

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the State Board of Examiners of Architects (hereinafter "BOARD") and Jack Martin, individually and on behalf of Builderness Design & Construction (hereinafter "MARTIN") on the 15th day of July, 1994.

WHEREAS, a disagreement has arisen between MARTIN and the BOARD regarding alleged violation(s) by MARTIN of R.C. 4703.06 and R.C. 4703.18, arising out of MARTIN's allegedly providing and holding himself out as providing architectural services in Ohio at a time during which he was not licensed to practice architecture by the Board; and

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

WHEREAS, the BOARD and MARTIN desire to resolve the above mentioned disagreement without formal legal proceedings.

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

1. MARTIN hereby agrees not to enter upon or engage in the practice of architecture, commercial or residential, or hold himself out as an architect or registered architect or advertise in any way the providing of architectural services until such time as he is in compliance with the provisions of R.C. 4703.01 to R.C. 4703.19, inclusive; and

2. The BOARD agrees not to initiate any legal action or proceeding against MARTIN pursuant to R.C. 4703.181, R.C. 4703.99,

or R.C. 4703.07 as a result of MARTIN's allegedly providing or holding himself out as providing architectural services; and

3. This Settlement Agreement is not intended to be and is not deemed to be evidence of nor an admission of any violation of law on the part of MARTIN, the same being expressly denied, but constitutes a compromise and settlement of a disputed matter between the parties and operates as a release of all claims of MARTIN against the Board, its members, employees, agents and any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision of the State of Ohio, known or unknown, that participated in the above-referenced investigation or settlement of this dispute giving rise to the alleged liability of MARTIN for the alleged violation(s) herein; and

4. The BOARD and MARTIN acknowledge that the facts upon which this agreement is made may hereafter prove to be other or different from the facts now known or believed to be true. The BOARD and MARTIN mutually assume the risk of the facts proving to be different and each party agrees that all terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be binding in all respects and not subject to termination or rescission by reason of any such difference in facts; and

5. The BOARD and MARTIN agree that the terms of this agreement bind the parties hereto, their successors, assigns and the like; and

6. This agreement:

- a. contains the entire agreement between the parties, and it is expressly understood and agreed that no promises,

provisions, terms, warranties, conditions or obligations whatever, either expressed or implied, other than herein set forth, shall be binding on any of the parties;

b. shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio, this transaction bearing a reasonable relation to said state.

7. 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. The BOARD's approval shall be designated by a majority vote of the BOARD at a board meeting at which this agreement is considered.

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

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF ARCHITECTS

BY: 
JACK MARTIN, individually
and on behalf of
Builderness Design & Construction

BY: 
WILLIAM N. WILCOX
Executive Secretary

DATE: 15 July 94

DATE: 8/19/94