

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the State Board of Examiners of Architects (hereinafter "BOARD") and Ronald N. Payto (hereinafter "PAYTO") effective on the 12th day of January, 1996.

WHEREAS, a disagreement has arisen between PAYTO and the BOARD regarding alleged violation(s) by PAYTO of O.A.C. § 4703-3-07(C)(2) and R.C. §§ 4703.06 and 4703.12, arising out of PAYTO's allegedly failing to accurately represent to a prospective or existing client or employer his qualifications and the scope of his responsibility in connection with work for which he or she is claiming credit, and arising out of PAYTO's allegedly providing and holding himself out as providing architectural services in Ohio at a time during which his certificate of qualification had expired for less than a period of one year; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD has initiated an investigation of the alleged violation(s) by PAYTO; and

WHEREAS, PAYTO denies the allegations described above; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD and PAYTO desire to resolve the above-mentioned disagreement without further formal legal proceedings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the various promises and mutual covenants contained herein, the BOARD and PAYTO agree as follows:

1. PAYTO will accept a three (3) month suspension of his certificate of qualification to practice architecture, which period shall commence to run on the date that this agreement is executed by William N. Wilcox on behalf of the Board; and

2. Following the expiration of the three-month suspension referred to in paragraph 1 of this Agreement, PAYTO's certificate of qualification will be reinstated automatically.

3. PAYTO will accept the letter attached as Exhibit A to be placed in his BOARD file.

4. It is hereby understood that this Settlement 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, or the Settlement Agreement is rejected by the BOARD, this document shall become null and void without any force or effect. Signature by the Executive Secretary of the Board on this document does not indicate approval or execution of this agreement by the BOARD, but does commence the running of the three (3) month suspension period described in paragraph 1 above provided the Agreement is ultimately approved by the BOARD. The BOARD's approval shall be designated by a majority vote of the BOARD at a board meeting at which this agreement is considered.

5. This document shall be considered a public record in accordance with R.C. 149.43.


RONALD N. PAYTO


WILLIAM N. WILCOX
Executive Director, signing for
OHIO STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF
ARCHITECTS

DATE: 3-17-96

DATE: 1/31/96

EXHIBIT A

December __, 1995

Ronald N. Payto
Ohio Cert. No. 5925
URS Consultants
23355 Mercantile Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44122-5920

Dear Mr. Payto:

You have been charged with a violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4703-3-07(C)(2), which establishes that an architect shall accurately represent to a prospective or existing client or employer his or her qualifications and the scope of his or her responsibility in connection with work for which he or she is claiming credit. You also are under investigation for violation of R.C. §§ 4703.06 and 4703.12, arising out of your allegedly providing and holding yourself out as providing architectural services in Ohio at a time during which your certificate of qualification had expired for less than a period of one year.

You have denied these allegations. Nonetheless, in order to resolve this dispute without further legal proceedings, you have agreed to the following: First, you agreed to accept a three (3) month suspension of your certificate of qualification to practice architecture. Second, you agreed that this letter would be placed in your Board file.

In exchange for your agreement and cooperation, the Board has dismissed further disciplinary proceedings against you, pursuant to the settlement agreement signed by you and the Board.

A copy of this letter shall be placed into your public record maintained by the Board and shall be made available upon request to any member of the public inquiring about such records.

William N. Wilcox
Executive Director
ON BEHALF OF THE OHIO STATE
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ARCHITECTS