

Probable Cause Panel Meeting October 5, 2004

On October 5, 2004, in [Disciplinary Cases](#), by Smith Thompson Law

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I. Unlicensed Cases

Architectural Elements & Design

Case Nos. 2004-001125 & 2004-001116

Probable Cause was found that Architectural Elements & Design of Fort Lauderdale, Florida is not licensed and is offering architectural and interior design services on its brochure. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was previously issued but Mr. Deluca failed to return the affidavit. An Administrative Complaint seeking fines was filed.

Andy Beselica

AB & Associates

Case No. 2003-092472

Probable Cause was found that Andy Beselica of Sorento, Florida is not licensed and contracted to provide architectural services on a commercial project and held himself out as an architect. Mr. Beselica also used the license number of an architectural firm and was not authorized to do so. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with the filing of an Administrative Complaint seeking fines.

Casabella National Studio, LLC

Case No. 2004-038639 & 2004-038661

Probable Cause was found that Casabella National Studio, LLC of Miami Beach, Florida is not licensed and offered architectural services. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with the request that Sergio Cardenas sign an affidavit stating he will refrain from offering or providing architectural services through Casabella National Studio, LLC. Further, all the documents must be changed deleting any references to architecture or words to that effect. If Mr. Cardenas fails to return the affidavit, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Core Construction Co. of Jacksonville

Case No. 2004-029619

Probable Cause was found that Core Construction Co. of Jacksonville, Florida is not licensed and offered architectural services on its webpage. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with the request that Jay Chung sign an affidavit stating he will refrain from offering architectural services through Core Construction Co. of Jacksonville and must change the firm's webpage deleting any reference to architecture or words to that effect. If Mr. Chung fails to return the affidavit, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Francois Frossard
Case Number 2004-029228

Probable Cause was found that Francois Frossard of Miami, Florida is not licensed and contracted to provide interior design services on a commercial project known as “Nocturnal Miami”. The Subject received a fee of \$100,000.00 for services provided under the contract. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with the filing of an Administrative Complaint seeking fines.

Sofia Joelsson
Sojo Design
Case No. 2004-038552

Probable Cause was found that Sofia Joelsson of Miami Beach, Florida is not licensed and is offering commercial and residential design in advertisements contained in the Haute Living magazine and Lincoln Road magazine. Further, Ms. Joelsson’s webpage offers interior design, space planning and architectural services. A case was previously opened regarding Ms. Joelsson’s use of the title interior designer but was closed. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued along with the filing of an Administrative Complaint seeking fines.

Joseph Interiors of Florida, Inc.
Case No. 2004-026359

Probable Cause was found that Joseph Interiors of Florida, Inc., of North Palm Beach, Florida, is practicing interior design without a certificate of authorization. Also, the firm advertised in the Spring 2004 issue of the Palm Beach Life Magazine and placed the license number of the one brother who is licensed under both his picture and the picture of his brother who is not licensed. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with the filing of an Administrative Complaint.

James U. Moncada
CMJ Architectural Designs
Case No. 2004-026260

Probable Cause was found that James Moncada of Pinellas Park, Florida is not licensed and his business cards hold him out as an architectural draftsman and he is doing business as CMJ Architectural Designs. Further, he described his services as architectural drafting on an invoice. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with a request that Mr. Moncada sign an affidavit stating he will refrain from offering architectural services and will change his business card and name to remove all references to architecture or words to that effect. If Mr. Moncada fails to return the affidavit, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Britt Ray
Britt Ray Home Designs, Inc.
Case No. 2004-026277

Probable Cause was found that Britt Ray of Spring Hill, Florida is not licensed and was offering architectural renderings under the heading architects in the yellow pages. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with a request that Mr. Ray sign an affidavit stating he will refrain from offering architectural services and will change the advertisement in the yellow pages. If Mr. Ray fails to return the affidavit, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Jorge Slazar
Slazar Architectural Services Company
Case No. 2004-033297

Probable Cause was found that Jorge Slazar of Miami, Florida is not licensed and is doing business as Slazar Architectural Services Company. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with a request that Mr. Slazar sign an affidavit stating he will refrain from offering architectural services and will change his business name deleting any references to architecture or words to that effect. If Mr. Slazar fails to return the affidavit, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Jeffrey L. Smith
Smith Earnest Interiors, Inc.
Case Nos. 2004-026205 & 2004-026212

Probable Cause was found that Jeffrey L. Smith and Smith Earnest Interiors, Inc. of Orlando, Florida is not licensed and entered into a contract on February 25, 2004 to provide interior design services for a commercial sales center for a new high rise condominium development known as The Vue at Lake Eola. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with the filing of an Administrative Complaint seeking fines.

Robert Samuel Thomas
Concise Designs
Case No. 2004-016482

Probable cause was found that Robert Samuel Thomas of Orlando, Florida is not licensed but claimed to hold two degrees in Architecture and is registered to complete the two parts of the NCARB exam. In a contract dated January 9, 2004 for a residence Mr. Thomas' letterhead offered architecture and interior design services. Further, in the body of the contract the Mr. Thomas refers to himself as the Architect. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with the filing of an Administrative Complaint seeking fines.

Tichenor Group Architects, Inc.
Case No. 2004-039793

Probable Cause was found that Tichenor Group Architects, Inc. of Sarasota, Florida is not licensed and is doing business as Tichenor Group Architects, Inc. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with a request that David Tichenor sign an affidavit stating he will refrain from offering architectural services through the firm unless it becomes properly licensed

and will change the documents deleting any reference to architecture or words to that effect. If Mr. Tichenor fails to return the affidavit, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Christopher Weldon
Case No. 2004-011926

Probable Cause was found that Christopher Weldon of Orange City, Florida is not licensed and is offering architectural and commercial building design services on his business card and webpage. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with a request that Mr. Weldon sign an affidavit stating he will refrain from offering architectural services and will change his webpage and business card to remove all references to architecture or words to that effect. If Mr. Weldon fails to return the affidavit, an Administrative Complaint seeking fines will be filed.

II. Licensed Cases

Michael Bissell
Case No. 2004-030164

Probable Cause was found that Michael Bissell of Jacksonville Beach, Florida is a licensed architect and sent an e-mail to the Building Official threatening to give the newspaper pictures of faulty inspections if the Building Department did not withdraw a complaint which was pending in our office. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline was filed.

Roman M. Garcia
Case No. 2004-033285

Probable Cause was found that Roman Garcia of Miami, Florida, a licensed architect, signed and sealed plans for a residence that were prepared by unlicensed draftsman without ever meeting with the client. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline was filed.

Tom Jannetides
Case No. 2004-0038801

Probable Cause was found that Tom Jannetides of Indianapolis, Indiana, is a licensed architect in Florida. The Tennessee Board accepted Mr. Jannetides' voluntarily relinquishment of his license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings for plan stamping. Further, Mr. Jannetides agreed to relinquish his license in all other states in which he is licensed. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline was filed.

Harold Langbehn
Case No. 2004-038559

Probable Cause was found that Harold Langbehn of Pendleton, South Carolina, is a licensed architect in Florida and a final order was entered against Mr. Langbehn on May 24, 2004,

requiring him to pay a \$750.00 fine and costs of \$270.00 within thirty days. Mr. Langbehn has failed to comply with the terms of the order and has not paid anything. An Administrative Complaint seeking discipline was filed.