BEFORE THE IOWA ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINING BOARD OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF

CASE NO. 92-06

DOUGLAS A. WELLS, REGISTRATION NO. 2188,

INFORMAL SETTLEMENT

Respondent.

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 17A.10 (1992), this Informal Settlement is entered into between Douglas A. Wells ("Wells") and the Iowa Architectural Examining Board ("Board"). The parties agree as follows:

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 544A, and 272C.
- 2. Wells is a registered architect in the State of Iowa and issued Iowa Registration No. 2188.
- 3. As a part of Wells' practice of architecture, he signed and sealed construction documents that were not prepared by him or by a person working for his firm. The language below the seal stated that the approval only related to code review of documents.
- 4. The documents were prepared by a construction company which Wells has used for construction on projects in the past and where he had prepared the documents.
- 5. Wells reviewed the construction documents, made design revisions, completed a building code compliance review, and

personally insured that modifications that he recommended were implemented in the final set of construction documents.

- 6. By signing and sealing documents which were not prepared by him or by a person working under his direct supervision and responsible charge, even though Wells had full and complete knowledge of the documents, Wells violated Iowa Code §§ 544A.13(8), 544A.13(9), 544A.28, and 272C.8 as well as Iowa Administrative Code 193B-4.1(5)(b) and 193B-5.1.
- 7. Wells has had no other complaints or violations before the Iowa Architectural Examining Board at any time and his registration is in good standing.

STIPULATED ORDER

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Iowa Architectural Examining Board as follows:

- 1. Wells has a right to a hearing on this matter, but waives a right to a hearing by fairly entering into this Informal Settlement.
 - Wells is hereby reprimanded.
- 3. This Informal Settlement shall be made part of the permanent record of Wells. This Informal Settlement may be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any disciplinary action to be imposed for any future violations.
- 4. This Informal Settlement is a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of chapter 22 of the Iowa Code.

5. This Informal Settlement is subject to the approval of the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Informal Settlement, it shall be of no force or effect on either party, and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in any further proceedings in this matter. If approved by the Board, this Informal Settlement shall be deemed an agreed upon disposition of a contested case proceeding and will dispose of all matters contained in Case No. 92-06. In addition, Wells consents to counsel for the public interest presenting this Informal Settlement to the Board and counsel's making ex parte communications to the Board while presenting it.

Drugles A. Wells #1188

Date: September 12, 1993

Approved as to form:

John A. Templer, Jr.

ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

Kenneth J. Steffen

President

Iowa Architectural Examining Board

Grant K. Digdale Assistant Actorney General

ATTORNEY FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST