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STATE BOARD REVOKES ARCHITECT'S LICENSE

The Board of Examiners of Architects announced at its March 3, 2006 meeting, that the certificate of qualification to practice architecture for architect, **Alvah P. Breitweiser, Cert. No. 6970** is revoked. Breitweiser, of Fort Meyers, Florida is licensed in Ohio via reciprocal registration.

This matter began on or about May 21, 2001, when Mr. Breitweiser pleaded guilty to charges of bank fraud, a felony violation under federal law, in the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida for offenses occurring on or about March 1996 through March 1997.

Breitweiser knowingly and willfully executed a scheme to defraud and obtain money from Barnett Bank, a federally insured financial institution, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses in which he and codefendants received approximately \$415,000 to which they were not entitled.

Additionally, in an unrelated matter, Mr. Breitweiser entered into a settlement agreement on or about December 30, 2003 with the state of Florida, Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation for allegedly engaging in plan stamping and aiding and abetting an unlicensed individual in the practice of architecture on the "Forest Oaks Lutheran Church" project in Florida in 1997.

After an investigation, the Board charged Mr. Breitweiser in June 2005 with violating Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.15 (2), (3) and Ohio Administrative Code sections 4703-3-07 (D) (1), (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (3) for having been convicted of a felony, engaging in conduct involving fraud and violating the registration laws and regulations of the state of Florida.



The Board, through its hearing officer, conducted an administrative hearing in this matter on November 30, 2005 whereby the hearing officer recommended the Board revoke Mr. Breitweiser's license to practice architecture.

On March 3, 2006, the Board, after reviewing and considering the report and recommendation prepared by the hearing officer, approved and adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation, to the extent that it revoked Alvah Breitweiser's certificate of qualification to practice architecture in Ohio.

The Board orders Alvah Breitweiser to immediately cease and desist any further use of the aforementioned designations, performing any of the aforementioned work, or to in any way hold himself out to be qualified and permitted to practice as an "Architect" in the state of Ohio.

The use of any advertisements, letterhead, business cards, signs, or other materials which improperly portray Alvah Breitweiser as an "Architect" should be stopped.

The Board will notify NCARB, AIA chapters, state and local building departments of the action taken against Mr. Breitweiser.

The Board, which was formed in 1931 by the State Legislature, is charged with enforcing the laws and rules regarding the practice of architecture, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of Ohio's citizens.

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