

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

**Complainant:** )  
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Arkansas State Board of Licensure for )  
Professional Engineers and Professional )  
Surveyors )  
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**Respondent:** )  
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Michael B. Kopplin, PE #10850 )  
Saulsbury Engineering & Construction, Inc )  
5308 Andrews Highway )  
Odessa, TX 79762 )  
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**Case #2010-34**

**DISMISSAL ORDER**

The Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") registered a complaint on October 8, 2010, charging Michael B. Kopplin (AR-PE #10850, hereinafter "Kopplin") with violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-305(a)(5) (discipline by another jurisdiction where the grounds for discipline were the same as, or substantially equivalent to, those in Arkansas).

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Kopplin is a Professional Engineer licensee of the Board, and the Board has jurisdiction over his conduct.
2. Kopplin notified the Board on October 8, 2010 that he had been disciplined by the West Virginia licensing board.
3. Kopplin is licensed as a Professional Engineer in Texas, where he lives and is employed.
3. Kopplin was retained by a client located in Oklahoma, where Kopplin is also licensed as a Professional Engineer.
3. The client's project was located in West Virginia.

3. Kopplin did preliminary engineering work on the West Virginia project, and when it appeared the project would be constructed, he applied for and received comity Professional Engineer licensure in West Virginia.

4. The West Virginia licensing board noted the prior engineering work in his application, however, and brought a disciplinary action for unlicensed practice against Kopplin personally, and for lack of a Certificate of Authorization against his firm.

5. Kopplin admitted the violations and entered into a Consent Agreement with the West Virginia licensing board in settlement of the disciplinary action.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**


Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-305(a)(5) provides that the Board may discipline Arkansas licensees for conduct in another jurisdiction which would also be a violation in Arkansas, but does not require it to do so.

Upon review of the evidence in its possession, noting there was no violation in Arkansas and the violations did not reflect on Kopplin's trustworthiness or character, the Board finds the conduct by Kopplin described in the Findings of Fact does not warrant further investigation or other action.

### **ORDER**

Based on these Findings and Conclusions, the complaint against Kopplin is dismissed.

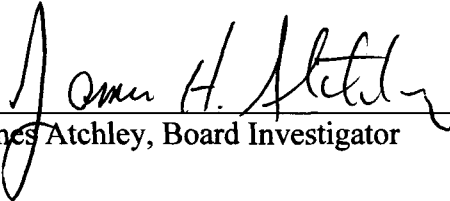
SO ORDERED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011

  
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Tommy Bond, Board President

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, James Atchley, Investigator 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 a copy of same, by first class mail on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011, to:

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James Atchley, Board Investigator