

Probable Cause Panel Meeting August 31, 2004

On August 31, 2004, in [Disciplinary Cases](#), by Smith Thompson Law

I. Unlicensed Cases

Armin Gale Design Group, Inc.

Swoosh Design, Inc.

Cathy Schleiffarth

Case Nos. 2004-003330, 2003-091389, 2004-003321, 2004-003348

Probable Cause was found that Armin Gale Design Group, Inc., Swoosh Design, Inc. and Cathy Schleiffarth of Longville, Florida are not licensed and contracted to provide interior design services on a commercial project known as the Cadillac Diner. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with the filing of an Administrative Complaint seeking fines.

Armin Bechtold

Creactive, Inc.

Case Number 2004-016339

Probable Cause was found that Armin Bechtold of Ft. Myers, Florida is not licensed and his contract and letterhead are offering architectural services. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with a request that Mr. Bechtold sign an affidavit stating he will refrain from offering architectural services. If Mr. Bechtold fails to return the affidavit, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Therese Bickford

Case No. 2004-003314

Probable Cause was found that Therese Bickford of Winter Springs, Florida is not licensed and contracted to provide interior design services on a commercial project known as the Cadillac Diner. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued along with the filing of an Administrative Complaint seeking fines.

Nunzie Burzo

WCI Architecture & Land Planning, Inc.

Case No. 2004-023490

Probable Cause was found that Nunzie Burzo of Bonita Springs, Florida is not licensed signed a letter to the Collier County Government as the Project Architect. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with the request that Mr. Burzo sign an affidavit stating he will refrain from holding himself out as an architect or words to that effect. If the affidavit is not returned, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Patricia Dantos

Case No. 2004-018000

Probable cause was found that Patricia Dantos of Orlando, Florida is not licensed and her business card holds her out as an architect. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with a request that Ms. Dantos sign an affidavit stating she will refrain from holding herself out as an architect. If Ms. Dantos fails to return the affidavit, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Master Plan Drafting Service

Jenny Johnson

Case No. 2004-004593

Probable cause was found that Master Plan Drafting Service of Ocala, Florida is not licensed and is offering commercial drafting services in an advertisement contained in the Ocala Star Banner Newspaper. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued along with a request that Jenny Johnson sign an affidavit stating she will refrain from offering architectural and commercial design services and will change the advertisement deleting any references to commercial drafting services. If Ms. Johnson fails to return the affidavit, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Osiris, Inc.

Case No. 2004-029796

Probable cause was found that Osiris, Inc. of Destin, Florida is not licensed and is offering architectural services without a certificate of authorization. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued along with the filing of an Administrative Complaint seeking fines.

Oxford Maison Corporation

Case No. 2004-028412

Probable cause was found that Oxford Maison Corporation of West Palm Beach, Florida is not licensed. On June 10, 2003, a contract was executed to act as the coordinator and liaison of design between the owners and design professionals for a polo club. The contract also stated it will provide designs, drawing sketches, photos and detailing. On March 12, 2004, Mr. Maison signed an extension of the agreement to reflect phase II. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued along with the filing of an Administrative Complaint seeking fines.

Charles Pereira

Case No. 2004-010139

Probable Cause was found that Charles Pereira of Miami, Florida license to practice interior design in Florida has been in a null and void status since June 16, 1998. On December 23, 2003, Mr. Pereira prepared a proposal for interior design services for commercial property known as Salad and Co. On the proposal and on his business card, he holds himself out as an "architectural interior designer". A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued along with the filing of an Administrative Complaint seeking fines.

Jennifer Post
Jennifer Post Architecture & Designs, Inc.
Case No. 2004-011688

Probable cause was found that Jennifer Post of New York, New York is not licensed and is offered services as “Jennifer Post Architecture & Design, Inc.” in an advertisement contained in the January 2004 issue of Palm Beach Cottages and Gardens Magazine. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with a request that Ms. Post sign an affidavit stating she will refrain from offering architectural services and that she will change the advertisement deleting all references to architecture. If the affidavit is not returned, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Eduardo M. Rousell
Case No. 2004-009209

Probable cause was found that Eduardo Rousell of Pembroke Pines, Florida is not licensed architect but is using the title architect. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was previously issued and Mr. Rousell signed an affidavit on November 14, 2003 agreeing not to hold himself out as an architect. Photographs of a sign taken on February 18, 2004 refer to Mr. Rousell as an architect. An administrative complaint seeking fines was filed.

John Zonata
Zonata’s Architectural Drafting Service
Case No. 2003-070899

Probable Cause was found that John Zonata of Tampa, Florida is not licensed and prepared an invoice to provide drafting services for a residence and the letterhead on the invoice states “Zonata’s Architectural Drafting.” Also, in the invoice and in correspondence with the Building Department Mr. Zonata refers to himself as an “Architectural Draftsman.” A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued along with the filing of an Administrative Complaint seeking fines.

II. Licensed Cases

Dixon Alvarino
Case No. 2004-017270

Probable Cause was found that a final order was entered against Dixon Alvarino of Miami Beach, Florida on June 24, 2003 requiring him to pay \$7,683.55 in fines and costs. On or about October 30, 2003, Mr. Alvarino submitted a check to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation in that amount. On December 11, 2003, Mr. Alvarino was notified that his check had been returned due to insufficient funds. As of today’s date, Mr. Alvarino has not paid the funds required under the final order. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline was filed.

Joseph Borda
Case No. 2003-091345

Probable Cause was found that Joseph Borda of Collingswood, New Jersey, who is both a licensed architect and a licensed engineer violated chapter 481, Florida Statutes. Mr. Borda signed and sealed both architectural and engineering drawings with his architect seal for an apartment complex. The plans were reviewed by the Board's architectural expert, Frank Abbott, who determined the plans were not of a sufficiently high standard to clearly and accurately indicate all essential parts of the work. James Power, a professional engineer consultant, also reviewed the plans and found the structural drawings deficient in that there are building code violations. An Administrative Complaint seeking fines discipline was filed.

Marvin Crider, Jr.
Case No. 2004-024824

Probable Cause was found that Marvin Crider, a licensed architect of Eustis, Florida, signed and sealed a wind load certification letter based upon pas association with the homeowner rather than a site visit and calculations. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline was filed.

William Deemer
Case No. 2004-029810

Probable Cause was found that William Deemer, a licensed architect of Destin, Florida, is the qualifier and architect in responsible supervisory control of Osiris, Inc. which offers architectural services in Destin, Florida. Mr. Deemer is an officer of the corporation but not an employee. This is evidenced by a 1099 form he received. Mr. Deemer also maintains a practice in Alabama. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline was filed.