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James R. Abney

Case No. 2006-010045

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation placing a reprimand, two years probation and imposing a fine of \$1,000.00 plus costs against James R. Abney's license to practice architecture. Mr. Abney's son used his architectural seal to seal drawings for a residential property.

John Adkerson Abney

Perry Abney & Associates

Case No. 2006-010030

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$5,000.00 plus costs against John Adkerson Abney and Perry Abney & Associates. Mr. Abney is not licensed however, his father is a licensed architect and John Abney used his father's seal and sealed revisions to a residential project. Further, Mr. Abney was offering these services through a business entity without a certificate of authorization.

Thomas Adamo

Case No. 2007-044901

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of 3,000.00 plus costs against Thomas Adamo. Mr. Adamo is not licensed and his web site indicates he preformed design services for commercial projects.

American Hotel Registry, Co.

James F. Leahy

Case No. 2007-064344

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$5,000.00 plus costs against American Hotel Registry, Co. and James F. Leahy. Mr. Leahy is not licensed and contracted to provide interior design services on a commercial project. Further, Mr. Leahy was offering these services through a business entity without a certificate of authorization.

Michael Baker

Case No. 2008-020039

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order placing a reprimand and imposing a fine of \$1,000.00 plus costs against Mr. Baker's license to practice architecture. Mr. Baker is a licensed architect and signed and sealed plans for a residential project prepared by an unlicensed draftsman without ever meeting with the client.

Wayne Berenbaum

The Wayne Architectural Group, Inc.

Case No. 2007-055462

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order placing a imposing a \$1,500.00 fine plus costs against Mr. Berenbaum's license to practice architecture. Mr. Berenbaum signed and sealed drawings prepared by a Professional Engineer without ever meeting with the client. Further, Mr. Berenbaum was operating through a corporation without a certificate of authorization.

Blue Sky Environmental, Inc.

Barbara L. Murtagh-Nash

Case No. 2008-003534

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$5,000.00 plus costs against Blue Sky Environmental, Inc. and Barbara L. Murtagh-Nash. Ms. Murtagh-Nash is not licensed and was previously issued a Notice and Order to Cease and Desist and signed an affidavit on June 21, 2006, agreeing to refrain from offering interior design services. Ms. Murtagh-Nash's advertisement, web site, and letterhead continue to offer interior design services. Also Ms. Murtagh-Nash's web site offers architectural services. Further, Ms. Murtagh-Nash was offering these services through a business entity without a certificate of authorization.

Abener Cordero

Professional Home Design, Inc.

Case No. 2008-020398

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$1,250.00 plus costs against Abner Cordero and Professional Home Design, Inc. Mr. Cordero is not licensed and contracted to provide signed and sealed drawings for a residential project. Also, Mr. Cordero held himself out as an architect to the client. Further, Mr. Cordero was offering these services through a corporation without a certificate of authorization.

Scott Gershon

Greashon Group

Case No. 2007-011187

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a stipulation placing a reprimand, two years probation, seven hours of continuing education and imposing a fine of \$3,500.00 plus costs against Scott Gershon's license to practice architecture. Mr. Gershon entered into contract for a residential project in which he knew was required to be permitted but intentionally circumvented this requirement. Further, Mr. Gershon also assisted in the employment of a contractor that was not properly lincensed.

Hirsch Bedner & Associates

Howard Pharr

Case No. 2007-068978

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$7,500.00 plus costs against Hirsch Bedner & Associates and Howard Pharr. Mr. Pharr is not licensed and contracted to provide interior design services on a commercial project. Further, Mr. Pharr was offering these services through a business entity without a certificate of authorization.

Robert P. Juengert

Case No. 2008-003667

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a stipulation placing a reprimand and imposing a fine of \$4,000.00 plus costs against Robert P. Juengert's license to practice architecture. Mr. Juengert signed and sealed drawings that were prepared by a general contractor for a patio addition for a residence without ever meeting with the client. Further, Mr. Juengert's license was in a suspended status when he signed and sealed the plans.

KMH Design, Inc.

Kathleen Hines Franza

Case No. 2008-001760

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$500.00 plus costs against KMH Design, Inc. and Kathleen Hines Franza. Ms. Fraza is not licensed and completed a survey for the Jacksonville Business Journal stating it has one licensed interior designer and offers all aspects of interior design. Further, Ms. Franza was offering these services through a business entity without a certificate of authorization.

Kukes Simons Interiors

Patricia Kukes

Case No. 2007-066231

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$2,500.00 plus costs against Kukes Simons Interiors and Patricia Kukes. Ms. Kukes is not licensed and is offering interior design services through a corporation without a certificate of authorization. This is a second offense.

MDO Design, Inc.

Michael O'Conner

Case No. 2008-011121

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$3,000.00 plus costs against MDO Design, Inc. and Michael O'Connor. Mr. O'Connor is not licensed and prepared a proposal which offers architectural services. Further, Mr. O'Connor is offering these services through a corporation without a certificate of authorization.

Michael Eugene McWilliams

Case No. 2007-008065

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$500.00 plus costs against Michael Eugene McWilliams. Mr. McWilliams is not licensed and submitted a set of plans to the Building Department for permitting. Further, Mr. McWilliams used the title architectural designer on his title block.

Gerard J. Oakley

Florida Design Architects, PA

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$2,000.00 plus costs against Gerard J. Oakley's license. An unlicensed individual prepared drawings for a commercial project and entered into a contract which offers architectural services. Mr. Oakley signed and sealed the drawings without ever meeting with the client.

Tricia H. Otto

Tricia Lee Designs

Case No. 2007-067217

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing costs against Tricia H. Otto and Tricia Lee Designs. Ms. Otto is not licensed and provided design services for a restaurant. Further, Ms. Otto is offering these services through a corporation without a certificate of authorization.

Roberto E. Paredes

Associated Space Design, Inc.

Case Nos. 2007-004559

2007-004520

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing four additional hours of continuing education and a fine of \$5,500.00 plus costs against Roberto E. Paredes' license to practice architecture. Associated Space Design, Inc.'s web site offers architectural services from its Jacksonville, Tampa, and Miami offices. Mr. Paredes works in Atlanta, Georgia and is attempting to provide responsible supervisory control for an architectural office in Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Paredes travels to the Jacksonville office 2 or 3 times a week. The Tampa office does not have an architect in that office full time as well. The Miami office does employ a full-time architect. Further, Mr. Paredes is offering architectural services as ASD without a certificate of authorization.

James C. Perry

Perry Abney & Associates

Case No. 2006-010010

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a stipulation imposing a fine of \$1,250.00 plus costs against James C. Perry's license to practice architecture. Mr. Perry partnered with an unlicensed individual on a residential project where the unlicensed individual held himself out as an architect. Further, Mr. Perry was offering these services through a business entity without a certificate of authorization.

Properties Solution Services

Oneila M. Duran

Case No. 2007-066282

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$2,500.00 plus costs against Properties Solution

Services and Oneila M. Duran. Ms. Duran is not licensed and offered to provide architectural services for a residential project. Further, Ms. Duran is offering these services through a corporation without a certificate of authorization. This a second offense.

Richard Roeser

Building Design Services, Inc.

Case No. 2007-022054

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$3,600.00 plus costs against Richard Roeser and Building Design Services, Inc. Mr. Roeser is not licensed and contracted to provide architectural services for a residential project.

Abram Sustaita

Case No. 2007-056612

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$500.00 plus costs and complete the required course against Abram Sustaita's license. Mr. Sustaita's license will be placed on suspension until he comes into compliance. Mr. Sustaita is a licensed architect and failed to satisfy the terms of a Final Order that was entered on July 25, 2007.

Ronald G. Trebbi

Case No. 2007-060123

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$7,500.00 plus costs against Ronald G. Trebbi. Mr. Trebbi was previously licensed; however, his license went delinquent on March 1, 2001, and

then into a null and void status on March 1, 2003. Mr. Trebbi entered into a contract for architectural services on April 16, 2006. This is very close in time to a previous disciplinary case regarding the same types of allegations. Mr. Trebbi has entered into a Stipulation in that case and paid the fine. In the previous case the Subject was issued a minor fine because he took the position that he did not know his license was not active. In the present case, there appears to be sufficient evidence Mr. Trebbi knew his license was not active when he signed and sealed the plans.

Urban Ideology, Inc.

Allie Elhage

Case No. 2007-062088

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order imposing a fine of \$10,000.00 plus costs against Urban Ideology, Inc. and Allie Elhage. Ms. Elhage is not licensed and provided architectural services for a commercial project.

Further, Ms. Elhage is offering these services through a corporation without a certificate of authorization.

Robert Wise

Case No. 2008-009211

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design agreed to enter a final order approving a settlement stipulation imposing a fine of \$3,000.00 plus costs against Robert Wise's license. Mr. Wise is licensed however, an unlicensed individual entered into a contract and prepared drawing for a commercial project. Mr. Wise signed and sealed the drawings without ever meeting with the client.