OHIO ARCHITECTS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:	:	**File No. 2011-31**
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Steven J. Pitchel, Cert. No. 7721	:	
Pitchel Associates	:	
5970 Mad River	:	
Dayton, Ohio 45459	:	

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. This agreement is made between Steven J. Pitchel ("Pitchel"), and the Ohio Architects Board ("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 4703.15 (A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-1-11 (B), 4703-1-11 (G), 4703-3-07 (C) (4), 4703-3-07 (E) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4) as listed in the Notice of Opportunity letter dated September 30, 2011, hereinafter ("Notice") sent to Pitchel 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 Pitchel.

6. As a result of an audit conducted by the Board, Pitchel was notified by Notice that the Board intended to determine whether or not to issue a fine, reprimand, suspend or revoke his license to practice architecture in the State of Ohio based upon allegations that he failed to complete the Board's mandatory continuing education requirements prior to the renewal of his license for 2010-2011. Pitchel was audited for compliance of continuing education and was found to be deficient 24 hours of the required 24 hours for the years 2008-2009.

7. Based upon the foregoing, as a full and complete settlement of this matter and in the mutual best interests of the parties, Pitchel and the Board hereby agree to the following terms of settlement in Case No. 2011-31:

A. Pitchel waives his right to an appeal and an opportunity to be heard pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code.

B. Pitchel will pay in full, a monetary fine of **$1,000 / One-Thousand Dollars** to the Board **no later than October 31, 2011**. Payment via credit card or check or money order made payable to the "Treasurer, State of Ohio".

C. Pitchel will successfully complete **(24)** hours of continuing education, of which **(16)** hours must be HSW content and provide to the Board, proof of completion **no later than October 31, 2011.** Completion of these continuing education hours will not count towards hours required to renew for 2012-2013.

D. Pitchel hereby agrees that in the future, he will not renew his Ohio architect license until he has successfully completed all mandatory continuing education requirements.

E. Pitchel affirms that he has read and understands the Board's current laws & rules in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4703 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4703. Laws & rules can be found on the Board's website at: www.arc.ohio.gov

F. Pitchel 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 Pitchel is convicted of any criminal offense or violation of law other than a minor misdemeanor offense 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.

8. 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.

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

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

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

Steven J. Pitchel
Cert. No. 7721

Date: 10/11/11

Amy M. Kobe, CAE, Hon. AIA
Executive Director of the Board

Date: 12/9/11