

Exhibit “A”

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Township of West Orange
66 Main Street
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ZB-18-01
Deutsche Bank Trust Co.
c/o The Durkin Firm, LLC
112 Conforti Avenue
West Orange, NJ 07052

Please allow this letter to serve as a retention letter for the engagement of my firms' services in the above captioned action. I have been asked to provide architectural consulting services to the West Orange Zoning Board of Adjustment ("Board") in the matter of Deutsche Bank Trust Co. ZB-18-01, for 112 Conforti Avenue, Block 154.17, Lot 131. My rate is \$225.00 per hour, and I understand this engagement is limited to a maximum billing of \$2,500.00. My services will include review of the application, attendance at any further Board meetings in this matter and to render consulting advice in the field of architecture to the members of the West Orange Zoning Board.

In addition to the experience listed on my curriculum vitae, I have experience in the design of handicapped accessible ramps for residential structures, and I have also served as an architectural consultant for the Township of West Caldwell. I also served as a member of the West Orange Zoning Board of Adjustment for nine years, ending in the year 2011.

Very truly yours,

Arkitecture Plus, LLC

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Peter T. Ricci A.I.A. – Owner
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Firm:

Arkitecture Plus, Full service Architectural firm founded in 1999. Staff is trained in Architecture and Interior Design. All work is computer generated with up to date software. Experienced doing projects as a Design Architect working directly for the Client or as part of a Design Build Team.

Certificate of Authorization # AC 300 for Architectural Services in New Jersey

Owner & Founder:

Peter T. Ricci, A.I.A.
Bachelor of Architecture, N.J.I.T. School of Architecture, 1978

Professional Licenses:

Licensed Architect since 1983.
Licensed in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Illinois, Vermont, Virginia, New Hampshire, Georgia, Maryland and Delaware.

Licensed Professional Planner since 1984 in New Jersey.

Certified Interior Designer since 2011

NCARB Certified.

Professional Affiliations:

American Institute of Architects, Past President, 1989, of Newark & Suburban Chapter of NJ Society of Architects.
Chairman of A.I.A.N.S. Golf Outing from 1997 to 2006 raising over \$72,000.00 for First Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey.
Member of the NJIT School of Architecture Professional Advisory Board, 1991 - 2001
Herman C. Litwack, FAIA Honor Award, 2003
West Essex Chamber of Commerce, Member since 2002.
West Orange Township Board of Adjustment, Board member from 2004 to 2012 and past Board Chairman.
Rotary Club of West Orange, President & Paul Harris Fellow.

Military Service:

United States Army, Specialist, Radar Technician, Honorably Discharged, 5-1-1978

Retail Experience:

Staples. Architect in charge on approximately 120 new stores and 50 remodels over a fifteen year period.

AHOLD, USA. Retail shopping centers in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Design and development.

DCH Auto Group. Automobile dealerships in New Jersey. New construction and renovations.

Architect in charge on numerous additional retail stores including Jones New York, Nine West, Marshall's, Ashley Furniture and A.J.Wright.

Additional Commercial:

Client include Developers, both locally and in surrounding States and independent clients. Projects include Hotel renovations, office buildings and interior fit-ups, Professional offices, Dentists, Accountants, Real Estate Offices, Day Care facilities, Jewelry stores, Single and multi family residential, Etc.

Residential Experience:

Multi-family townhouses, single and two floor apartments, mid-rise condo units with retail on the ground level.

Single family homes, ground up new construction including large custom homes, modest homes and house additions.