

Probable Cause Panel Meeting December 11 2002

On December 11, 2002, in [Disciplinary Cases](#), by Smith Thompson Law

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I. Unlicensed Cases

Dixon Alvarino

Case No. 2001-07202, 2002-013873

Probable cause was found that Dixon Alvarino practiced unlicensed architecture by pulling building permits and entering contracts for architectural services while his license was in a null and void status. Mr. Alvarino also held himself out as a licensed architect and interior designer on the Internet during this same period. An administrative complaint seeking fines was filed, along with the issuance of a Notice and Order to Cease and Desist.

Dennis Baraga

D.F. Baraga and Associates

Case No. 2001-06806

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design announces that on December 11, 2002, probable cause was found to file an action in Circuit Court requesting the issuance of a permanent injunction against unlicensed designer, Dennis F. Baraga of D.F. Baraga and Associates, Bradenton, Florida.

Mr. Baraga, who specializes in the design and layout of dental offices, was found to have illegally offered and provided architectural services for the renovation of a dental office for Dr. Jeff Eder in Boynton Beach, Florida in February 2001.

This was not the first incident regarding the illegal practice of architecture for Mr. Baraga. In December of 2000, an Order for Permanent Injunctive Relief was entered in the Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga, Ohio under similar factual circumstances.

After reviewing the evidence of 2001 that showed Mr. Baraga was offering and providing architectural services in the State of Florida, despite the previous warnings from the State of Ohio, the Board found probable cause to file for a permanent injunction in Circuit Court against Mr. Baraga to prevent him from providing and offering architectural services.

Kenneth Conner

Case No. 2002-00834

Probable Cause was found that Kenneth Conner was holding himself out as an architect on his business card. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with a request that Mr. Conner sign an affidavit stating he has changed his business card. If Mr. Conner fails to return the affidavit, an administrative complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Gary Copee
Case No. 2002-05646

Probable Cause was found that Gary Copee was holding himself out as an architect on his title block for residential drawings. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with a request that Mr. Copee sign an affidavit stating he has changed his title block. If Mr. Copee fails to return the affidavit, an administrative complaint seeking fines will be filed.

John Dawson
Dawson and Associates
Case No. 2002-00985

Probable Cause was found that John Dawson was holding himself out as an architect to his clients. A Notice and Order to Cease and Desist was issued, along with a request that Mr. Dawson sign an affidavit stating he will no longer hold himself out as an architect. If Mr. Dawson fails to return the affidavit, an administrative complaint seeking fines will be filed.

Jay Leonard
Access Design
Case No. 2001-09523

Probable cause was found that Jay Leonard practiced unlicensed architecture by entering contracts for architectural services while he was unlicensed. An administrative complaint seeking fines was filed, along with the issuance of a Notice and Order to Cease and Desist. An administrative complaint is pending against the licensed architect who signed and sealed Mr. Leonard