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BOARD EXTENDS THANKS TO JODY COLEMAN

The Board extends a thank you to Jody Coleman, whose five-year term as a Board member has come to an end. Jody was appointed to the Board by Governor Musgrove in 2003.

A partner with Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons, LTD | Architects and Engineers, Jody has spent untold hours tending to the business of the Board. He has also served in a national capacity as a member of the ARE Building Design & Construction Systems Subcommittee, a role in which he will continue to serve.

Jody has been active in both the state and national level, and has graciously offered his time and wisdom as both the Board and NCARB strive to ensure the protection of the public.

"I think Jody's insight on major issues such as design/build and being licensed in several states were extremely important in reviewing and revises the regulations," said Board Member Taylor Guild.

Board Member Buddy McCarty voiced the sentiment of the Board when he said, "The health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Mississippi, and the interests of the architectural community, have been well served, and advanced, by Jody's integrity, intellect, and energy. We will miss Jody on the Board."



GOVERNOR BARBOUR APPOINTS BARRANCO TO BOARD

Governor Haley Barbour has appointed Michael A. Barranco, of Jackson, to the Mississippi State Board of Architecture, which is responsible for the licensure and regulation of architects and landscape architects practicing in the state.

"Michael's work as an architect has prepared him for service on this important regulatory board," said Governor Barbour. "He is extremely well-qualified and I look forward to his contributions to the state in this capacity."

Barranco has worked as an architect for 20 years and currently serves as manager of Barranco, PLLC Architecture, Town Planning, and Interior Design, where he has worked for nine years. After Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in 2005, Barranco was instrumental in organizing the design charrette held to cultivate ideas for the rebuilding and renewal of coastal neighborhoods and towns.

He is a member of the Downtown Jackson Rotary Club and a board member of the Andrew Jackson Council, Boy Scouts of America. A graduate of both Leadership Jackson (1997) and Leadership Mississippi (1991), Barranco is past president of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He is also a past member of the Mississippi Business Journal's Top 40 Under 40.

A graduate of Mississippi State University, Barranco holds a bachelor's degree in architecture. He has attended special design schools in Rome, Italy, and Plymouth, England. Barranco and his wife, Jené, have three children, Mia, Julia, and Michael, Jr.

IDP IN MISSISSIPPI

As of September 1, the Mississippi Board increased the allowable time span for IDP reporting from four months to six months, with a 30-day allowance for submittal. See the September 1 rule change in mark-up format on the Board's website.

For the time being, interns must continue to mail IDP reports to the Board office in Ridgeland for review by IDP Coordinator Ralph Maisel. The Board will re-consider the reporting process when the NCARB six-month system is up and running.

Reports are reviewed weekly, and then forwarded to NCARB. Reports are usually mailed to NCARB within five to ten days of receipt, and it can take up to four days for postal delivery to NCARB. Allow at least 30 days for processing at NCARB. Intern architects should be able to confirm credit on the "My Council Record" section of the NCARB six weeks after the report was submitted to the Board office if there are no extenuating circumstances.

The Board's rule change coincides with recent NCARB changes. The following overview from NCARB explains the national six-month rule, which will be phased in from July 2009 to July 2010.

IDP AND SIX-MONTH REPORTING (NCARB)

Washington, DC—In June, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) Member Boards passed a rule requiring interns to submit their training units in reporting periods of no longer than six months. The national "Six-Month Rule," as it has been nicknamed, will go into effect on 1 July 2009 for interns who begin an NCARB Record on or after that date and 1 July 2010 for all interns regardless of application date.

All training unit reports must be submitted electronically and within two months of completion of each reporting period.

Things Supervisors and Interns Should Know:

- The "Six-Month Rule" is designed to improve both the accuracy of reporting and the overall IDP experience. The IDP Guidelines have long recommended that interns submit reports to NCARB every four months. Under the new rule, interns will be required to report training units earned in intervals of no more than six months. However, they can submit reports more often if they wish.
- Regular reporting will provide an opportunity for interns and supervisors to review progress made over reporting periods and develop a plan for acquiring training in the remaining areas. This benefit should help prevent interns from being surprised by falling short of required training units as they near the end of their internship. Supervisors will also be more familiar with the work documented and therefore would be more likely to approve training reports.
- Implementation of the "Six-Month Rule" is dependent on an online reporting system. The electronic Experience Verification Reporting system (e-EVR) will be available by the end of December, but the "Six-Month Rule" will not go into effect until at least six months after the online reporting system is launched. Should the new system not be fully tested and operational by 31 December 2008, each implementation date will be pushed back and will go into effect six months after the system is operational.
- Once interns have submitted their training units by entering them into their Record online, those units are protected while any loose ends are tied up. Interns will not be affected by any delay caused by their supervisor or NCARB. However, submitted training units can be lost if they are deemed invalid by their supervisor, or if they are not earned in accordance with the rules of IDP.
- The "Six-Month Rule" allows parents of newborn infants or newly adopted children to receive a six month extension of the reporting deadline upon proper application. Extensions for active military service and serious medical conditions are also available. All of the provisions of the "Six-Month Rule" are designed to make every internship experience more constructive and valuable. The rule will greatly improve the accuracy of reporting, which should help reduce the amount of time it takes interns to complete the IDP.

WHO IS ALLOWED TO USE THE TITLE "ARCHITECT"?

Take care when assigning titles or roles, such as "Project Architect," to employees. Individuals who are not licensed architects should not use a title or be described in a way that denotes licensure, especially in the context of marketing, client relationships, and relationships with allied professionals.

The title "Architect" and any derivation of the word "Architect," such as "architectural" or "architecture," can only be used by a licensed Architect. It is a violation of *Mississippi Code Annot. 73-1-1* for an unlicensed person to practice architecture in this state, to use the title "architect," or any form thereof, or any title, sign, card or device to indicate that such person is practicing architecture, or is an architect.

The only exception is that interns may use the title "Intern Architect" in conjunction with employment as an intern by a licensed architect. Rule 2.06 specifies that this is allowed only if the intern has a NAAB accredited degree and is actively enrolled in IDP through NCARB.

So, aside from interns using the title prescribed for their status, what titles are allowable for an unlicensed employee or designer? Suggestions include: Draftsperson, Designer, Specification Writer, or Project Manager. Never use the words Architect, Architecture or Architectural in a title, or to describe an employee's role, unless the individual is a licensed architect in the state in which the representation is being made. Refrain from using any title which might convey that the person is an architect if they are not.

Check your firm's marketing materials and business cards for conformance.

JOINT VENTURING REQUIREMENTS FOR ARCHITECTS

Rule 3.02.7 specifies the following requirements for a joint venture between a non-resident architectural firm and a resident architectural:

- (a) The non-resident firm complies with Section 73-1-19; and
- (b) the firm agrees to consent to the jurisdiction of the board; and
- (c) the construction documents and specifications are prepared under the responsible control of the architect licensed in Mississippi; and
- (d) one member of the non-resident architectural firm holds a valid NCARB Certificate; and
- (e) one member of the non-resident architectural firm shall apply for licensure in Mississippi within ten (10) days of the date of formation of the joint venture or association.

UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Update your personal information - including your email address - from the "Update Personal Information" link on the website.

You can also search for registrants, both active and inactive, by name, firm, city, or state through the link, 'Find a Licensee.'

www.archbd.state.ms.us

REPORT VIOLATIONS

The Board requires practitioners to report violations of the statutes and rules governing architecture and landscape architecture in Mississippi. License holders must protect the public from the harm caused by negligence, unethical behavior, and a poor standard of care. While never easy, this responsibility is intrinsic to a practitioner's primary duty to protect.

AR 4.04.8 - A licensee who has knowledge or reasonable grounds for believing that another member of the profession has violated any statute or rule regulating the practice of architecture shall have the duty of presenting such information to the Board. Failure to report such acts may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

LA 2.04.9 - A Landscape Architect possessing knowledge of a violation of these rules by another Landscape Architect shall report such knowledge to the Committee.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

ARCHITECTS (Since Spring 08)

Anderson, John
#4403, Resident of Mississippi
 73-1-13(d)(iii)
 \$1,500 fine for misstatement on an application for licensure
 By Settlement Agreement

Chen, Tracy
#3989, Resident of Illinois
 73-1-35, 4.01.3, 4.05.2
 \$1,250 fine, corrective action, one year probation, periodic reporting to board for lack of responsible control, operating an unsupervised Mississippi office, and practice outside expertise
 By Settlement Agreement

Cease and Desist Orders
 2 orders were issued to individuals not licensed in Mississippi who had either practiced, used the title, and/or offered architectural services in violation of state law.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (Since Winter 05)

Culbertson, Kurt Douglas
#439, Resident of Colorado
 73-2-15, 4.01, 4.06.2, 4.06.3
 Inactive licensee may not apply for reinstatement for five years due to continuing education violations
 By Settlement Agreement

Cantrell, Joseph
#472, Resident of Louisiana
 73-2-5, 1.03 (c), 2.04.3
 \$2,000 fine for use of title prior to licensure, misrepresentation and misstatement on an application
 By Settlement Agreement

Cairone, Joseph
#497, Resident of Pennsylvania
 73-2-5, 1.03(a)
 \$500 fine for practicing prior to licensure
 By Settlement Agreement

Harrison, Grace
#546, Resident of Florida
 73-2-5
 \$1,000 fine for practicing prior to licensure
 By Settlement Agreement

Richardson, Stephen Lee
#488, Resident of Georgia
 73-2-5, 73-2-11, 1.03
 \$2,000 fine for offering services and using the title prior to licensure and misstatement on an application
 By Settlement Agreement

Smith, Phillip
#483, Resident of Alabama
 73-2-5
 \$2,750 fine for practice and use of title prior to licensure
 By Settlement Agreement

Denials
 One (1) reciprocal applicant was denied licensure due to practice prior to licensure and failure to provide requested information.

Cease and Desist Orders
 11 orders were issued to individuals not licensed in Mississippi who had either practiced, used the title, and/or offered landscape architectural services in violation of state law.

LICENSURE STATISTICS

	Architects			Landscape Architects		
	Mississippi	Non-Resident	Total	Mississippi	Non-Resident	Total
License Holders	311	1,524	1,840	95	169	264
Applicants	5	25	30	0	4	4
Examinees	88	7	94	na*	na*	na*

*Mississippi participates in CLARB's direct examination program. CLARB administers the application process for the Landscape Architect Registration Exam.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE NEWS

TEMPLE BARRY, CHAIRMAN | ROBERT MERCIER, SECRETARY | FRANK ALLEY | CHRISTOPHER HOFFMAN | JAMES PERRY



TEMPLE BARRY ELECTED PRESIDENT-ELECT OF CLARB

The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) has elected Temple W. Barry President-Elect of its 2008-09 Board of Directors. Barry is President of Lakeland Associates, LLC/Barry Landscape, Inc., a Jackson-based landscape design firm.

Created in 1970, CLARB's members are the boards of 49 U.S. states, one territory, and two Canadian provinces that license landscape architects and regulate the practice of landscape architecture to foster public health, safety, and welfare.

Barry has held leadership positions with CLARB since 1999, serving in 2007 as CLARB's Region III director, C2Ed/Outreach Committee chairman, and member of the Executive Director Search Committee.

Closer to home, he is an active member of Mississippi's landscape architectural community and has been appointed to the Mississippi Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee by four Mississippi governors, including Gov. Haley Barbour. He currently serves as the Committee Chairman.

Barry has served on Mississippi State University's Landscape Architecture Advisory Board and has won several landscape design awards, including the 1993 National Association of Home Builders' Life Spike Award.

Barry earned his BA from MSU in 1975.

CHRIS HOFFMAN ELECTED ALTERNATE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF CLARB

The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) has elected Chris Hoffman as the Alternate Region III Director of its 2007-08 Board of Directors.

Hoffman is owner of Christopher B. Hoffman Landscape Architect, a 14-year-old, Clinton-based landscape design firm.

Hoffman has also been appointed to serve a two-year term on CLARB's Communications Committee from 2007 to 2009. Govs. Kirk Fordice and Ronnie Musgrove appointed Mr. Hoffman to the Mississippi Landscape Architectural Advisory Committee for two consecutive terms, from 1998 to 2003, and from 2003 to 2008.

Hoffman earned his BLA from Texas Tech University in 1988 and holds a license in Mississippi

BUILDING OFFICIALS GUIDE TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

The Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee is creating a guide for building officials. If you have recent experiences or would like to suggest topics for the direct mail brochure, please email Jenny Wilkinson at jwilkinson@archbd.state.ms.us.

INACTIVE LICENSES

THE FOLLOWING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL LICENSES ARE INACTIVE DUE TO NON-RENEWAL

(Inactive architectural licenses were reported in the Spring 2008 newsletter, http://www.archbd.state.ms.us/pdf/arch_newsletter_spring_2008.pdf.)

MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS		<u>Lic.#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Lic.#</u>	<u>Name</u>
<u>Lic.#</u>	<u>Name</u>	10	Downing, Paul Edward	458	Scarton, David Edward
230	Bobbitt, Thomas W., Jr.	91	Dugan, James W.	450	Spaid, Ted H.
483	Smith, Phillip Edward	475	Fisher, Lois	448	Stick, Charles J.
		359	Fuller, Harry S.	314	Stone Jr., Edward Durell
		480	Harrison, John	98	Thorn, Robert Elwood
NON-RESIDENTS		447	Henrick, Joshua B.	438	Weeks, Tanner
<u>Lic.#</u>	<u>Name</u>	437	Howman, Sidney Howard	367	Williams, Barry
395	Adams, Brian Denis	477	Luebke, Stefan	449	Winslow, Jane Futrell
427	Bonnell, Laurel Macdonald	369	Martin, Tommy	430	Wyatt, Alan James
439	Culbertson, Kurt Douglas	441	Morris, Brian Hasson	396	Wyss, Patrick H.
385	Dawson, Mark Owen	70	Sandifer, Charles Nolan		