

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS
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IN THE MATTER OF:)	CASE NO. 2021-13
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WALTER ANTIN III)	
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RESPONDENT)	
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CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners [hereinafter the “Board”], by and through its Executive Director, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Walter Antin III [hereinafter “Respondent”], hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was licensed in the State of Louisiana as an architect, license number 7690. An investigation was opened based upon the Board’s receipt of information and documents which suggested that Respondent may have committed a violation of the Board’s laws and/or rules in connection with his practice of architecture in Louisiana. The investigation disclosed the following:

- In or about August of 2021, Respondent submitted to the New Orleans Historic District Landmark Commission (“HDLC”) for approval an application for a project at 2121 Chartres St. New Orleans, LA.
- The application included a set of plans which contained 4 plan sheets originally prepared, sealed, and signed by architect Donald A. Maginnis III (license #1754) between 2013 and 2016 for a previously proposed project at 2121 Chartres St. New Orleans, LA.
- Mr. Maginnis had no role in or knowledge of the 2021 submission at that location.
- Mr. Maginnis was contacted by the HDLC regarding his participation in the project, and he notified the HDLC that he was not part of the design team for the 2021 submission and that his title block must be removed from his plan sheets in that submittal.
- Respondent then removed Mr. Maginnis’ title block and seal and signature from the 4 plan sheets and resubmitted the application to the HDLC.
- Mr. Maginnis again contacted the HDLC and requested that his plan sheets be completely removed from the application.

- Respondent then completely removed the 4 plan sheets from the HDLC application.

La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6) *to wit* La. R.S. 37:152(A)(2) prohibits the use of an architect's plans unless otherwise provided by law or by written approval of the architect.

It is undisputed that (a) in or about August 2021, Respondent submitted to the HDLC for approval an application for a project at 2121 Chartres St. New Orleans, LA., which included a set of plans containing 4 plan sheets originally prepared, sealed, and signed by Mr. Maginnis between 2013 and 2016 for a previously proposed project at 2121 Chartres St. New Orleans, LA, (b) Mr. Maginnis had no role in or knowledge of the 2021 submission at that location, and when he was contacted by the HDLC he notified them of such and requested that his title block be removed from the plan sheets in the submittal, (c) Respondent then removed Mr. Maginnis' title block, seal and signature from the 4 plan sheets and resubmitted the application to the HDLC, (d) Mr. Maginnis again contacted the HDLC and requested that his plan sheets be completely removed from the application, and (e) Respondent then completely removed the 4 plans sheets in question from the HDLC application.

By letter dated January 10, 2022, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that he may have violated La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6) *to wit* La. R.S. 37:152(A)(2) relative to using another architect's plans without the prior written approval of that architect.

Wishing to dispense with the need for further disciplinary action and to conclude the instant proceeding without further delay and expense, and for the purpose of this proceeding only, Respondent and the Board do hereby enter into this Consent Order in which Respondent of his own free will consents to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Board, wherein Respondent agrees to **(a)** pay a fine of one thousand five hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars, **(b)** pay administrative costs of one thousand one hundred twenty-seven and 11/100 (\$1,127.11) dollars, and **(c)** the publication of this Consent Order on the Board's website, the publication of a summary of this matter in the Board's official newsletter, *Louisiana Architect*, and the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), all identifying Respondent by name.

Respondent admits that his conduct as set forth above constitutes violations of the above-referenced laws and/or rules as stated herein. Respondent acknowledges awareness of said laws

and/or rules and states that he will comply with all applicable laws and rules henceforth.

Respondent has been advised of his right to be represented by counsel before the Board and/or to appear at any hearing personally or by counsel and present witnesses and evidence in his own behalf; he hereby waives these rights and his right to appeal, and he states affirmatively that he has been afforded all administrative remedies due him under the law. Respondent further acknowledges awareness of the fact that the signed original of this Consent Order will remain in the custody of the Board as a public record and will be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and by signing this Consent Order, Respondent does hereby waive his right to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of evidence and witnesses in his behalf, to Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this case, and to judicial review of this Consent Order.

Respondent hereby represents that **(a)** he fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, **(b)** he has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order, and that no other promise or agreement of any kind has been made to or with him by any person whatsoever to cause the execution of this instrument, and **(c)** the sanctions set forth in this Consent Order do not prevent the Board from taking further disciplinary or enforcement action against Respondent on matters not specifically addressed in this Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners and Respondent agree that:

1. Respondent shall pay a fine of one thousand five hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Treasurer, State of Louisiana; and

2. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of one thousand one hundred twenty-seven and 11/100 (\$1,127.11), which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and

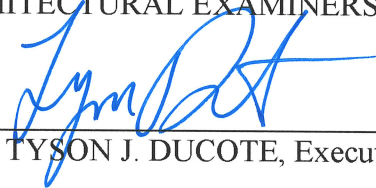
3. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website, a summary of this matter shall be published in the official newsletter of the Board, *Louisiana Architect*, and this

matter shall be reported to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), all identifying Respondent by name; and

4. This Consent Order shall not become effective unless and until it is accepted and signed by and on behalf of the Board. Should the Board not accept and sign this Consent Order, it is agreed that presentation of this matter to the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its members, staff, attorneys or representatives from further participation, consideration, or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

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DATE: 3/18/2022

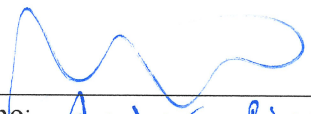
BY: 
TYSON J. DUCOTE, Executive Director

DATE: 1/27/21

BY: 
WALTER ANTIN III, Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of
Walter Antin III


Print Name: Ariana Rinderknecht


Print Name: Amber Rinderknecht