

OHIO ARCHITECTS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

File No. 2009-2

William M. Welch, Cert. No. 9323

William M. Welch Designers

961 Baxter Avenue

Louisville, Kentucky 40204

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. This agreement is made between William M. Welch ("Welch"), 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 Sections 4703.15 (A) (3) and 4703.18 (A) as listed in the Notice of Opportunity letter dated February 3, 2009, hereinafter ("Notice"), sent to Welch 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 Welch.
6. As a result of an investigation conducted by the Board, Welch 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 entered into a written contract to offer and provide architectural services for renovations to the Stock Yard Bank in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2007-2008 while his license to practice architecture in Ohio lapsed on December 31, 1997.
7. Based upon the foregoing, as a full and complete settlement of this matter and in the mutual best interests of the parties, Welch and the Board hereby agree to the following terms of settlement in Case No. 2009-2:

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

B. Welch will pay in full, a monetary fine of **\$1,000 / One-Thousand Dollars** to the Board no later than March 3, 2009. Check or money order made payable to the "Ohio Treasurer".

C. Welch hereby agrees that he will not enter into written contracts for the provision of architectural services for projects in Ohio or enter upon the practice of architecture in Ohio until he reinstates his license to practice architecture in Ohio.

D. Welch 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

E. Welch 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 Welch 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. Welch 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.

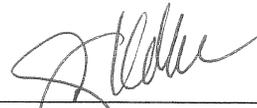
10. This agreement shall be effective on the date it is approved by the Board and signed by the Board's Executive Director.

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



William M. Welch

Cert. No. 9323



Amy M. Kobe

Executive Director of the Board

Date: 2-11-09

Date: 3/12/09