

Latest Engineer Discipline

In the last few months, the Board has formally approved the following enforcement cases based on the Florida Statutes and Rules applicable at the time of the violation. Included is a brief description of the licensee's violation and discipline imposed by the Board.

You can access the final orders for these cases and other recent engineer disciplines on our website under the Legal section at <https://fbpe.org/legal/disciplinary-actions>.



Marcus Standrod

Unlicensed
Case No. 2015030471

Subject was charged with violating **Section 471.031(1)(a), Florida Statutes**; practicing engineering without a license. At one time, the subject held a license as a Professional Engineer in Florida. On February 28, 2011, the Professional Engineer license became null and void for non-renewal. Subject issued, signed and sealed an engineering inspection report on July 15, 2014.

Ruling: The case was presented to the full Board based upon the subject's failure to timely respond to the properly served Administrative Complaint. The Board imposed Costs of \$210.60 and an Administrative Fine of \$5,000. A Final Order was issued on July 5, 2016.

Violation: Section 471.031(1)(a), Florida Statutes

Charles C. Mitchell, PE

PE 11127
Case No. 2014031694

Licensee was charged with violating **Section 471.031(1)(g), Florida Statutes**; negligence in the practice of engineering. Licensee sealed and signed electrical, plumbing, and structural engineering documents for construction of a remodeled single family residence. The documents contained deficiencies. The deficiencies include, but are not limited to: the electrical drawings contain an Electrical Riser Diagram but no short circuit values and no voltage drop calculations for the feeders and customer-owned service, no surge protection devices are shown on the drawings, and the drawing contains errors and conflicts, etc.; the mechanical engineering drawings contain fixture equipment to determine total fixture units, but complete equipment schedules are absent, potable water isometric diagrams are not shown on the drawings, and the drawings show sanitary piping layouts but no cold water, hot water nor storm drainage piping layouts, etc.; the structural drawings contain no demolition information as required, the roof information is missing, the drawings are mislabeled, and no calculations were submitted on the drawings as required, etc.

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Ruling: The case was presented to the full Board upon a Settlement Stipulation. The Board imposed Costs of \$5,957.95, an Administrative Fine of \$1,000, a Reprimand, Appearance, Licensee is RESTRICTED from creating, producing, or certifying any Electrical and/or Mechanical Engineering documents, Probation to include: Project Review at six and eighteen months for Electrical/Mechanical projects once Licensee has taken and passed the NCEES Exam, Structural Project Review at six and eighteen months following entry of the Final Order, Advanced Engineering Professionalism and Ethics and the Board's Study Guide. A Final Order was issued on August 24, 2016.

Violation: Section 471.031(1)(g), Florida Statutes

G. R. Claiborne, PE
PE 58238
Case No. 2015018063

Licensee was charged with violating **Section 471.031(1)(g), Florida Statutes**; negligence in the practice of engineering. Licensee signed, sealed and dated Fire Protection System Engineering Design Drawings for a fire alarm plan. The drawings contained deficiencies. The deficiencies include, but are not limited to: the location of the strobes does not provide full coverage, there is no sprinkler flow or tamper connected to the fire alarm system for the sprinklered building, the class and style of circuits were not provided, etc.

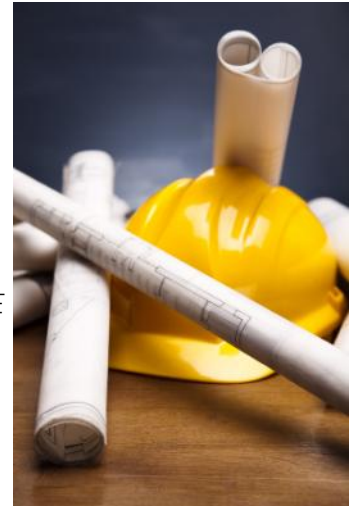
Ruling: The case was presented to the full Board upon a Settlement Stipulation. The Board imposed Costs of \$2,344.05, an Administrative Fine of \$3,000, a Reprimand, Appearance, Probation to include: Basic Engineering Professionalism and Ethics, Project Review at six and eighteen months, and the Board's Study Guide. A Final Order was issued on August 24, 2016.

Violation: Section 471.031(1)(g), Florida Statutes

DISCLAIMER: The FBPE would like to note that every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of discipline information; however this should not be relied upon without verification from the Board office or website. It is possible that names of companies and individuals listed may be similar to the names of parties who **HAVE NOT** been disciplined or had compliant actions taken against them, so we encourage you to review licensee information on www.myfloridalicense.com, contact our office or make a public records request should you have any specific questions regarding disciplinary actions. Public records requests can be sent to publicrecords@fbpe.org.

What Is Considered Unlicensed Activity?

Practicing engineering or offering engineering services without a license is a violation of Florida Statute 471.003 and 471.031(1)(a), and is a serious threat to the health, safety and welfare of the general public and to the profession itself. Typically, FBPE receives cases involving firms practicing without a Certificate of Authorization, individuals utilizing the protected title of Professional Engineer (PE) or any variation thereof, and individuals practicing without a PE license. In most of these cases, the violations occur due to a lack of knowledge of the laws and rules associated with the practice of engineering by offenders, as well as the public.



Examples of Unlicensed Activity Include:

- A firm practicing or offering to practice engineering without a Certificate of Authorization;
- Practicing engineering without a license;
- Using a name or title tending to indicate that a person holds an active license as engineer. Examples include: "Professional Engineer," "Agricultural Engineer," "Air-Conditioning Engineer," "Architectural Engineer," "Civil Engineer," etc.;
- Presenting as his or her own the license of another; and
- Practicing on a revoked, suspended, inactive or delinquent license.

The actions taken by the Board related to unlicensed activity violations are a *Notice to Cease & Desist*, a *Citation* (which is a fine), an *Administrative Complaint* which can come with a recommended penalty of up to \$5,000, injunctive proceedings if the action continues and criminal prosecutions.

You can check the status or verify a license for an engineer or company, by going to myfloridalicense.com.

To file a complaint involving either licensed OR unlicensed activity, download a copy of the *Uniform Complaint Form* located on the *Complaints* page under the *Legal* section on our home page at www.fbpe.org or request a form from the Board's office.

If you want to talk to someone about a potential violation, please call the Board office at **(850) 521-0500** and ask to speak to an investigator.