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RE: Recommendation – Larry Barrow / Architect

To Whom It May Concern:

I met Larry through the Mississippi State University School of Architecture; Dean Jim West referred me to Larry who was the Director of the Graduate Program. Larry taught a small design studio of graduate students who used my site and "lake house" as a studio design project.

Larry and the students were a pleasure to work with; however, the student projects were not of interest to me for actual implementation. Larry offered to personally generate conceptual sketches during his holiday trip to Sweden – the agreement was that IF I did not find any of the concepts appealing and interesting for my project I would owe him no fee. I was concerned about getting the project built and Larry assured me he could assist in bringing the project to fruition. Larry returned six weeks later with five conceptual schematics, all of which showed merit – the last of which was chosen for implementation.

Larry showed leadership in the process of selecting the building partner for the project – F. Lee Carson of Carson Creations in Starkville. He consistently engaged the work on-site and was always involved with the sub-contractors and craftsmen who built the house. He showed great sensitivity to the workers and was able to convey his design intent while listening to me, the interior designer Steve Bengel and the numerous craftsmen involved to facilitate design details collaboratively.

Larry showed extraordinary skills for visualization using both traditional drawings and 3D computer models; his computer models were instrumental in assisting me and the building team with understanding the house design as it evolved into the actual building. Larry showed extensive design, construction and project leadership ability in our project.

It is my pleasure to give Larry my highest recommendation for architectural work.

Sincerely,



Hassell Franklin

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