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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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ROBERT J. DARDEN, R.A.	:	CONSENT ORDER
	:	OF SUSPENSION
TO PRACTICE ARCHITECTURE	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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THIS MATTER was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Architects ("Board") upon receipt of information concerning the professional conduct of Respondent, Robert J. Darden, R.A. More specifically, Respondent admitted that he signed and sealed

architectural plans which he did not prepare in connection with two projects in Newark, New Jersey.

As a result of the foregoing, the Board has determined that Respondent's acts constitute professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:27-5.5(b) in that Respondent signed and sealed architectural plans not prepared by him.

IT NOW APPEARING that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings; and that the Respondent hereby waives any right to a hearing in this matter; and the Board finding the within Order adequately protects the public's health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 5th day of April, 2010, **ORDERED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Respondent's license to practice architecture in the State of New Jersey shall be, and hereby is, suspended for a period of two (2) years, such suspension to be stayed and served as a period of probation.

2. Respondent shall pay a total civil penalty of Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$5,000.00). Monthly installments of Two Hundred Eight Dollars and 34/100 (\$208.34) shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the "State of New Jersey" and forwarded to the State Board of Architects, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The initial monthly

installment shall be made at the time of signing this Consent Order and thereafter the remaining instalments shall be due and payable on the 1st day of each month. In the event that Respondent fails to make any required monthly installment, then the full amount shall become immediately due and owing and a Certificate of Debt shall be issued.

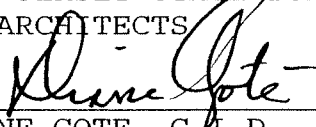
3. Respondent shall, upon signing this Consent Order, pay investigative costs totaling Two Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$200.00) made payable by certified check or money order to the "State of New Jersey" and forwarded to the State Board of Architects, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

4. During the probationary period, Respondent shall enroll in, and successfully complete, to the Board's satisfaction, a three (3) credit ethics course in a degree program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, which said course must be pre-approved by the Board. Respondent must be enrolled in the pre-approved course within one (1) year of the filing date of the Consent order. Prior to termination of the probationary period, Respondent shall provide proof of successful completion of the course. "Successful completion" means that Respondent shall attend all scheduled classes, pass any examinations and meet all other requirements in order to obtain a passing grade of "A", "B" or "C".

5. Respondent agrees that in the event he violates any provision of this Consent Order, or is determined to be in violation of any statute and/or regulation which the Board administers during this probationary period, then Respondent's license to practice architecture in the State of New Jersey shall be automatically suspended without a hearing for the remainder of the probationary period, in addition to any other limitations or restrictions as the Board deems appropriate. Within five (5) days of notification of the suspension, Respondent may seek a hearing limited to the sole issue of violation of this Consent Order.


NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF ARCHITECTS

By:



DIANE GOTE, C.I.D.
Board President

I have read and I understand
this Consent Order and agree to be
bound by its terms. I further
hereby consent to the entry of
this Consent Order.



ROBERT J. DARDEN, R.A.