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**From:** Peggy Siegal <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 2:41 AM  
**To:** jeffrey E.  
**Cc:** Christopher Clark  
**Subject:** Karen Chien. Decorator

=div>Karen@karenchieninc.com

Jeffrey....

I wil= send you the contract in the morning that says the job is a flat price an= she does not have to expose her resources.

The original budget was \$200.00 for the whole project. Thi= is a small 12 hundred foot apartment. This was for a complete new shell.<=div>

This was started June 1st.

She was so slow and I realized she had no talent. I had to bring in= Susan Gutfreund to order the furniture. Susan suggested certain minor cons= ruction changes three weeks ago.

Karen then sent =e bills for another \$200,000 with just numbers on a page....and I asked he= many times for vendor's bills plus her 30%. She has refused, sayin= I signed a contract and she does reveal vendors.

I spoke to Julia Koch tonight who told me even Peter Marino sent th= construction bills directly to her, the client and he got a design fee. &=bsp;

I also spoke to Chris Clarke tonight. He wil= come look at the 125 E. 74th Street apartment within two days. He suggest= d I ask to go the the factory to see the kitchen cabinets which Karen says= are in production.

This Karen charges by the hour= to design AND charges 30% of everything you buy.  
=one of this is explicit in her billing.

Josh Schm= ll, my accountant, and Bryan Bantry have spoke to her on my behalf. =Karen has been rude to both of them and threaten Bryan by saying she has m= over a barrel because I have no place to live. This is not her bus= ness and not true.

Chris suggested I go to the bu= lding board and have them give her a deadline to get out. If she does not = eet the deadline, the building will charge her.

Bryan has tried to reason with her and said, give me the bills or jus= make a compromise and finish. Both parties just want to finish. &n= sp; She is insiisting I signed the change order forms and she has me over = barrel because I signed the contract.

The= e are bills for \$95,000 for mouldings. \$35,000 for electrical. Ther= is NO backup.

She already took me t= a fireplace company and charged me \$11,000 for a \$5,000 fireplace. =nbsp;

I am being taken advantage of.

=div>I am so sorry to share any of this with you.

Any help would =e so appreciated.

I will send the paragraphs of the contract I a= referring to tomorrow.

xoxo Peggy

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