

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD
OF ARCHITECTURE
CASE NO. 712

APR 19 2007

In the matter of:)
Richard M. Hughes, Chairman for)
Hughes Associates Architects,)
A Professional Association)
Respondent)
)

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina Board at its offices at 127 W. Hargett Street, Suite 304, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. The Board and Respondent agreed to entry of the following Consent Order.

1. Respondent Hughes is licensed as an architect by this Board and is subject to Chapter 83A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and Title 21, Chapter 2 of the North Carolina Administrative Code.
2. Respondent offered services through the firm Hughes Associates Architects, A Professional Association.
3. Hughes Associates Architects, A Professional Association is not registered with this Board to offer architectural services in North Carolina.
4. Hughes Associates Architects, A Professional Association filed an application with the North Carolina Board of Architecture for Certification to the Secretary of State licensure in November 1995. The Certification was issued on November 22, 1995. The firm failed to notify the Board of Architecture, in writing, that a Certificate of Authority was issued by the NC Secretary of State. Written notification from the applicant is the final step in completing the firm licensure process. The firm application was subsequently archived.
5. Respondent's action in practicing architecture through a firm not properly registered with this Board is a violation of G.S. 83A-12 and 21 N.C.A.C. 02.0215.
6. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by Consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Order with the Board *ex parte* whether or not the Board accepts this Order as written.

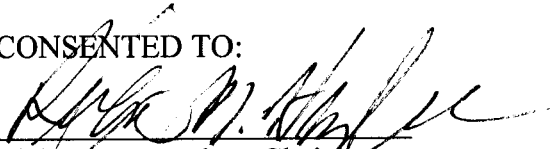
BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings under 21 N.C.A.C. Chapter 2, Section .0600, the Board and respondent agree to the following:

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1. Respondent shall, within sixty (30) days from the date this Order is approved by the Board, complete the process to properly register Hughes Associates Architects, A Professional Association.

2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,500.00 for practicing architecture through a firm not registered to do so in North Carolina.

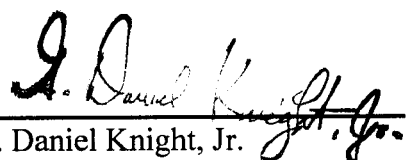
CONSENTED TO:


Richard M. Hughes, Chairman

Date: 4/18/2007

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 15 DAY OF May, 2007.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD
OF ARCHITECTURE

By: 
G. Daniel Knight, Jr.
President