



The investigation also disclosed that on or about December 3, 2015 Respondent signed and submitted to the Board on behalf of Stonewall an Application for Firm Licensure, confirming thereon that **(a)** Stonewall had never practiced or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana, **(b)** to the best of his knowledge, information and belief the statements and information on the application were true and correct in substance and effect and were made in good faith, **(c)** he had not omitted any information requested on the application and **(d)** an omission or untrue response on the application could constitute fraud, deceit, material misstatement, perjury or the giving of false or forged evidence under La. R.S. 37:698 and 37:700.

Additionally, the investigation disclosed that between August 20, 2016 and September 26, 2019 Respondent posted articles on Stonewall's website which were in large part copied verbatim from articles posted by other individuals on different websites. Respondent failed to give appropriate credit to the other individuals as the actual authors, but instead claimed that he wrote the articles.

La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (7) and (9), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B), prohibit the practicing of and/or offering to practice engineering and the use of the words "engineer", "engineering" or any modification or derivative thereof in a person's name or form of business or activity without proper licensure. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2511(D), prohibit licensees from preparing articles which imply credit for work performed by others. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(11) prohibits licensees from using any advertising or solicitation which is false or misleading. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12) prohibits licensees from aiding or assisting another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. La. R.S. 37:700(A)(3) prohibit any fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence, in applying for a license with the Board. La. R.S. 37:698(H) permits the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2511(D), La. R.S. 37:698(A)(11) and La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12), upon a finding of guilt following the preferral of charges, notice and hearing and a majority vote of its entire membership authorized to participate in the proceeding. La. R.S. 37:681, La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), (11) and (12), La. R.S. 37:698(H), La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (3), (7) and (9), and LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B) and 2511(D) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that **(a)** at all times material hereto Respondent was licensed in Louisiana as a professional engineer, **(b)** prior to December 9, 2015 Stonewall was not licensed in Louisiana as a professional engineering firm and, therefore, was not authorized to practice and/or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana, **(c)** Stonewall subsequently became licensed in Louisiana as a professional engineering firm, effective December 9, 2015, **(d)** at all times material hereto Respondent was an employee, owner and representative of Stonewall and he has been a supervising professional of Stonewall since December 9, 2015, **(e)** between October 5, 2015 and December 8, 2015 Stonewall admittedly practiced and offered to practice engineering and used the word “engineering” in describing its services in Louisiana without proper licensure, **(f)** on or about December 3, 2015 Respondent signed and submitted to the Board on behalf of Stonewall an Application for Firm Licensure which falsely stated that Stonewall had never practiced or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana, **(g)** between August 20, 2016 and September 26, 2019 Respondent posted articles on Stonewall’s website which were in large part copied verbatim from articles posted by other individuals on different websites, **(h)** Respondent failed to give appropriate credit to the other individuals as the actual authors, but instead claimed that he wrote the articles and **(i)** Respondent aided or assisted Stonewall in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board.

By letter dated October 24, 2019, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent may have violated **(a)** La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* and LAC Title 46:LXI§2511(D), relative to preparing articles which imply credit for work performed by others, **(b)** La. R.S. 37:698(A)(11), relative to using any advertising or solicitation which is false or misleading, and **(c)** La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12), relative to aiding or assisting another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board.

Wishing to dispense with the need for further disciplinary action and to conclude the instant proceeding without further delay and expense, for the purpose of this proceeding only, Respondent and the Board do hereby enter into this Consent Order, in which Respondent of his own free will consents to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Board, wherein Respondent agrees to **(a)** pay a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 (\$1,500.00) Dollars, **(b)** pay administrative costs of Nine Hundred Fifty-Two and 43/100 (\$952.43) Dollars, **(c)** immediately

cease and desist posting articles on Stonewall's website or elsewhere which are copied from articles written or posted by other individuals, unless appropriate credit is given to the other individual as the actual author, **(d)** immediately either remove from Stonewall's website any articles which were copied from articles written or posted by other individuals without appropriate credit given to the other individuals as the actual authors, or revise such articles on Stonewall's website to give appropriate credit to the other individuals as the actual authors, and then provide satisfactory evidence of the accomplishment of these requirements to the Board, **(e)** successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz, **(f)** successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz and **(g)** the publication of this Consent Order on the Board's website and a summary of this matter in the Board's official journal, the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, and the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name.

Respondent admits that his conduct as set forth above constitutes violations of the above referenced laws and/or rules as stated herein. Respondent acknowledges awareness of said laws and/or rules and states that he will comply with all applicable laws and rules henceforth.

Respondent has been advised of his right to an informal conference, to be represented by counsel before the Board and/or to appear at any hearing personally or by counsel and present witnesses and evidence in his own behalf, he hereby waives this right and his right to appeal, and he states affirmatively that he has been afforded all administrative remedies due him under the law.

Respondent further acknowledges awareness of the fact that the signed original of this Consent Order will remain in the custody of the Board as a public record and will be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and by signing this Consent Order, Respondent does hereby waive his right to an informal conference, to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of evidence and witnesses on his behalf, to Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this case, and to judicial review of this Consent Order.

Respondent hereby represents that **(a)** he fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, **(b)** he has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order and that no other promise or agreement of any kind has been

made to or with him by any person whatsoever to cause the execution of this instrument and (c) the sanctions set forth in this Consent Order do not prevent the Board from taking further disciplinary or enforcement action against Respondent on matters not specifically addressed in this Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board and Respondent agree that:

1. Respondent shall pay a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 (\$1,500.00) Dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
2. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of Nine Hundred Fifty-Two and 43/100 (\$952.43) Dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist posting articles on Stonewall's website or elsewhere which are copied from articles written or posted by other individuals, unless appropriate credit is given to the other individual as the actual author; and
4. Respondent shall immediately either remove from Stonewall's website any articles which were copied from articles written or posted by other individuals without appropriate credit given to the other individuals as the actual authors, or revise such articles on Stonewall's website to give appropriate credit to the other individuals as the actual authors, and then provide satisfactory evidence of the accomplishment of these requirements to the Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Consent Order; and
5. Respondent shall successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz with a score of 90% or higher and return it to the Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Consent Order; and
6. Respondent shall successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz with a score of 90% or higher and return it to the Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Consent Order; and
7. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website and a summary of this matter shall be printed in the official journal of the Board, the *Louisiana Engineer and*

Surveyor Journal, and reported to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name; and

8. This Consent Order shall not become effective unless and until it is accepted and signed by and on behalf of the Board. Should the Board not accept and sign this Consent Order, it is agreed that presentation of this matter to the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its members, staff, attorneys or representatives from further participation, consideration, or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

DATE: 11/18/19

BY: Donna Sentell  
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director

DATE: 11-5-19

Blaine S. Lafleur  
BLAINE S. LAFLEUR, P.E., Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of  
Blaine S. Lafleur, P.E.

Rochelle Oliver  
Print Name: Rochelle Oliver

Danielle P. Brooks  
Print Name: Danielle P. Brooks

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