a Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued and an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

**Richard Roeser**

**Building Design Services, Inc.**

**Case No. 200-022054**

Probable cause was found that Richard Roeser of Hollywood, Florida is not licensed to practice architecture in Florida and he contracted to provide architectural services for a residential project. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist will be issued and an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

**Ben S. Schwartz**

**SBS Services, LLC**

**Case No. 2007-048503**

Probable cause was found that Ben S. Schwartz of Cocoa, Florida is not licensed to practice architecture in Florida. Mr. Schwartz is a licensed Professional Engineer. Mr. Schwartz signed and sealed plans for a commercial project without the involvement of an architect. The architectural drawings were prepared by an unlicensed draftsman that entered into a contract with the client.

**John P. Shackelford, Jr.**

**Case No. 2007-015569**

Probable cause was found that John P. Shackelford, Jr. of Sea Island, Georgia is not licensed to practice architecture in Florida; however, Mr. Shackelford is a licensed architect in Georgia. Mr. Shackelford's title block appears on a set of residential drawings that were submitted to the Jacksonville Building Department. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist offering architectural services was issued along with the requirement that Mr. Shackelford sign an affidavit stating he will not offer such services in Florida in the future.

**Steven Bradford Turner**

**Bradford & Company Design Group, Inc.**

**Case No. 2007-063181**

Probable cause was found that Steven Bradford Turner of Cape Coral, Florida is not licensed to practice architecture in Florida. Mr. Turner is offering architectural services on his web site. The Subject is offering these services through a corporation without a certificate of authorization. This is a second offense. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued and an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

**Urban Ideology, Inc.**  
**Allie Elhage**  
**Case No. 2007-062088**

Probable cause was found that Urban Ideology of Sarasota, Florida is not licensed to practice architecture in Florida. Ms. Elhage provided architectural for a commercial project and is offering these services through a corporation without a certificate of authorization. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued and an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

**WDP Drafting & Design, LLC**  
**Willie D. Peterson**  
**Case No. 2007-047005**

Probable cause was found that WDP Drafting & Design, LLC of Sarasota, Florida is not licensed to practice architecture in Florida. Mr. Peterson contracted to provide architectural services for a residential project. Mr. Peterson is offering these services through a business entity without a certificate of authorization. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued and an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

## **II. Licensed Cases**

**Theodore E. Davis**  
**Architect and Associates, P.A.**  
**Case No. 2006-006474**

Probable cause was found that Theodore E. Davis of Jupiter, Florida, a licensed architect, signed and sealed drawings for a dental office that were prepared outside of his office. Mr. Davis has been unable to provide proper documentation that he exercised proper responsible supervisory control over drawings prepared outside of the architect's office. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline will be filed.

**Marshall I. Levy**  
**Case No. 2007-046077**

Probable cause was found that Marshall I. Levy of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, a licensed architect in Florida, allegedly misrepresented on his application the fact that he had been practicing architecture through a corporation prior to receiving his certificate of authorization. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline will be filed.

**Hugo De Ley**  
**J Design Group, Inc.**  
**Case No. 2007-062663**  
**Case No. 2007-049107**

Probable cause was found that Hugo De Ley of Miami, Florida, a licensed architect, was the qualifier in responsible supervisory control of an interior design firm located in Florida while he was working full time as a teacher in Mississippi. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline will be filed.

**Mariela Mesa**  
**Case No. 2007-056637**

Probable cause was found that Mariela Mesa of Miami, Florida, a licensed interior designer, failed to satisfy the terms of a Final Order that was entered on March 23, 2007. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline will be filed.

**Norman D. Palmer**  
**Case No. 2007-042296**

Probable cause was found that Norman D. Palmer of Newberry, Florida, a licensed architect, signed and sealed drawings that an unlicensed individual prepared while his license was in a delinquent status. Mr. Palmer did not provide the required documentation that he exercised proper responsible supervisory control for plans prepared outside of his office. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline will be filed.

**James Michael Rinehart**  
**Case No. 2007-007995**

Probable cause was found that James Michael Rinehart of Tampa, Florida, a licensed interior designer, failed to produce permit and construction documents after receiving \$15,000.00. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline will be filed.

**William Edwin Wallace**  
**Case No. 2007-065241**

Probable cause was found that William Edwin Wallace of Jacksonville, Florida, a licensed architect, signed and sealed drawings that an unlicensed individual prepared for a commercial project without ever meeting with the client. The contract entered into by the unlicensed individual offers architectural services. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline will be filed.