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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING,  
LAND SURVEYING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, GEOSCIENCE  
AND INTERIOR DESIGN

In the matter of  
CRAIG DEGENDORFER, ARCHITECT  
AND CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNER  
Architect License Number 15954  
Certified Interior Designer Number C00368

STIPULATION AND ORDER

BOARD FILE NO. 2011-0008

TO: Craig Degendorfer  
2320 Quinwood Lane North  
Plymouth, Minnesota 55441

The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.10 (2010) and Minnesota Statutes section 326.111(2010) to review complaints against architects, professional engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists, and certified interior designers, and to take disciplinary action whenever appropriate.

The Board received information concerning Craig Degendorfer ("Respondent"). The Board's Complaint Committee ("Committee") reviewed the information. The parties have agreed that the matter may now be resolved by this Stipulation and Order.

## STIPULATION

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Respondent and the Committee as follows:

1. Jurisdiction. The Respondent has been licensed by the Board as an Architect since March 4, 1983 and has held a certification as a Certified Interior Designer (CID) in Minnesota since May 5, 1994. Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board with respect to the matters referred to in this Stipulation.

2. Facts. This Stipulation is based upon the following facts:

a. Respondent was first licensed as an Architect in the State of Minnesota on March 4, 1983.

b. On June 30, 2010, Respondent's Minnesota Architect license expired.

c. Respondent was issued a Certified Interior Designer (CID) certificate number C00368 by the Board on May 5, 1994.

d. Respondent allowed his CID certificate number C00368 to lapse on June 30, 2010.

e. Respondent renewed his Architect license and his certification as a Certified Interior Designer on August 16, 2010.

f. At the time of this Stipulation, Respondent's Architect license and certification as a Certified Interior Designer in the State of Minnesota are current, with an expiration date of June 30, 2012.

g. During the time the Respondent's Architect license and his

certification as a Certified Interior Designer lapsed, from July 1, 2010 to August 16, 2010, the Respondent held himself out as a "Licensed Architect" on his business card and brochure for his company in conjunction with a Minnesota business address. Respondent held himself out as a CID by using the title of "Certified Interior Design" on his business card in conjunction with a Minnesota business address. Respondent admits in his letter received by the Board on August 27, 2010: "I am also attaching a page from the Twin City Builders Association Directory that has the listing for my firm (this is the only organization I belong to and the only place that my company would be listed besides on the internet which is the location that your investigation is concerned with and which you already have a copy of) (these items or listings were active during the time period in question)." A true and correct copy of the letter received by the Board on August 27, 2010 is attached as a Exhibit A.

h. Respondent's company brochure for 'Charles Allen Fine Homes' states: "Licensed Architect." A true and correct copy of the Respondent's company brochure for 'Charles Allen Fine Homes' is attached as Exhibit B.

i. Respondent's business card states: "Licensed Architect" and "Certified Interior Design." A true and correct copy of the Respondent's business card is attached as Exhibit C.

3. Violations. Respondent admits that the facts specified above constitute violations of Minnesota Statutes section 326.02, subdivisions 1, 2, and 4b (2010), and are sufficient grounds for the action specified below.

4. Enforcement Action. Respondent and the Committee agree that the Board should issue an Order in accordance with the following terms:

a. Reprimand. Respondent is reprimanded for the foregoing conduct.

b. Civil Penalty. Respondent shall pay to the Board a civil penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Board, of which Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) will be stayed on the condition that Respondent does not violate any Statutes or Rules within the Board's jurisdiction for two (2) years beginning on the date that the Board Chair signs the attached Order.

5. Additional Discipline for Violations of Order. If Respondent violates this Stipulation and Order, the Board may impose additional discipline pursuant to the following procedure:

a. The Committee shall schedule a hearing before the Board. At least thirty days prior to the hearing, the Committee shall mail Respondent a notice of the violation alleged by the Committee and of the time and place of the hearing. Within fourteen days after the notice is mailed, Respondent shall submit a response to the allegations. If Respondent does not submit a timely response to the Board, the allegations may be deemed admitted.

b. At the hearing before the Board, the Complaint Committee and Respondent may submit affidavits made on personal knowledge and argument based on the record in support of their positions. The Complaint Committee may submit affidavits responding to any affidavits submitted by Respondent. The evidentiary record before the Board shall be limited to such affidavits and this Stipulation and

Order. Respondent waives a hearing before an administrative law judge and waives discovery, cross-examination of adverse witnesses, and other procedures governing administrative hearings or civil trials.

c. At the hearing, the Board will determine whether to impose additional disciplinary action, including additional conditions or limitations on Respondent's practice or suspension or revocation of Respondent's license.

6. Waiver of Respondent's Rights. For the purpose of this Stipulation, Respondent waives all procedures and proceedings before the Board to which Respondent may be entitled under the Minnesota and United States constitutions, statutes, or the rules of the Board, including the right to dispute the allegations against Respondent, to dispute the appropriateness of discipline in a contested case proceeding pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14 (2010), and to dispute the civil penalty imposed by this Agreement. Respondent agrees that upon the application of the Committee without notice to or an appearance by Respondent, the Board may issue an Order containing the enforcement action specified in paragraph 4 herein. Respondent waives the right to any judicial review of the Order by appeal, writ of certiorari, or otherwise.

7. Collection. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 16D.17 (2010), in the event this order becomes final and Respondent does not comply with the condition in paragraph 4(b) above, Respondent agrees that the Board may file and enforce the unpaid portion of the civil penalty as a judgment without further notice or additional proceedings.

8. Board Rejection of Stipulation and Order. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this Stipulation or a lesser remedy than specified herein, this Stipulation shall be null and void and shall not be used for any purpose by either party hereto. If this Stipulation is not approved and a contested case proceeding is initiated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14 (2010), Respondent agrees not to object to the Board's initiation of the proceedings and hearing the case on the basis that the Board has become disqualified due to its review and consideration of this Stipulation and the record.

9. Unrelated Violations. This settlement shall not in any way or manner limit or affect the authority of the Board to proceed against Respondent by initiating a contested case hearing or by other appropriate means on the basis of any act, conduct, or admission of Respondent justifying disciplinary action which occurred before or after the date of this Stipulation and which is not directly related to the specific facts and circumstances set forth herein.

10. Record. The Stipulation, related investigative reports and other documents shall constitute the entire record of the proceedings herein upon which the Order is based. The investigative reports, other documents, or summaries thereof may be filed with the Board with this Stipulation.

11. Data Classification. Under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, this Stipulation is classified as public data upon its issuance by the Board. Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13.41, subdivision 5 (2010). All documents in the record shall maintain the data classification to which they are entitled under the Minnesota Government Data

Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13 (2010). They shall not, to the extent they are not already public documents, become public merely because they are referenced herein. A summary of this Order will appear in the Board's newsletter. A summary will also be sent to the national discipline data bank pertaining to the practice of architecture and certified interior designers.

12. Entire Agreement. Respondent has read, understood, and agreed to this Stipulation and is freely and voluntarily signing it. The Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto relating to the allegations referenced herein. Respondent is not relying on any other agreement or representations of any kind, verbal or otherwise.

13. Counsel. Respondent is aware that he may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Respondent knowingly waived legal representation.

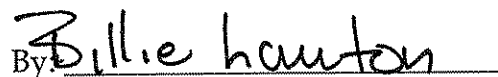
14. Service. If approved by the Board, a copy of this Stipulation and Order shall be served personally or by first class mail on Respondent. The Order shall be effective and deemed issued when it is signed by the Chair of the Board.

RESPONDENT

  
Craig Degendorfer

Dated: 1/24, 2011

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

By:   
Billie Lawton, Public Member,  
Committee Chair

Dated: 2-4, 2011

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of the foregoing Stipulation and based upon all the files, records and proceedings herein, all terms of the Stipulation are approved and hereby issued as an Order of this Board on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

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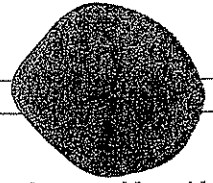
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RE: Complaint Allegations

Dear Lynette:

Per your letter and our phone conversation regarding the allegations in question I am enclosing the items you requested in your certified letter to me dated August 20, 2010 – File no. 2011-0008.

- 1) Per your request: I am enclosing a business card from my company (I am enclosing this per your request but none were handed out during the time period in question)
- 2) Per your request: I am enclosing a brochure from my company that was made in 2005 (this is the only brochure I have had made) (this also was not used during the time period in question). I am also attaching a page from the Twin City Builders Association Directory that has the listing for my firm (this is the only organization I belong to and the only place that my company would be listed besides on the internet which is the location that your investigation is concerned with and which you already have a copy of)(these items or listings were active during the time period in question). These are the only items that existed during the time in question except for my letterhead which I am addressing this letter on (this letterhead was not used during the time in question). I am not aware that any of these items were used or distributed during this time due to my lack of work and lack of prospects with which to hand materials out to.
- 3) I have had no articles regarding myself or my company (or authored by such) published in any magazines, newspaper, internet or other electronic or printed media during this time period so no copies of them (because they do not exist) are included.

These are all the items you requested and that I have at my disposal. I have not been involved with any commercial plans (or work) for numerous years as my concentration has been in the residential area. As such I have not used my architectural license for signing prints for many years. I have tried to keep my licenses intact though for the professionalism that they offer even though they were not a requirement for residential designing and drawings.

For my explanation as to why (as your letter states) that I held myself out to be an architect on my web site in the time in question:

I have been without work and income since July of 2008. This has been a trying time for my wife and I as we have had to drain our savings, liquidate things on EBAY and Craig's List, and finally borrow money from my 91 yr old mother to try to survive this downturn in the economy, hoping that the residential market would turn around so I could once again have business with my residential construction company. I have tried to pinch pennies as much as possible even now having to go to our church's food

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shelf for food hoping to reduce that expense in the hopes of using the remaining dollars to pay house payments. It is hard to try to find money to live on when you are self employed and cannot file for unemployment.

I apologize that in the interim of these expense cutbacks I held off in renewing my license and regretfully let the time lapse for 6 weeks in doing so. I had hopes that this summer I would have some work to cover some of the expenses like the license renewal that I would have in trying to keep the company afloat. I did renew in August, but had to use credit cards to cover the fees. I regretfully totally forgot about the web site and removing the notation about licensed architect on it. This was an oversight on my part and I agree with you that it should have been done but I never thought about it since I was lacking the funds that would have been required to pay my graphic artist to revise the web site. If this ever happens again (which I hope it will not) I will nevertheless pay the graphic artist to do it anyway and will remove all notations about "Architect" from my titleblocks, letterhead, and any advertising materials that are to be distributed to prospective clients, so that I would not be out of compliance with your requirements like I have been this time.

I hope that these explanations and the materials provided to you help in your resolving this matter and would ask for leniency for my situation.

Please let me know if you need any further information. You can call me on my cell phone at 612-845-5299 if you require anything further.

Sincerely:

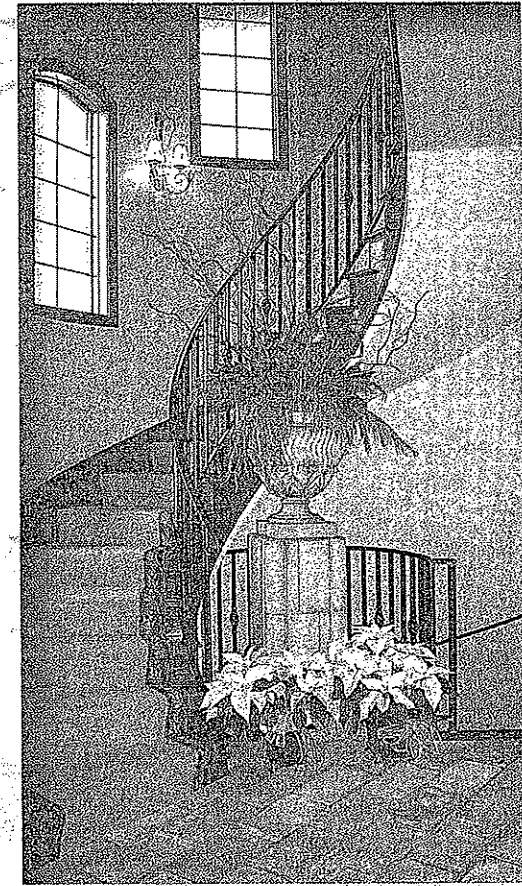
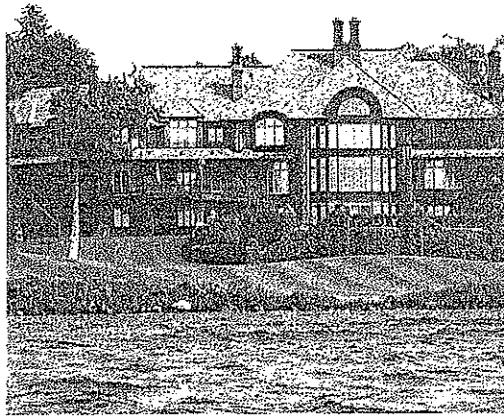


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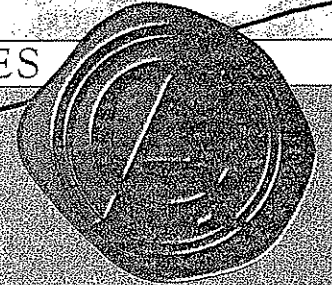


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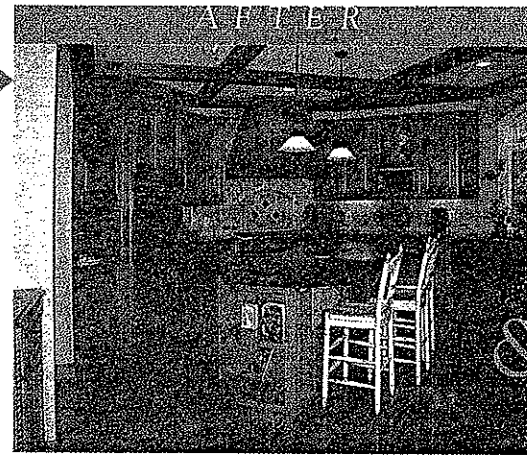
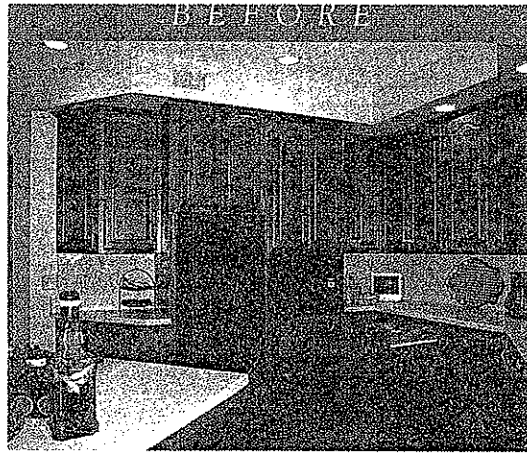
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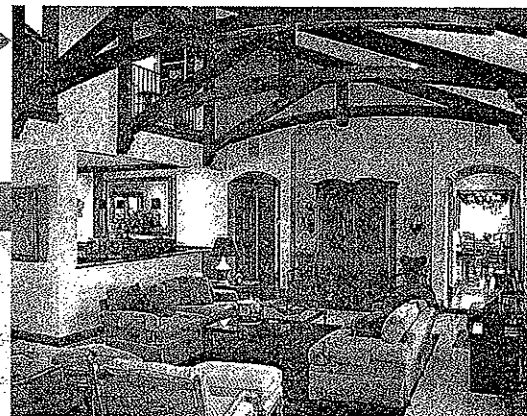
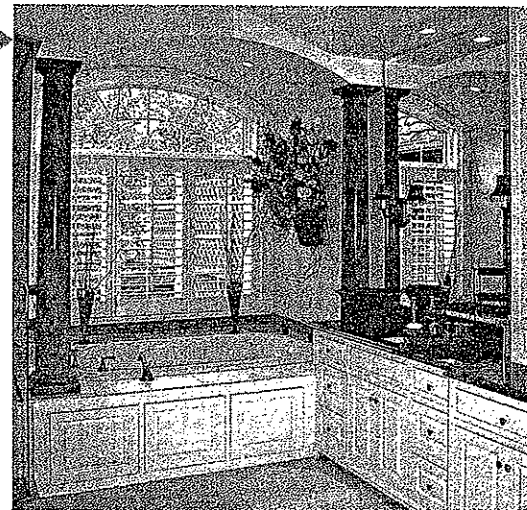
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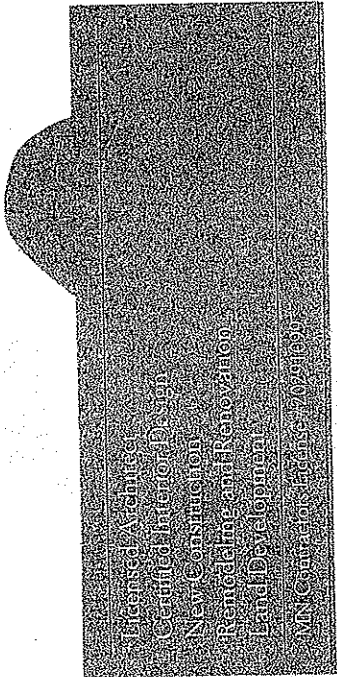
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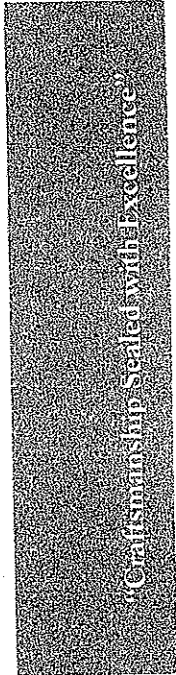


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