# 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 #2010-20
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Respondent:	•
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The LPA Group Incorporated	1
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## **CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

The Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") and The LPA Group, Inc (AR-COA #654, hereinafter "LPA Group") agree as follows in full settlement of the charges in this matter.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. The LPA Group, at all times relevant to this complaint, held a valid Certificate of Authorization to provide or offer to provide engineering services in Arkansas.
- The LPA Group employed Robert Fureigh (hereinafter "Furcigh") from 2005 until 2009, as a Senior Project Manager.
- Fureigh was originally licensed as a Professional Engineer in Arkansas on July
   14, 1978, being issued certificate #4563.

- Fureigh did not renew his Professional Engineer license for the 2001 license year, and has been lapsed since December 31, 2000.
- 5. While representing the LPA Group, Fureigh offered business cards in the stylc of "Robert W. Fureigh, P.E."

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The conduct of the LPA Group, as set forth above in the Findings of Fact, constitutes one count of permitting an unlicensed person to represent the firm as a Professional Engineer, in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-303(a)(1)(B).

#### CONSENT AGREEMENT

In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement, consistent with the public interest and the responsibilities of the Board, the undersigned parties enter into this Consent Agreement as a final disposition of these matters presently before the Board.

- The LPA Group has been afforded an opportunity to obtain legal counsel and has chosen to proceed, with the understanding that the facts and conduct described above in the Findings of Fact are admitted.
- In lieu of a formal hearing, the LPA Group agrees to the following Order and waives all rights to a hearing, appeal or judicial review relating to the Order.
- 3. The LPA Group understands that all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board concerning these allegations and all notices and pleadings relating thereto may be retained in the Board's file concerning this matter.

# <u>ORDER</u>

For the violation described in the Conclusions of Law above, the LPA Group shall pay to the Board a civil penalty of one-thousand (1,000) dollars, within fifty (50) days of service of this Order.

AGREED TO BY:

Signature of the Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of NO MOOY, 2010

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