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## STATE BOARD SUSPENDS ARCHITECT'S LICENSE FOR MISCONDUCT

The Board of Examiners of Architects announced at its March 2, 2007 meeting, that the certificate of qualification to practice architecture for Canfield, Ohio architect, **Mary E. McDonnell, Cert. No. 9902**, was suspended for (5) five years for allegedly engaging in misconduct in the practice of architecture.

Ms. McDonnell was employed by TranSystems as an architect and was the designated responsible architect for the architectural activities and decisions of the Cleveland, Ohio branch office of TranSystems Corporation of Ohio.

She was terminated on or about September 2006 for cause by TranSystems for allegedly submitting incorrect, improper and unauthorized expense reports and entering fictitious customer names into TranSystems' computers. The total financial loss to TranSystems caused by Ms. McDonnell's actions was approximately \$85,851.

After reviewing the evidence and documentation obtained in this matter, along with Ms. McDonnell's explanation for her actions, the Board charged her on November 21, 2006, with violating Ohio Revised Code section 4703.15 (A) (3) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-3-07 (D) (3).

Rather than proceed with an administrative hearing, Ms. McDonnell entered into a settlement agreement with the Board, whereby she agreed to accept a (5) five-year suspension of her license to practice architecture in Ohio.



The Board orders Mary E. McDonnell to immediately cease and desist any further use of the aforementioned designations, performing any of the aforementioned work, or to in any way hold herself 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 Mary E. McDonnell as an “Architect” should be stopped.

The Board will notify NCARB, AIA chapters, state and local building departments and local newspapers of the action taken against Ms. McDonnell.

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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