

## **Board Meeting February 24, 2006**

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**James Barretta**

**Case No. 2004-059998**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation in which Mr. Barretta of Boynton Beach, Florida, must complete five additional continuing education hours within 120 days from the date the final order is imposed. The complaint was initiated based upon an audit of continuing education credits claimed by Mr. Barretta when he renewed his license. Mr. Barretta affirmed at renewal that he had completed the required hours. However, the audit showed a deficiency.

**Beasley & Henley Interior Design**

**Case No. 2004-057750**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a \$500.00 fine plus costs against Beasley & Henley Interior Design of Winter Park, Florida. The firm failed to include a license number in an advertisement in the Florida International Magazine.

**Coastal Design of Citrus County**

**Case No. 2005-005846**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation revoking Coastal Design of Citrus County of Crystal River, Florida license to practice architecture. The firm has a certificate of authorization which is in a delinquent status but no longer employs a licensed architect. The firm is offering architectural services on the internet.

**Karen Palmer**

**Kalvin Design Studios**

**Case Nos. 2004-022813 & 2004-022805**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation placing a reprimand and imposing a \$5,000.00 fine against Karen Palmer and Kalvin Design Studios of Naples, Florida. Respondents entered into a contract to provide design services for a commercial structure. The contract provides that the Respondents will provide drawings which will include structural, electrical, HVAC, and plumbing drawings. The file was reviewed by the board's consultant, Emory Johnson who determined that although the Respondent was attempting to act as an agent for the owner, the language used in the contract specifically offers services the Respondent is not licensed to perform.

**Perfect Piece  
Lauren Simmons  
Case No. 2005-003425**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a \$5,000.00 fine plus costs against Perfect Piece of Jupiter, Florida. Perfect Piece is not licensed to practice interior design and is offering interior design services in an advertisement. Lauren Simmons has previously signed an affidavit agreeing not to offer interior design services in another case. The advertisement was after the affidavit was executed.

**James Taylor  
Design West Associates  
Case Nos. 2003-065572 & 2003-065576**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a \$7,500.00 fine plus costs against James Taylor and Design West Associates of Orlando, Florida. Neither James Taylor nor Design West Associates are licensed to practice architecture and contracted to provide architectural services on commercial property in a Walmart Plaza. Further, Mr. Taylor held himself out as an architect in the contract.

**Robert Thomas  
Concise Designs  
Case No. 2004-016482**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a \$5,000.00 fine plus costs against Robert Samuel Thomas and Concise Designs of Orlando, Florida. Mr. Thomas is neither a licensed architect nor an interior designer but claims to hold two degrees in Architecture and is registered to complete two parts of the NCARB exam. In a contract for a residence Mr. Thomas' letterhead offers architecture and interior design services. Further, in the body of the contract the Respondent refers to himself as the Architect.

**Robert D. Carter  
Engineering & Design Concepts, Inc.  
Case No. 2004-051378**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a \$7,500.00 fine plus costs against Robert Carter of Palm Bay, Florida. Mr. Carter prepared a proposal to perform architectural services. The proposal specifically states that the he will provide architectural construction drawings.

**John W. Burt  
Case No. 2004-051378**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a \$2,500.00 fine plus costs against John Burt of Clermont, Florida. Mr. Burt is a licensed architect in Indiana but not in Florida and is offering architectural services on a business card.

**Roy D. Murphy**  
**Case No. 2004-045405**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation in which Roy Murphy of Tavernier, Florida must comply with a Subpoena Duces Tecum and pay costs. Mr. Murphy was served with an investigative Subpoena Duces Tecum on March 2, 2005 and failed to respond after numerous requests to do so.

**Lawrence M. Dixon**  
**Case No. 2004-055332**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order revoking Lawrence Dixon of Melbourne, Florida license to practice architecture and imposing additional costs. A final order was previously entered against Mr. Dixon on August 18, 2004 for failing to exercise responsible supervisory control which required him to pay \$7,642.00 in fines and costs. As of today's date, Mr. Dixon has not paid the funds required under the final order.

**Carlos DaCosta**  
**South Beach Designs**  
**Case Nos. 2004-044148 & 2004-059435**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order imposing a \$15,000.00 fine plus costs against Carlos DaCosta and South Beach Designs of South Beach, Florida. Mr. DaCosta is not licensed to practice architecture or interior design and contracted to provide such services. Mr. DaCosta prepared drawings for a project which contained a title block that offers architectural and design services. Mr. DaCosta is offering such services through business entity without a certificate of authorization.

**Christine Seoane**  
**Case No. 2004-037290**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order imposing a \$5,000.00 fine plus costs against Christine Seoane of Lakeland, Florida. Ms. Seoane is not licensed to practice architecture and entered into a contract to provide architectural plans for a garage apartment.

**Ron Dirsmith**  
**Case No. 2005-020458**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order imposing a \$500.00 fine against Ron Dirsmith of Highland Park, Illinois. Mr. Dirsmith is licensed to practice

architecture in Florida but failed to take the code curriculum course and a citation was issued. Mr. Dirsmith has taken the course but disputed paying the fine. This matter was presented to the Probable Cause Panel and an Administrative Complaint was filed requiring payment of the fine. Mr. Dirsmith requested an informal hearing before the board.

**Mary Marsh Lasseter**  
**Case No. 1005-020458**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order placing a reprimand and imposing a \$2,000.00 fine plus costs against Mary Lasseter of Bradenton, Florida. Ms. Lasseter is a licensed architect. The Sarasota Building Department rejected two sets of plans that were prepared by an engineer because they were not signed and sealed by an architect. Ms. Lasseter took the plans, made no revisions, did not maintain any documentation and signed and sealed the plans. On one set of plans, Ms. Lasseter placed a sticker over the engineer's title block and placed her information over it.

**Thomas W. Kensler**  
**SDI Architectural Design**  
**Case No. 2005-024173**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order imposing a \$500.00 fine plus costs against Thomas Kensler of St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Kensler was previously a licensed architect; however his license went into a null and void status on February 28, 2003. Mr. Kensler signed and sealed plans for a commercial project on April 19, 2005 and is doing business through a business entity without a certificate of authorization. On January 11, 2006 Mr. Kensler requested a hearing based on the lack of material facts in dispute.

**Eric Latine**  
**Case No. 2005-027478**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order imposing a \$10,000.00 fine plus costs against Eric Latine of Bradenton, Florida. Mr. Latine is not licensed to practice architecture and contracted to provide architectural services for a 24 unit condominium project. Mr. Latine's invoices specifically state that architectural services were provided. Mr. Latine demanded payment of \$65,000 for the services and threatened to put a lien on the property if it wasn't paid. On December 29, 2005, Mr. Latine requested a hearing before the board based on the lack of material facts in dispute.

**Roberto J. Sarabia**  
**Case No. 2004-026225**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order imposing a \$10,000.00 fine plus costs against Roberto Sarabia of Hialeah, Florida. Mr. Sarabia is not licensed to practice architecture and entered into a contract which offered "architectural services" and signed and sealed drawings for commercial property. Further, Mr. Sarabia is offering architectural services through a business entity without a certificate of authorization.

**W.R. “Buddy” Braren**  
**Case No. 2005-043609**

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order imposing a \$5,000.00 fine plus costs against Buddy Braren of Monticello, Florida. Mr. Braren is not a licensed architect and prepared drawings for an addition to the Missionary Baptist Church for permitting purposes. The Building Department issued a building permit without the plans being signed and sealed by an architect or engineer.