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## DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Dear Mr. Laux:

I am writing on behalf of the Architectural Licensing Board in response to your letter of September 7, 2007. The Board reviewed your letter at its November 16, 2007, meeting. I have listed below the Board's answers after each of your questions.

**Question 1:** When submitting a bound set of construction drawings for building permit application, must the architect apply a live seal to each drawing within the set?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question 2:** When submitting a bound set of construction drawings for building permit application, is the intent of the statute met when the architect applies a live seal to the first sheet only? **Answer:** No.

If not, would the intent of the statute be met by applying a live seal to the first sheet in the set accompanied by a written statement indicating which drawings in the set were covered by such seal? **Answer:** No.

**Question 3:** When submitting a bound set of construction specifications for building permit application, must the architect apply a live seal to each page within the set?

**Answer:** No.

**Question 4:** When submitting a bound set of construction specifications for building permit application, is the intent of the statute met when the architect applies a live seal to the first page only?

**Answer:** Yes, the seal should be applied to the cover page.

If not, would the intent of the statute be met by applying a live seal to the first page in the set accompanied by a written statement indicating which pages in the set were covered by such seal?

**Answer:** Because the first part of the question was answered in the affirmative, this question need not be answered.

**Question 5:** The statutes covering the practice of engineering are specific to require the engineer's signature in addition to the seal. Likewise, the statutes covering the

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practice of architecture by corporation (20-298b) require the signature of the architect on documents depicting services rendered by the corporation. The statute regarding architectural seals (20-293) does not, however, specifically require the signature of the architect on working drawings or specifications. In addition to a live seal, do the laws regarding architectural licensing require an architect not practicing under a corporate seal to sign construction documents (including drawings and specifications)?

**Answer:** Not at present, but legislation proposed by the Department of Consumer Protection and the PELS Board, if passed, will require a signature in addition to a seal.

**Question 6:** If the response to Question 5 is in the affirmative, must such signature appear in the vicinity of each application of the seal as determined by the responses to Questions 1 through 4?

**Answer:** Because the first part of the question was answered in the negative, this question need not be answered. However, if the proposed legislation is passed, the signature should be placed directly above or below the seal, or across the seal.

If you have any questions, please call me at (860) 713-6143.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Kuzmich", written in a cursive style.

Robert Kuzmich  
Board Administrator

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