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)
	Case #2009-31
Respondent:))
Jimmie D. Ramey, Jr))
Gore Engineering Associates	
PO Box 8548	
Fayetteville, AR 72703-0010	

DISMISSAL ORDER

The Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") registered a complaint on October 14, 2009, charging Jimmie D. Ramey, Jr (PE #6931, hereinafter "Ramey") with violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-305(a)(2) (negligence or incompetence in the practice of engineering), violation of the Preamble to the Rules of Professional Conduct (practice of engineering under a conflict of interest), violation of Article I.D of the Rules of Professional Conduct (failure to be objective and truthful in written reports and statements), violation of Article I.E (expressing a professional opinion publicly which was not founded upon an adequate knowledge of the facts and a competent evaluation of the subject matter), and violation of Article II.F (failure to disclose to a client a potential conflict of interest).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ramey was employed by Gore Engineering Associates to help with the structural design of the Chris Reed residence, on behalf of First Real Estate Investments ("FREI"). Ramey performed calculations and other work for James W. Gore ("Gore").

- 2. Gore sealed the final plans for the residence. Ramey had no responsible charge for the work.
- 3. At some time after the residence plans were delivered, Ramey was employed by Gore Engineering Associates to help Gore with an inspection of the Joel Spalter residence, which was constructed by FREI.
- 4. A written report of that inspection was critical of the design and construction of the residence, and FREI brought a complaint against both Ramey and Gore, alleging incompetent practice, untruthful statements in the report, and conflict of interest.
- 5. Gore sealed the report of the inspection. Ramey had no responsible charge for the work.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Upon review of the evidence in its possession, the Board finds the conduct by Ramey described in the Findings of Fact does not warrant further investigation or disciplinary action.

ORDER

Based on these findings, the complaint against Ramey is dismissed.

SO ORDERED this 23 rd day of April, 2010

Frank Vozel, Board President

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Steve W. 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 foregoing order by mailing a copy of the same by first class mail on this 4th day of May, 2010, to:

Mr. Jimmie D. Ramey, Jr Gore Engineering Associates Inc PO Box 8548 Fayetteville, AR 72703-0010

> Steve W. Haralson Executive Director