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

In the Matter of Bruce Iverson, Unlicensed

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Board File No. 2006-0027

TO: Bruce Iverson Damont Design Build Remodeling 8332 Highway Ave. 65 NE Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.10 (2006) and Minnesota Statutes section 326.111 (2006) to review complaints concerning the unauthorized practice of architecture, professional engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, geoscience and interior design, and to take action pursuant to those statutes whenever appropriate.

The Board received a complaint concerning Bruce Iverson ("Respondent"). The Board's Complaint Committee ("Committee") reviewed the information. The parties have agreed that the matter may now be resolved by this Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist Order.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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

follows:

1. <u>Jurisdiction</u>. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 326.111, Subdivision 3 (2006), the Board is authorized to issue an order requiring an unlicensed person to cease and desist from holding himself out as an architect in the State of Minnesota. Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board with respect to the matters referred to in this Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist Order.

2. <u>Facts.</u> This Settlement Agreement is based upon the following facts:

a. Respondent is not currently and never has been licensed by the Board as an architect in the State of Minnesota.

b. Respondent is registered as an architect in the State of Florida. The registration is currently inactive.

c. Respondent states that his work, performed upon moving to the State of Minnesota several years ago, has been as a creative director for retail marketing and design firms and/or as a contract designer for residential remodeling, and has not required the practice of architecture.

d. Respondent's employer, a design-build business engaged in residential remodeling, referred to Respondent as a "licensed, registered architect" in its marketing brochure. A true and correct copy of the marketing brochure is attached as Exhibit 1.

e. Respondent included the title "architect" on the business cards he has used since December 2004. A true and correct copy of Respondent's business card is attached as Exhibit 2.

f. Respondent's use of the term architect on his business card and the description of him as a "licensed, registered architect" on his employer's brochure tends to convey the impression that Respondent is an architect licensed in the State of Minnesota.

g. Upon learning that he must be licensed in the State of Minnesota to use the term "architect," Respondent took corrective measures by ordering new business cards and requesting that his employer cease using all forms referring to him as an architect, and Respondent began pursuing licensure as an architect in Minnesota.

3. <u>Violations.</u> Respondent admits that the facts specified above constitute violations of Minnesota Statutes section 326.02 subdivisions 1 and 2 (2006), and are sufficient grounds for the action specified below.

4. <u>Enforcement Action</u>. Respondent and the Committee agree that the Board may issue an Order in accordance with the following terms:

a. <u>Cease and Desist Order.</u> Respondent shall cease and desist from holding himself out as an architect in Minnesota, and from further violations of Minnesota Statutes sections 326.02 through 326.15 (2006) until such time as he becomes licensed as an architect in the State of Minnesota.

5. <u>Judicial Relief.</u> If the Respondent violates paragraph 4 above, a district court of this state may, upon application of the Committee, enter an Order enjoining Respondent from such unauthorized practices and granting the Board its costs, reasonable attorney fees, and other appropriate relief.

6. Waiver of Respondent's Rights. For the purpose of this Settlement

Agreement, 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 and to dispute the appropriateness of discipline in a contested case proceeding pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14 (2006). Respondent agrees that upon the application of the Committee without notice to or an appearance by Respondent, the Board may issue an Order requiring the action specified in paragraph 4 herein. Respondent waives the right to any judicial review of this Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist Order or the attached Board Order by appeal, writ or certiorari, or otherwise.

7. <u>Board Rejection of Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist Order.</u> In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist Order, this Settlement Agreement shall be null and void and shall not be used for any purpose by either party hereto. If this Settlement Agreement is not approved and a contested case proceeding is initiated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14 (2006), Respondent agrees not to object to the Board's initiation of the proceeding and hearing the case on the basis that the Board has become disqualified due to its review and consideration of this Settlement Agreement and the record.

8. <u>Record.</u> The Settlement Agreement, 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 Settlement Agreement.

9. <u>Data Classification.</u> Under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, this Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist Order is classified as public data upon its issuance by the Board, Minnesota Statutes section 13.41, subdivision 5 (2006). 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 (2006). They shall not, to the extent they are not already public documents, become public merely because they are referenced herein. A summary of this Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist 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.

10. <u>Unrelated Violations.</u> 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 Settlement Agreement and which is not directly related to the specific facts and circumstances set forth herein.

11. <u>Entire Agreement.</u> Respondent has read, understood, and agreed to this Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist Order and is freely and voluntarily signing it. The Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist Order contains the entire agreement between the parties. Respondent is not relying on any other agreement or representations of any kind, verbal or otherwise.

12. <u>Counsel.</u> Respondent is aware that he may choose to be represented by

legal counsel in this matter. Respondent knowingly waived legal representation.

Service. If approved by the Board, a copy of this Settlement Agreement 13. and Cease and Desist Order shall be served personally or by first class mail on Respondent. The Settlement Agreement shall be effective and deemed issued when it is signed by the Chair of the Board.

RESPONDENT

By Bruce Iverson

Dated: Might in

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

BY:

Billie Lawton, Public Member Complaint Committee Chair

Dated: <u>3-23</u> 2007

ORDER

Upon consideration of the foregoing Settlement Agreement and based upon all the files, records and proceedings herein, all terms of the Settlement Agreement are approved and hereby issued as an Order of this Board on this the $\frac{4^{11}}{2}$ day of M_{44} , 2007.

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By

larvala, PE Chair

Awards and Merits

ROMA Award - Builders Association of the Twin Cities. Honorable mention for Kitchens over 200 Square Feet: Awarded April 24, 2001. ROMA Award - Builders Association of the Twin Cities. Total Home Remodel. Awarded-April 23, 2002.

ROMA Award - Builders Association of the Twin Cities. Honorable mention for Bathroom remodel. Awarded April 23, 2002

Master Design Award 2002 - Qualified Remodeler Magazine, Room Additions below \$100,000, First Place, Awarded June 2002, Featured August 2002

Master Design Award 2002 - Qualified Remodeler Magazine: Whole House \$200,000 to \$500,000. Second Place. Awarded-June 2002.

Damonts' Latest Awards:

ROMA Award - Best of Show. Awarded April 2003.

ROMA Award - Honorable Mention for: Lower Level, Awarded-April 2003. Qualified Remodeler Magazine - Damont debuts at #121 of 2003. Top 500" Remodelers - September 2003. Qualified Remodeler Magazine - Damont ranks #123 of 2004. Top 500" Remodelers - September 2004.



Let one of our Project Managers Show you the Damont Difference!

Dave Monte is the founder and President of Damont Incorporated. His sales focus is on the larger total home remodels and commercial office build outs. In his 24 years in the remodeling business, Dave has been involved in over 2200 projects and has received three ROMA Awards from the Builders Association of the Twin Cities for past remodeling projects.



Gary Schoeller has been in the resi-

dential remodeling business for the

last 19 years doing design, sales, and

management. Within that time he

owned his own remodeling company

for 12 years. Prior to that he was a

sales manager for a company that

sold energy products, sold new

homes, and did technical presenta-

tions and training for a computer

manufacturer. Gary uses his expertise

with Chief Architect and 3D Cad to aid in the design and draw-

Dick Whitley comes with 42 years of design-build construction experience in both residential and commercial work. Twenty four of those years exclusively in all phases of residential remodeling, including and specializing in the design and construction of second story additions.





Bruce Iverson, his wife Laurel, son Adam and daughter Alissa have lived in Ramsey for nine years. Bruce is excellent at listening to clients needs, wants and desires; then effectively brings them to life "three dimensionally" in the form of tangible, cost effective design solutions. Bruce is a licensed, registered architect and has over 17 years of experience as a design professional creating unique environments that are both beautiful and afford-

able. A stickler for detail, he insists on being the clients primary contact throughout the entire project to ensure every aspect is well coordinated and executed according to the design. For those projects that require an added design flare or attention to detail and excellent management, Bruce is the guy.

Hands-on Project Supervisors make the Process work!

Jim Monte has worked as a Project Supervisor for 27 of his 33 years in the home building and remodeling business. Jim works well with homeowners and has worked commercial as well as residential projects.

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Craig Hartwick brings 30 years of building experience to Damont. An accomplished designer and project manager, he specializes in residential and commercial projects. Craig is well known for his projects being on time and on budget. Craig works well with homeowners, while keeping them updated on the scheduling of their project.



Exhibit 1



Exhibitz

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

RE: In the matter of Bruce Iverson File Number 2006-0027

STATE OF MINNESOTA)) ss. COUNTY OF RAMSEY

Patricia J. Litchy, being first duly sworn on October 2, 2007, deposes and says:

That at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, on the 7th day of March, 2007, she served the Proposed Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist Order by depositing in the United States mail at said city and state, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped, with first class and certified postage prepaid, and addressed to:

Bruce Iverson Damont Design Build Remodeling 8332 Highway Avenue 65 NE Spring Lake Park, MN 55432⁻

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Patricia J. Litchy, J. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 2nd day of October, 2007.

(Notary Public)

