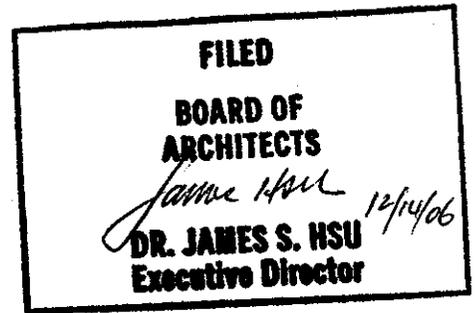


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

IN THE MATTER OF : Administrative Action  
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RHETT JONES, R.A. : CONSENT ORDER  
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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 Rhett Jones ("Respondent") regarding architectural plans signed and sealed by him on a roofing project for his client, Raritan Valley Community College. Further information revealed similar professional conduct by Respondent in connection with the following projects: Crest Haven Nursing Home; Port Elizabeth Public Library; Clark Municipal Building, Police Station and Department of Public Works; and Cape May Administration

& Health Services (collectively referred to as "client" or "project").

More specifically, the Board has reviewed testimony and evidence in connection with Respondent's professional conduct concerning the above projects which demonstrate that Respondent is in violation of:

1. N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and N.J.A.C. 13:27-5.3(a) in that Respondent failed to provide professional services to the client independently through contractual arrangements with the client which safeguard the exercise of unprejudiced judgment, which constitutes professional misconduct. Rather, Respondent had a contractual relationship with an unlicensed entity to provide architectural plans for the client which included a limitation of Respondent's liability in connection with the architectural services rendered by him to the client;
2. N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) in that Respondent permitted the title block of an unlicensed entity to be placed on the architectural plans which misrepresents the scope of services provided by Respondent and the unlicensed entity. Additionally, Respondent signed the plans indicating that he was the consulting architect, rather than the architect of record, which misrepresents the scope of the architectural services rendered by Respondent to the client;
3. N.J.S.A. 45:3-1.1(1) and N.J.A.C. 13:27-5.5(b) in that Respondent failed to render regular and effective supervision in

that he provided a limited review of the architectural plans and, further, lacked direct professional knowledge and direct supervisory control in connection with the project. The Respondent testified that neither Respondent, nor a person under his direct supervision, prepared the architectural plans and specifications, and despite the extensive documentation to the contrary, he reviewed the architectural plans for the Raritan Valley Community College project on only one occasion and the specifications on two occasions; and

4. N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) and N.J.A.C. 13:27-6.2(c) in that a proper title block did not appear on the architectural plans.

**IT NOW APPEARING** that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings; and 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** 29 day of November, 2006, **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 three (3) years, such suspension to be stayed and served as a period of probation;

2. Respondent agrees to immediately cease and desist from any of the aforementioned professional conduct which gave rise to

the violations set forth in this Consent Order. In the event the Respondent 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 hearing for the remainder of the probationary period, in addition to any other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate;

3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty totaling \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars and 00/100) to be paid upon signing this Consent Order for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and N.J.A.C. 13:27-5.3(a);

4. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty totaling \$7,000.00 (Seven Thousand Dollars and 00/100) to be paid upon signing this Consent Order for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b);

5. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty totaling \$7,000.00 (Seven Thousand Dollars and 00/100) to be paid upon signing this Consent Order for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:3-1.1(1) and N.J.A.C. 13:27-5.5(b);

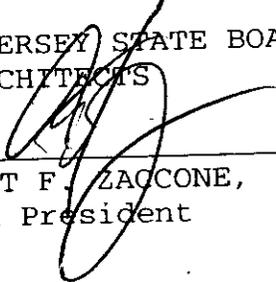
6. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty totaling \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100) to be paid upon signing this Consent Order for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) and N.J.A.C. 13:27-6.2(c);

7. Respondent shall pay investigative costs in the amount of \$1,716.25 (One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen and 25/100) to be paid upon signing this Consent Order; and

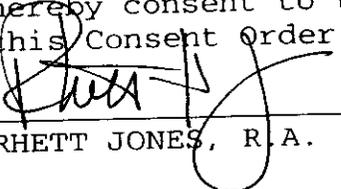
8. All payments shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the "State of New Jersey" and forwarded to James Hsu, Executive Director, State Board of Architects, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

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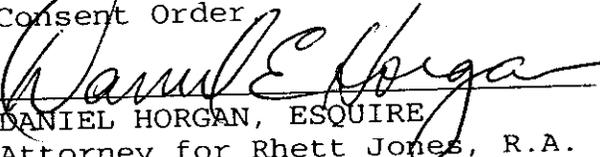
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ALBERT F. ZACCONE,  
Board President

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.

  
RHETT JONES, R.A.

I agree to the form and entry of this Consent Order

  
DANIEL HORGAN, ESQUIRE  
Attorney for Rhett Jones, R.A.