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VIA EMAIL ONLY (apa.h-com@legis.la.gov)

Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.
Chairman, House Commerce Committee
State Capitol
900 N. Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Notice of Intent regarding proposed amendments to LAC 46:I.Chapter 17,
Professional Architectural Corporations, Architectural-Engineering Corporations,
and Limited Liability Companies

Dear Representative Carmody:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(C) and in accordance with R.S. 37:144(D), the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners proposes to amend LAC 46:I.Chapter 17 pertaining to its regulation of professional architectural corporations (LAC 46:I.1701), architectural-engineering corporations (LAC 46:I.1703), and limited liability companies (LAC 46:I.1705), and other architectural firms offering to practice or practicing architecture in Louisiana. In accordance with its existing rules, the Board presently regulates professional architectural corporations, architectural-engineering corporations, and limited liability companies only. During the 2012 legislative session, the legislature enacted Act 514 of 2012 (now La. R.S. 37:158). This Act authorizes the Board to regulate all domestic and foreign firms practicing or offering to practice architecture in the state of Louisiana. Under the proposed rules, a professional architectural corporation and an architectural-engineering corporation may continue to practice architecture as authorized by the Professional Architectural Corporations Law, La. R.S. 12:1086 et. seq., and the Architectural-Engineering Corporations Law, La. R.S. 12:1171 et seq., just as they have practiced in the past. *See* proposed Rules §§ 1701 and 1703. In addition, such firms, limited liability companies, and other architectural firms may seek to obtain certificates of authority, practice architecture, and be regulated under the requirements of proposed Rule § 1705. The intent of the proposed Rules is for the Board to regulate all architectural firms offering to practice or practicing architecture in Louisiana and establish a level playing field for all such firms. The effective dates of the proposed rules are contained in proposed Rule § 1707.

Attached hereto are copies of the following:

1. Notice of Intent;

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2. Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement (containing changes requested by the legislative fiscal office);
3. Copy of existing LAC 46:I.Chapter 17, and
4. Underscored/stricken through version of proposed rules showing changes.

The attached are identical to what was previously sent to you on July 18, 2016, except for the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement. The legislative fiscal office made a few changes to such statement, and the revised statement is attached.

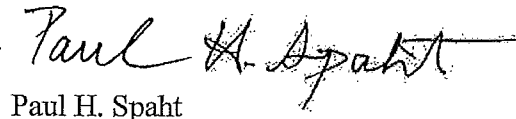
The board plans to publish this NOI in the August 20, 2016 issue of the Louisiana Register.

If you have any questions concerning the proposed rules, please contact the undersigned.

With kind regards, we remain

Sincerely,

By:


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Enclosures (As stated)

cc: Representative Taylor F. Barras (Speaker of the House) (w/enclosures) (via email only: apa.housespeaker@legis.la.gov)
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Chairman, Senate Committee for Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs
P.O. Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

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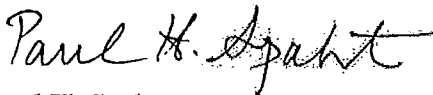
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