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ARCHITECT SURRENDERS LICENSE AFTER FELONY CONVICTION

The Board of Examiners of Architects announced at its November 16, 2007 meeting that Shaker Heights, Ohio architect, **Randall J. Gordon, Cert. No. 4216** agreed to surrender his license to practice architecture as a result of a 2007 felony conviction.

On or about May 22, 2007, Gordon voluntarily entered a plea of guilty in Case No. 06-CR0-72433 in the Court of Common Pleas, Lorain County, Ohio to felony charges of conspiracy, tampering with records and theft in connection with his involvement in the construction of the Lorain County Justice Center. Gordon is currently serving a (3) three-year prison sentence in the Lorain Correctional Institution in Grafton, Ohio.

After reviewing the evidence and documentation obtained in this matter, the Board charged Gordon on July 26, 2007 with violating Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.15 (A) (2), (3) and Ohio Administrative Code sections 4703-3-07 (D) (1), (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4).

Rather than proceed with an administrative hearing, Mr. Gordon entered into a settlement agreement with the Board, whereby he voluntarily agreed to surrender his license to practice architecture in Ohio.

The Board orders Randall J. Gordon 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 Randall J. Gordon 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 Mr. Gordon.

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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**STATE OF OHIO
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ARCHITECTS**

IN THE MATTER OF:

File No. 2007-49

**Randall J. Gordon, Cert. No. 4216
19501 North Park Blvd.
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122**

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. This agreement is made between Randall J. Gordon ("Gordon"), and the State of Ohio, Board of Examiners of Architects ("Board").

2. The above parties hereby stipulate to the jurisdiction of the Board over this matter.

3. The Board enters into this Settlement Agreement in lieu of formal proceedings based upon alleged violations of Ohio Revised Code Sections 4703.15(A) (2) and 4703.15(A) (3), and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4703-3-07 (D) (1), 4703-3-07 (D) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4) as listed in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing letter dated July 26, 2007, hereinafter ("Notice"), sent to Gordon by Amy M. Kobe, Executive Director of the Board.

4. The Board expressly reserves the right to institute formal proceedings based upon any other violations of Chapter 4703 of the Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code, whether occurring before or after the effective date of this agreement.

5. The parties agree that the terms of this agreement are a compromise and that the settlement agreement binds the parties hereto, their assigns and successors in interest. This agreement is not intended to be and is not deemed to be evidence of, or admission of, any violation of law on the part of Gordon.

6. As a result of an investigation conducted by the Board, Gordon was notified by Notice that the Board intended to determine whether or not to issue a fine, reprimand, revoke or suspend his license to practice architecture in the State of Ohio based upon allegations that he violated Ohio Revised Code Sections 4703.15(A) (2) and 4703.15(A) (3), and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4703-3-07 (D) (1), 4703-3-07 (D) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4).

7. Based upon the foregoing, as a full and complete settlement of this matter and in the mutual best interests of the parties, Gordon and the Board hereby agree to the following terms of settlement in Case No. 2007-49:

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a. Gordon waives his right to an appeal and an opportunity to be heard pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code and specifically withdraws his request for a hearing in this matter.

b. As a result of his 2007 felony conviction in Case No. 06-CR0-72433 in the Court of Common Pleas, Lorain County, Ohio, Gordon will *surrender* his certificate of qualification to practice architecture in Ohio beginning from the date this agreement is ratified by the Board and signed by the Board's Executive Director.

c. Gordon will not be eligible to apply for reinstatement of his certificate of qualification for (5) five years beginning from the date this agreement is ratified by the Board and signed by the Board's Executive Director, and further acknowledges that the Board will not consider any application for reinstatement for (5) five years beginning from the date this agreement is ratified by the Board and signed by the Board's Executive Director

8. Gordon shall not engage in the practice of architecture as defined in Chapter 4703 of the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code, or offer or provide architectural services or hold himself out as an architect, assume or use the title or designation of "Architect" or "Registered Architect" or make any representation that would give rise to a belief that he is qualified to provide architectural services in the state of Ohio until his license has been reinstated by the Board.

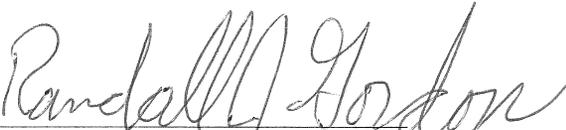
9. Gordon shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all laws and administrative rules governing the practice of architecture in the state of Ohio and any United States jurisdiction where he may hold a license to practice architecture. If Gordon is convicted of any criminal offense or violation of law other than minor misdemeanor offenses within the next two (2) years, he shall report those facts and circumstances in writing to the Board within thirty (30) days from the conviction.

10. It is hereby understood that this agreement shall not be binding on any of the parties unless it has been signed and executed by the parties below. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement on the terms herein, this document shall become null and void and without any force or effect.

11. Gordon waives any and all claims or causes of actions he may have against the State of Ohio, the Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects and its members, officers, employees and/or agents of either, arising out of the matters which are the subject of this settlement agreement.

12. This agreement shall be effective on the date it is approved by the Board and signed by the Board's Executive Director.

13. This document shall be considered a public record in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43.



Randall J. Gordon,
Cert. No. 4216



Amy M. Kobe, CAE
Executive Director
Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects

Date: October 25, 2007

Date: 11/16/07

ENTERTED

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO vs. Randall J Gordon

CASE NO: 06-CR0-72433

As a part of my proffer to the court of my plea of guilty/plea of no contest, I voluntarily answer the following questions:

1. Do you understand that you are charged with 1 Counts of ENGAGING IN A PATTERN OF CORRUPT ACTIVIT, 2923.32(A)(1), an F1, 1 Counts of ENGAGING IN A PATTERN OF CORRUPT ACT., 2923.32(A)(3), an F-1, 1 Counts of CONSPIRACY, 2923.01(A)(1), an F-3, 1 Counts of CONSPIRACY, 2923.01(A)(2), an F-3, 1 Counts of MONEY LAUNDERING, 1315.55(A)(1), an F-3, 1 Counts of MONEY LAUNDERING, 1315.55(A)(2), an F-3, 1 Counts of MONEY LAUNDERING, 1315.55(A)(3), an F-3, 1 Counts of MONEY LAUNDERING, 1315.55(A)(4), an F3, 1 Counts of BRIBERY, 2921.02(A), an F3, 1 Counts of FORGERY, 2913.31(A)(3), an F3, 1 Counts of TAMPERING WITH RECORDS, 2913.42(A)(1), an F3, 1 Counts of TAMPERING WITH RECORDS, 2913.42(A)(2), an F3, 1 Counts of TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE, 2921.12(A)(2), an F3, 1 Counts of FALSIFICATION, 2921.13(A)(9), an F3, 1 Counts of THEFT, 2913.02(A)(3), an F3.

X Yes

2. Do you waive your Constitutional Rights and plead Guilty to Count 4 Conspiracy 2923.01(A)(2) (F-3); Count 11 Tampering w/ Records 2913.42 (A)(1) (F-3); Count 15 THEFT 2913.02(A)(3) (F-3); Counts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13/14 ARE NOLLED pursuant to plea Agreement of your own free will? X Yes

3. Do you understand that the maximum penalty as to each charge is as follows:

Offense/ Specification	Maximum Stated or initial prison term (yrs/mos)	Maximum fine	Prison Term is mandatory/ mandatory consecutive	Prison Term is presumed necessary
Ct 4 Conspiracy (F-3)	1-5 yrs	\$10,000	NO	NO GUIDANCE
Ct 11 Tampering w/ Records (F-3)	1-5 yrs	\$10,000	NO	NO GUIDANCE
Ct 15 THEFT (F-3)	1-5 yrs	\$10,000	NO	NO GUIDANCE
* Total Aggregate Max =	15 yrs	\$30,000		

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Prison terms for multiple charges, even though not mandatory consecutive, may, nonetheless, be imposed consecutively by the court.

X Yes

Court costs, restitution and other financial sanctions including fines and reimbursement for the cost of any sanctions may also be imposed.

If you are now on felony probation, parole, under a community control sanction or under post-release control from prison, this plea may result in revocation proceedings and any new sentence could be imposed consecutively.

* Plea Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A". All conditions are hereby made a part of this plea.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

RON NABAKOWSKI, LORAIN COUNTY CLERK OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

BY: [Signature] DEPUTY

X Yes

POST RELEASE CONTROL

In addition a period of control or supervision by the Adult Parole Authority after release from prison is mandatory/optional in this case. If you are sentenced to prison for a 1st degree felony or a felony sex offense, after you are released you will have 5 years of control under conditions determined by the Parole Board. If you are sentenced to prison for a 2nd or a 3rd degree felony where the 3rd degree felony involves causing or threatening physical harm, you will have mandatory post-release control of three (3) years. ~~If you receive prison for a non-violent 3rd, 4th or 5th degree felony, you may be given up to three (3) years of post-release control.~~

A violation of any post-release control rule or condition can result in a more restrictive sanction while released, an increased duration of supervision or control, up to the maximum set out above and re-imprisonment even though you have served the entire stated prison term imposed upon you by this court for all offenses set out above. Re-imprisonment for violation of post-release control can be imposed in segments of up to 9 months but cannot exceed a maximum of 1/2 of the total stated prison term imposed for all of the offenses set out above.

If you commit another felony while subject to this period of control or supervision you may be subject to an additional prison term consisting of the maximum period of unserved time remaining on post-release control or 12 months, whichever is longer. This prison term must be served consecutively to any term imposed for the new felony you are convicted of committing.

COMMUNITY CONTROL SANCTIONS

If this court is not required by law to impose a prison sanction, it may impose a community control sanction or non-prison sanction upon you. If you violate the rules or conditions of such a community control sanction, the court may extend the time for which you are subject to this sanction up to a maximum of 5 years, impose a more restrictive sanction, or imprison you for up to the maximum stated term allowed for the offense/offenses as set out above.

~~Revocation or mandatory suspension of driver's license for a minimum of six months and a maximum of five years, consecutive to any current suspension.~~

4. Have you had time to talk to your lawyer about your case, and are you satisfied with his service and the advice he has given you? Yes.

5. Has your lawyer explained to you the offense(s) with which you are charged in the indictment, the

consequences of a plea of guilty, and your legal rights? Yes.

6. Do you understand that you have a legal right to a trial by jury and that by pleading guilty you waive your right? Yes.

7. Do you understand your other rights connected with a jury trial, such as confronting witnesses, right to call your own witnesses, right against self-incrimination, and right to have your guilt established beyond a reasonable doubt, and do you waive these rights? Yes.

8. Has anyone used any force or made any promises to you in order to get you to plead guilty?
No.

9. I have attended school for 10 years. Yes.

10. Have any other promises or representations been made to you? ~~No~~ Yes See Exhibit "A."

11. All property, money and/or evidence held by the State of Ohio or any police department is hereby forfeited to the State as a condition of this plea. N/A.

12. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes.

I have read, understood, and answered the above.

APPROVED:

Kenneth J. Geix

Jana W. Miller
Counsel for Defendant

D. [Signature]
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Randall J. Gordon
Defendant

5/22/07
Date