BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

Complainant: Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors

Respondent: Mr. Lawrence Fischer, PE
9656 Osprey Landing Dr
Orlando, FL 32832-5992

Case #2009-26

DISCIPLINARY HEARING

On March 8, 2010, the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (hereinafter “the Board”) held a formal hearing to consider the referenced matter. Finding proper notice had been given the Respondent, the Board, after considering all evidence presented, issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this complaint.

2. On September 3, 2009, the Respondent fixed his signed and dated seal to five engineering drawings in a set for a restaurant that was submitted to the City of Jonesboro for review. Below the seal on all was the notation “civil/struct.”

3. Two of the drawings contained structural details and the other 3 were Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing drawings that did not. No other engineer stamped any of the engineering drawings.

4. In his answer to the complaint, the Respondent admitted stamping the drawings but not that they were prepared by him or under his supervision. Instead the Respondent
claimed that the stamp was applied because “[o]ften civil and structural details and notes are presented on sheets that other disciplines might consider their own.”

5. Through counsel, the Respondent did not wish to contest the charges and offered to voluntarily surrender his license to practice engineering in Arkansas.

6. After deliberation, the Board voted to accept the license surrender and impose a $100 civil penalty.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

As a result of the above Findings of Fact, the Board finds the Respondent liable for the charges complained of, accepts the Respondent’s voluntary license surrender, and imposes a $100 civil penalty.

ORDER

Based on these Findings and Conclusions, the Respondent’s surrender of his license to practice engineering in Arkansas is accepted immediately upon the service of this Order, and the Respondent shall pay to the Board a civil penalty of $100 for the violations described in the Conclusions of Law above within 50 days of the service of this Order.

ORDERED this 23rd day of April, 2010.

Frank Vozel, Board President

APPEALS

This Order may be appealed within thirty (30) days of service upon the Respondent, as specified in the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, according to the provisions of Arkansas Code Annotated §25-15-212.
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Steve Haralson, Executive Director of the Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors, do hereby certify that I have served a copy of the attached order by mailing copies of same, by first class mail and certified mail, with return receipt requested and postage prepaid, on this 27th day of April, 2010, to:

Mr. Lawrence Fischer, PE
9656 Osprey Landing Dr
Orlando, FL 32832-5992

Mr. Adam Butler
301 North Broadway
North Little Rock, AR 72114

[Signature]

Steve Haralson, Executive Director