



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.

John D. Holt, PE

PE 15252

Case No. 2014050099

Licensee was charged with violating **Section 471.033(1)(g), Florida Statutes** and **Rule 61G15-19.001(4), Florida Administrative Code**; negligence in the practice of engineering. Licensee acted as Structural, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineer of Record for certain projects and as such signed, sealed and dated engineering documents. The documents contained deficiencies. The electrical engineering deficiencies include, but are not limited to the drawings contain an Electrical Riser Diagram, but no short circuit values and no voltage drop calculations for the feeders and customer-owned service, the drawings contain some conductor sizes, no insulation types, some circuit interrupting devices and on fault current interrupting capability, no surge protective devices are shown, the main electrical and electrical riser diagram but no short circuit values and no voltage drop calculations for the feeders and customer-owned service conductors; no surge protective devices are shown on the drawings, etc. The mechanical engineering deficiencies include, but are not limited to the design documents show a new A/C wall unit, but no size, no voltage, no disconnecting means and no circuit for the new A/C unit, no air conditioning equipment schedules for air handling units and condensing units, no specifications for heating equipment, the drawings do not contain plumbing equipment schedules, no potable water isometric diagrams are shown, total water fixture units for either swelling unit are not shown on the drawings, etc. The structural engineering deficiencies include, but are not limited to the strength of materials for the concrete, reinforcing steel, grout and masonry are missing, there is no detail indicating how the piling is connected to the file cap, the lap length of the reinforcing steel in the masonry walls is too short, the engineer of record's engineering requirements for the delegated engineer for the wood roof trusses is missing, etc.

Ruling: The case was presented to the full Board based upon a Recommended Order. The Board imposed Costs of \$14,533.89 and an Administrative Fine of \$10,000. One (1) year SUSPENSION, Study Guide, and completion of a Board-approved course in Advanced Engineering Professionalism and Ethics. A Final Order was issued on May 3, 2016.

Violation: Section 471.033(1)(g), Florida Statutes and Rule 61G15-19.001(4), Florida Administrative Code

Charles T. Alexander, PE

PE 76422

Case No. 2015021498

Licensee was charged with violating **Section 471.033(1)(a), Florida Statutes**; violating any provision of section 471.031, or any other provision of this chapter or rule of the board or department. Licensee was disciplined by the Maine Attorney General acting on behalf of the Maine Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers.

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Licensee admitted to Maine that he had created and applied a replica of another professional engineer's Maine engineering seal to professional engineering drawings that licensee prepared and that the Maine seal was applied without the other professional engineer's knowledge or authorization.

Ruling: The case was presented to the full Board based upon a Settlement Stipulation. The Board imposed an Administrative Fine of \$5,000, Costs of \$255.45, Appearance Before the Board, a Reprimand, One (1) year SUSPENSION, completion of a Board-approved course in Advanced Engineering Professionalism and Ethics, and the Board's Study Guide. A Final Order was issued on April 26, 2016.

Violation: Section 471.033(1)(a), Florida Statutes

Rodrigo Cadavid

Unlicensed
Case No. 2015003939

Respondent was charged with violating **Section 471.033(1)(a), Florida Statutes**; violating any provision of section 471.031, or any other provision of this chapter or rule of the board or department by offering and providing engineering services to the general public without holding a license as a Professional Engineer, by falsely stating in advertisements that Respondent held a license, and by publicly using titles that are reserved to persons holding a license as a Professional Engineer.

Ruling: The case was presented to the full Board based upon a Respondent's failure to provide any response to the Administrative Complaint, thereby waiving his right to elect a hearing involving disputed issues of material fact. The Board imposed an Administrative Fine of \$5,000, and Costs of \$267.55. A Final Order was issued on May 3, 2016.

Violation: Section 471.033(1)(a), Florida Statutes

William Pino, PE
PE 32026
Case No. 2015040623

Licensee was charged with violating **Section 471.033(1)(a), Florida Statutes**, by violating **Section 455.227(1)(t), Florida Statutes**; being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of engineering or the ability to practice engineering, and failure to report the adjudication of guilt to the Board.

Ruling: The case was presented to the full Board based upon a Settlement Stipulation. The Board imposed an Administrative Fine of \$5,000, Costs of \$226.20, a Reprimand, Appearance Before the Board, completion of a Board-approved course in Advanced Engineering Professionalism and Ethics, and the Board's Study Guide. A Final Order was issued on April 26, 2016.

Violation: Section 471.033(1)(a), Florida Statutes and Section 455.227(1)(t), Florida Statutes

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>.

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.

Requirement for Reporting Criminal Convictions

As provided in **Section 455.227(1)(t), Florida Statutes, Grounds for Discipline; Penalties; Enforcement**, all FBPE licensees are required to report in writing to the Board within 30 days after the licensee is convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction. Failure to timely report will result in disciplinary action being taken against the licensee.

To report this information to the Board you can send an email to **Wendy Anderson**, FBPE/FEMC Investigator at wanderson@fbpe.org. You must include your name, license number, the date of the conviction, what you were convicted of or the charge to which you pled guilty along with any sentencing information (if that is available upon reporting.) You may also send this information via U.S. Mail to **Wendy Anderson**, care of FBPE at 2639 N. Monroe Street, Suite B-112, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303. If you have any questions and would like to speak to someone in our *Legal* Department call (850) 521-0500, ext. 119.

You can read the above mentioned statute in its entirety at www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes or to view all the laws and rules as it relates to the practice of engineering you can go to our website at www.fbpe.org and select *Statutes and Rules* under the *Legal* section on the Home page.

