BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

) Case No.: P24-009
CONSENT AGREEMENT
ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

Respondent

In the interest of a prompt and judicious resolution of the above-captioned matter before the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration ("Board") and consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements, and the responsibilities of the Board, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101 et seq., and A.A.C. R4-30-120(G), the undersigned party, Jaque Bethke, Non-Registrant, ("Respondent") and Jaque Bethke Design, LLC, Non-Registrant Firm ("Respondent Firm") and the Board enter into the following Recitals, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement") as a final disposition of this matter.

RECITALS

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney, or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney.
- 2. Respondent understands that she has a right to a public administrative hearing concerning this case. She further acknowledges that at such formal hearing she could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and irrevocably waives her right to such an administrative hearing, as well as rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action concerning the matters set forth herein.

- 3. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable.
- 4. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the agreement may be considered in any future disciplinary action by the Board against her.
- 5. The Consent Agreement, any record prepared in this matter, all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board and all related exhibits and materials, are public records upon acceptance by the Board of this Consent Agreement and may be retained in the Board's files pertaining to this matter.
- 6. Respondent understands this Consent Agreement deals with Board case number P24-009 involving allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that would subject her to discipline under the Board's statutes and rules. The investigation into these allegations against Respondent shall be concluded upon the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement.
- 7. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of any other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action or proceeding.
- 8. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from instituting any other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.
- 9. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, upon signing this Consent Agreement and returning this document to the Board's Executive Director, she may not revoke her acceptance of the Consent Agreement or make any modifications to the document regardless of whether the Consent Agreement has been signed on behalf of the Board. Any modification to this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually agreed by the parties in writing.

- 10. This Consent Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and is effective only when accepted by the Board and signed on behalf of the Board. If the Board does not accept this Consent Agreement, the Board retains its authority to hold a formal administrative hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(E). In the event that the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement, it is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon-nor introduced in any action by any party, except that the parties agree that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or any records relating thereto.
- 11. If a court of competent jurisdiction rules that any part of this Consent Agreement is void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 12. Respondent understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of the registration under A.R.S. § 32-150.
- 13. Respondent agrees that the Board will adopt the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the profession of Architecture and the profession of Engineering in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is not currently registered with the Board as a Professional Architect or Engineer, nor was she registered with the Board as a Professional Architect or Engineer at any time relevant to the allegations underlying this Consent Agreement.
 - 3. Respondent Firm is not registered with the Board.
- 4. On or about July 20, 2023, the Board received a complaint alleging that Respondent was hired in October 2022 for a home renovation project in Scottsdale, Arizona, after she represented herself as an architect and engineer. It is also alleged that since at least 2015, Respondent has been representing herself to home and business

owners as an architect and/or engineer to secure their building and development projects. It is also alleged that Respondent Firm engaged in the practice of architecture and engineering without firm registration.

- 5. On or about July 20, 2023, it was verified that Respondent and Respondent Firm listed herself as both "Architect" and "Engineer" on her LinkedIn account, Instagram account, Zillow account, and on Respondent Firm website.
- 6. On or about August 22, 2023, Respondent provided a response to the complaint in which she acknowledged the use of the term "Architect" and "Engineer" on her social media sites and website. Respondent reported that she did not intend to mislead the general public and has since removed such terms from her social media and website.
- 7. On or about August 24, 2023, Board staff verified that Respondent's LinkedIn account, Instagram account, and Zillow account were updated and revised to include Respondent and Respondent's current offered services by removing all terms of architecture and engineering, which may mislead the public regarding Respondent and Respondent Firm's offered services.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101, et seq, including A.R.S. § 32-106.02(A).
- 2. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact, constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-106.02(A), A.R.S. § 32-121 and A.R.S. § 32-145(1), in that Respondent may have offered to practice or held herself out as qualified to practice the Board regulated professions of Architecture and Engineering without Board registration.
- 3. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact, constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-121 and A.R.S. § 32-145, in that Respondent Firm may have offered to practice a Board regulated profession without firm registration.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board issues

the following Order:

- 1. CIVIL PENALTY. Within Sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of Two Thousand and Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,250.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration, according to the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-106.02(A).
- 2. COST OF INVESTIGATION. Within Sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay the cost of investigation of this case to the Board in the amount of One Hundred and Sixty-Six Dollars (\$166.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration, according to the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-128(H).
- 3. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, related to the practice of Engineering and Architecture in the State of Arizona. The Board shall consider any violation of this paragraph to be a separate violation of the statutes governing the Arizona Board of Technical Registration.
- 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the date the Respondent and Board sign the Consent Agreement. If the dates are different, the effective date is the later of the two dates.
- 5. COSTS OF COMPLIANCE. Respondent shall pay all costs associated with complying with this Consent Agreement.
- 6. NONCOMPLIANCE. If Respondent fails to fulfill any requirement of this Order, the Board may seek any available legal remedy including filing a Petition for Injunction in the appropriate court pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-106.01.

 ACCEPTED and ORDERED this 14 day of 4 day of 2023.

Yack Gilmore, L.A., Chairman Arizona State Board of Technical Registration

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2	Consent Agreement and Order, No. P24-009 accepted this 18 day of September, 2023.
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4	Jaque Bethke on behalf of herself and
5	Jaque Bethke Design, LLC, Respondents
6	ORIGINAL filed this 27 th day of
7	September, 2023, with:
8	Arizona State Board of Technical Registration
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