

Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects
Fall 2004 Enforcement Actions

The following files are the final results of investigative matters against architects or non-licensed persons through, where an official finding of wrong doing was determined, a settlement agreement was entered into or compliance was otherwise obtained. Only the names of those where an official finding was determined or those who entered into settlement agreements are published.

Please note that each file gives a brief description of the case and the code sections allegedly violated. If you would like more specific information regarding a case, please contact the Board's Investigator, Chad B. Holland at (614) 466-1476 or via e-mail at chad.holland@arla.state.oh.us.

No. 04-06

A non-architect allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06, 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H), which prohibit non-architects and non-architectural firms from advertising, offering or providing architectural services. This individual allegedly was holding himself out as a "residential architect" via a business website. This matter was amicably resolved whereby the individual agreed to delete any reference to being an architect.

No. 04-07

After an investigation, the Board determined that an Ohio architect allegedly had provided architectural services with a license that had been lapsed for over 3 years, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06, 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H). This matter was resolved whereby the Board reinstated the license and required the architect to complete the "Professional Conduct" monograph.

No. 04-08

An architect was discovered to have allegedly provided architectural services through a firm that did not possess certificate of authorization, which is a violation of O.R.C. 4703.18 (H). After an investigation, the matter was amicably resolved with the architect applying for, and receiving a certificate of authorization.

No. 04-09

William Badillo
Cleveland, Ohio

NON-ARCHITECT USES FRAUDULENT SEAL

Please be alerted that non-architect, William Badillo, of Cleveland, Ohio, has allegedly engaged in fraudulent activity involving the unlicensed practice of architecture, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code sections, 4703.06, 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H). Mr. Badillo falsely represented himself as an architect to an unsuspecting client in the Brunswick, Ohio area. Then for a fee, he prepared construction drawings for the client's commercial building and stamped said drawings using a "phony" architectural seal bearing his name. Should you or your staff come into contact with Mr. Badillo, know his place of employment, or review construction

documents bearing the “phony” architectural seal shown below, please call the Board immediately.

No. 04-12

An architect was discovered to have allegedly provided architectural services through a firm that did not possess certificate of authorization, which is a violation of O.R.C. 4703.18 (H). After an investigation, the matter was amicably resolved with the architect dissolving the firm.

No. 04-16

A non-architect allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06, 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H), which prohibit non-architects and non-architectural firms from advertising, offering or providing architectural services. This individual allegedly was advertising the provision of “*architectural* drafting services” in a local newspaper. This matter was amicably resolved whereby the individual agreed to delete any reference to “*architectural* drafting”.

No. 04-19

After an investigation, the Board determined that an Ohio architect allegedly had provided architectural services without utilizing a written contract for such services, which is a violation of O.A.C. 4703-3-09 (A). The Board resolved this matter by issuing the architect a letter reminding the architect to use written contracts in the future.

No. 04-20

This non-architectural firm allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06, 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H), which prohibit non-architects and non-architectural firms from advertising, offering or providing architectural services. This firm allegedly was advertising the provision of “architectural & engineering services” via their corporate website. This matter was amicably resolved whereby the company agreed to revise the language on their website and refer to it as “product application services”.

No. 04-21

The Board received a written complaint against an Ohio architect for allegedly not following the provisions of their written contract. After conducting an investigation, the Board determined that a technical violation might have been committed. The Board resolved this matter by issuing the architect a letter reminding the architect to be more cognizant of the laws and rules regarding written contracts. O.A.C. 4703-3-09 sets forth the provisions architects are required to follow regarding written contracts.

No. 04-22

James L. Dotson

Dotson Built Designs, LLC

Kent, Ohio

Mr. Dotson, a non-architect, allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06, 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H), which prohibit non-architects and non-architectural firms from offering or providing architectural services. Mr. Dotson allegedly engaged in practice of architecture by offering to provide architectural design services to a client for the design of a commercial building in the Rootstown, Ohio area. This matter was amicably resolved whereby he entered

into a *settlement agreement* and agreed to cease and desist from such practices in the future until he is duly licensed as an architect.

No. 04-23

After an investigation, the Board determined that an Ohio architect allegedly had provided architectural services with a license that had been lapsed for over 3 years, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06, 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H). This matter was resolved whereby the Board reinstated the license and issued the architect a letter reminding the architect to maintain a current license in Ohio.

No. 04-26

This non-architectural firm allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06, 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H), which prohibit non-architects and non-architectural firms from advertising, offering or providing architectural services. This firm allegedly was advertising the provision of “architectural planning services” via their corporate website. This matter was amicably resolved whereby the company agreed to revise the language on their website and not use the term “architectural planning”.

No. 04-27

A non-architect, allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06, 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H), which prohibit non-architects and non-architectural firms from offering or providing architectural services. Allegedly, this individual inadvertently caused a residential garage drawing to be submitted with an architect’s registration seal without the architect’s knowledge or consent. This matter was amicably resolved whereby the individual apologized for the error and any trouble this matter may have caused.