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Nevada State Board of Architecture Takes Disciplinary Action

LAS VEGAS – Dennis Rusk (No. 1309), an architect based in Las Vegas, was found to have violated Nevada Revised Statutes 623 at the August 16, 2011 meeting of the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD).

The NSBAIDRD found Mr. Rusk guilty on both counts brought against him in Case Numbers 08-080R and 11-019R. The board found that in the first case, Mr. Rusk violated NRS 623.270(1)(c), NRS 623.270(1)(f) and Rule of Conduct 1.1 as incorporated by NAC 623.900(1) by not applying the technical knowledge and expertise that is normally applied by architects practicing in Nevada. By submitting incomplete drawings that did not meet the minimum standards, Mr. Rusk was found guilty of negligence and incompetence, which is a violation of NRS 623.270(5)(b)(1) and NRS 623.270(5)(c)(1). Additionally, the board found that Mr. Rusk, in the second case, violated NRS 623.270(1)(d), 623.270(1)(f) and Rule of Conduct 1.1 as incorporated by NAC 623.900(1) by stamping architectural and structural plans for which he was not in responsible control of and by allowing the submittal of substandard plans with his stamp.

The board imposed a requirement that Mr. Rusk take and pass five International Code Council (ICC) courses related to the practice of architecture by March 21, 2012. Failure to pass the required educational courses by the deadline will trigger an automatic six-month suspension of his architectural license.

Additionally, the board imposed an administrative fine of \$10,000 on the first project (Case No. 08-080R), an administrative fine of \$3,000 on the second project (Case No. 11-019R), and ordered reimbursement of all fees and costs incurred for the investigation and prosecution of both cases.

Mr. Rusk was ordered to be placed on probation for a three-year duration and all of his contracts must be submitted to the board office within five business days of execution. Board staff will review each contract to determine the complexity of each project. All complex projects must be reviewed by a peer reviewer assigned to Mr. Rusk at his expense. Mr. Rusk will remain on probation until all fines and fees are paid. During this time Mr. Rusk must comply with all statutes, regulations, ordinances and codes regarding the practice of architecture in the state of Nevada.

The NSBAIDRD is established under the provisions of NRS Chapter 623. It is responsible for the administration, regulation and enforcement of the professions of architecture, registered interior design and residential design in Nevada. The board reviews applications, administers examinations, registers qualified applicants and regulates the professional practice of registrants throughout the state. In addition, it investigates complaints relating to the practice of the professions. The board encourages consumers to contact the office before hiring a design professional to determine if they are registered and are in good standing.