

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

In the matter of James Champlin, and Case #2008-03:

COMPLAINT

The Executive Director of the Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") signed a complaint on June 4, 2008, charging James DeLong Champlin (non-registrant, hereinafter referred to as "Champlin") with unregistered practice of engineering in Arkansas, in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-102.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On December 3, 2007, Champlin made application for professional engineer registration in Arkansas by reciprocity.
2. The application from Champlin was reviewed by the Board on February 12, 2008. During the review, it was noted that Champlin may have practiced engineering in Arkansas before he became registered.
3. While employed by a manufacturer of lighting standards, Champlin fixed his Oklahoma seal to manufacturer's drawings for one or more projects in Arkansas.
4. Manufacturer's drawings are not *per se* instruments of engineering practice, and are not required to be sealed in Arkansas.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Upon review of the evidence in its possession, the Board finds that Champlin's actions as described in the Findings of Fact do not constitute a violation of the statutes or rules governing the Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

The Board, however, finds the practice of knowingly sealing manufacturer's drawings with a seal from another state for products known to be used in Arkansas to be of concern and felt that under some circumstances it could be construed as, or difficult to distinguish from, engineering design, and therefore a letter of caution is appropriate.

ORDER

Based on these findings, the complaint against Champlin is dismissed, and a letter of caution will be issued by the Executive Director.

SO ORDERED this 9th day of September, 2008



William E. Ruck, President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Steve W. Haralson, Executive Director of the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, do hereby certify that I have served the foregoing order by mailing a copy of same, by first class mail, on this _____ day of September, 2008, to:

Mr. James Champlin
NTA, Inc
58097 Hidden Meadow Trail
Goshen, IN 46528-6201



Steve W. Haralson
Executive Director