

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

**IN THE MATTER OF JAMES HANKINS, PS #1013:**

**COMPLAINT**

The Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") received a complaint on October 11, 2007, charging James "Steve" Hankins (AR-PS #1013, hereinafter referred to as "the Respondent") with failure to properly research and use a quitclaim deed when establishing the boundaries of a lot survey, and with failure to set the NE corner landmark for the lot. These are violations of the Minimum Standards for Boundary Surveys in Arkansas, compliance with which is required by Article 14.A.5 of the Rules of the Board.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Respondent holds valid registration with the Board as a Professional Surveyor.
2. The Respondent was retained by a lending agency to perform a survey of the complainant's lot preparatory to sale.
3. The record plat produced of the survey clearly specifies the use of a quitclaim deed as part of the survey, and the final boundaries of the lot are coincident with the use of the quitclaim deed.
4. The Respondent set the landmark called out in the survey plat.

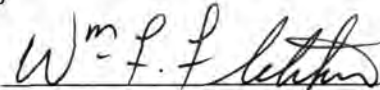
**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Upon review of the evidence in its possession, the Board finds the Respondent's actions as described in the Findings of Fact do not constitute a violation of the statutes or rules governing the Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

**ORDER**

Based on these findings, the complaint against the Respondent is dismissed without further action by the Board.

**SO ORDERED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008



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William F. Fletcher, President

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Steve W. Haralson, Executive Director of the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, do hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing order by mailing copies of same, by first class mail, on this 22nd day of May, 2008, to:

Mr. James S. Hankins, PS  
Hankins Surveying  
P.O. Box 20876  
Hot Springs, AR 71903-0876



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Steve W. Haralson  
Executive Director

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May 23, 2008

Ms. Mona Lisa Pardew  
121 Southshore Drive  
Hot Springs, AR 71913-8954

Dear Ms. Pardew:

The complaint you brought against James "Steve" Hankins on April 13, 2007, has been investigated by the Board.

The complaint materials you submitted and Mr. Hankins' response were considered by our Complaint Committee on February 7, 2008. The Complaint Committee recommended to the Board that the complaint be dismissed as unfounded.

The full Board met on March 11, 2008, and voted to accept the Committee's recommendation. A copy of the Dismissal Order is attached for your use.

We appreciate your concern about professional practice in Arkansas. If you have questions or comments about this matter, please call on me or James Atchley at (501) 682-2824.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Haralson".

Steve W. Haralson  
Executive Director

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