

Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects
2003 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.

File No. 00-36

Brian M. Edison

Columbus, Ohio

Alleged to have contracted and provided architectural design services through an Ohio architect without first obtaining a certificate of authorization. The project involved a new restaurant in the Columbus, Ohio area. A *settlement agreement* was entered into whereby he will cease and desist from such practices. The Ohio architect has been disciplined for his involvement.

File No. 00-37

Software Architects, Inc.

Columbus, Ohio

This firm is a software consulting company, not an architectural firm. However, they have allegedly held themselves out to the public as "Software Architects" via telephone directories and other various marketing and business brochures. A *settlement agreement* was entered into whereby they have agreed to change its firm name, and to destroy all business cards and marketing material portraying themselves as "Software Architects" by September 2002.

File No. 00-38

Audio Architects

Groveport, Ohio

This firm is an audio video company, not an architectural firm. However, they have allegedly held themselves out to the public as "Audio Architects" via Columbus telephone directories. A *settlement agreement* was entered into whereby they have agreed to change its firm name, and to destroy all business cards and marketing material portraying themselves as "Audio Architects".

File No. 01-02

Scot A. Draughn, Cert. No. 10767

Marysville, Ohio

Alleged to have aided & abetted an unlicensed person in the practice of architecture by providing architectural services through this individual at a time when this individual was not licensed to offer and/or provide architectural services. The project involved the design of a new restaurant in the Columbus, Ohio area. A *settlement agreement* was

entered into whereby Mr. Draughn was issued a *Letter of Reprimand* and required to pass the *NCARB Professional Conduct Monograph*.

File No. 01-14

Richard G. Perales

University of Dayton

Facilities Planning & Construction

Dayton, Ohio

Allegedly unlicensed staff with the Facilities Planning & Construction dept. for the university engaged in the unlicensed practice of architecture by providing architectural design services for extensive interior renovations to buildings on the University of Dayton campus. A *settlement agreement* was entered into whereby the university will employ or engage architects and/or engineers for all campus projects requiring a building permit and the seal of a design professional.

File No. 01-18

David J. Roth, Cert. No. 4291

Findlay, Ohio

Alleged to have taken plans and specifications originally prepared and developed by another architect for renovations to an office building in Tiffin, Ohio and completely re-created the same drawings and submitted them as his own for a permit without first obtaining the written consent of the original architect.

Additionally, Mr. Roth allegedly provided architectural services without a written contract between himself and the owner. Mr. Roth entered into a *settlement agreement* whereby he accepted a *letter of reprimand* and will be required to successfully pass the *NCARB Professional Conduct Monograph*.

File No. 02-15

Peter C. Snyder, Cert. No. 6460

Cincinnati, Ohio

Alleged to have aided & abetted an unlicensed person in the practice of architecture by providing architectural services through this individual at a time when this individual was not licensed to offer and/or provide architectural services. The project involved the design of a new warehouse in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. A *settlement agreement* was entered into whereby Mr. Snyder was issued a *Letter of Reprimand, placed on (12) twelve-months probation* and required to pass the *NCARB Professional Conduct Monograph*.

File No. 02-16

Bill Batson

Batson & Associates

Covington, Kentucky

Mr. Batson is an architect licensed in Kentucky, but is not licensed in Ohio. He is alleged to have offered architectural services in Ohio for the design of a new warehouse in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. Mr. Batson engaged an Ohio architect to review and seal the construction documents and to act as architect of record. A *settlement agreement* was entered into whereby he will cease and desist from such practices. The Ohio architect has been disciplined for his actions.

File No. 02-21

Gary Acker

Acker Design Services

Columbus, Ohio

Alleged to have engaged in the unlicensed practice of architecture by offering to provide design services through an Ohio engineer for renovations to a commercial business in the Columbus, Ohio area. A *settlement agreement* was entered into whereby he will cease and desist from such practices.

File No. 02-22

Roger D. Bennett

R. D. Bennett Construction

Xenia, Ohio

Alleged to have engaged in the unlicensed practice of architecture by offering to provide architectural design services for an addition and interior alterations to a commercial building in the Xenia, Ohio area. A *settlement agreement* was entered into whereby he will cease and desist from such practices.