

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
Billy Lawrence, PS 1552**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER**

The Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (“the Board”) held a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-201, *et seq.* on January 13, 2026, to determine whether Billy Lawrence (“Respondent”), PS 1552, violated Ark. Code. Ann. §§ 17-48-205(a)(1)(C), 17-48-205(a)(1)(B) and rules of the Board, specifically 17 CAR§ 285-801(a)(2), 17 CAR§ 285-801(a)(4).

Based on the evidence and testimony before it at the hearing, the Board made the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Lawrence is a licensed Professional Surveyor since January 11, 2006, and was a licensed Professional Surveyor at all times relevant to the findings of fact herein.
2. Lawrence has previously been disciplined by this Board, in 2021, for violations of Standards of Practice No. 1 Arkansas Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and Plat.
3. The Board received a complaint from Brady Duff, Professional Surveyor, regarding Billy Lawrence, on May 21, 2025. The complaint alleged that Duff had encountered multiple surveys prepared by Lawrence that contained significant errors.

4. Duff submitted multiple of Lawrence's surveys to Arkansas State Surveyor Daniel Phillips, Professional Surveyor, for review. Phillips found several violations of Arkansas Minimum Standards in Lawrence's surveys, including omission of deed references, omission or failure to reference monuments, improper or missing monumentation, and failure to mark survey caps with the professional surveyor's license number.
5. Phillip's found that the deficiencies in Lawrence's surveys constituted violations of the Standards of Practice No. 1 Arkansas Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats.
6. Lawrence performed a survey for his clients January 5, 2025, Laura and Jay Gillian. That plat included the following errors:
  - A. Record distances and directions must be shown or deed referenced.
  - B. Plat does not reference the stone pile near the southeast corner of the parcel.
  - C. Plat does not indicate that the monument at the southeast corner of the parcel is marked with the proper identification of the corner in accordance with the current Bureau of Land Management Manual of Surveying Instructions ("BLM"), and the year of monumentation.
  - D. Lawrence indicated in his answer that his set monuments have an ID cap, but his Plat legend only states "1/2" Rebar Set."
  - E. The southeast corner of the SE ¼ NE ¼ does not have a second reference.
  - F. The Forest Service monument at the northeast corner of the SE ¼ NE ¼

is not described.

7. Lawrence performed a survey for his client, Bryan Lowe June 21, 2023. That plat included the following errors:
  - A. Record distances and directions must be shown or deed referenced.
  - B. The plat does not reference the Forest Service sign on the Sassafras bearing tree or the 2.5” BLM/FS monument near the southeast corner of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ .
8. The Catalonian Plat created by Lawrence included the following error:
  - A. The plat does not reference the Forest Service sign on the Sassafras bearing tree or the 2.5” BLM/FS monument near the southeast corner of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Lawrence’s actions as described in Findings of Fact 6.A. constitutes a violation of 17 CAR § 285-801(a)(4), specifically Standards of Practice No. 1 Arkansas Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats 4.1 Publication of Results A.3.
2. Lawrence’s actions as described in Findings of Fact 6.B. constitutes a violation of 17 CAR § 285-801(a)(4), specifically Standards of Practice No. 1 Arkansas Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats 3.2 Field Work C.1.
3. Lawrence’s actions as described in Findings of Fact 6.C. constitutes a violation of 17 CAR § 285-801(a)(4), specifically Standards of Practice No. 1 Arkansas Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats 3.2 Field Work C.2.c.
4. Lawrence’s actions as described in Findings of Fact 6.D. constitutes a violation of 17 CAR § 285-801(a)(4), specifically Standards of Practice No. 1 Arkansas Standards of

- Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and 4.1 Publication of Results A.5.
5. Lawrence's actions as described in Findings of Fact 6.E. constitutes a violation of 17 CAR § 285-801(a)(4), specifically Standards of Practice No. 1 Arkansas Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats 3.2 Field Work C.3.
  6. Lawrence's actions as described in Findings of Fact 6.F. constitutes a violation of 17 CAR § 285-801(a)(4), specifically Standards of Practice No. 1 Arkansas Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats 4.1 Publication of Results A.5.
  7. Lawrence's actions as described in Findings of Fact 7.A. constitutes a violation of 17 CAR § 285-801(a)(4), specifically Standards of Practice No. 1 Arkansas Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats 4.1 Publication of Results A.3.
  8. Lawrence's actions as described in Findings of Fact 7.B. constitutes a violation of 17 CAR § 285-801(a)(4), specifically Standards of Practice No. 1 Arkansas Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats 3.2 Field Work C.1.
  9. Lawrence's actions as described in Findings of Fact 8.A. constitutes a violation of 17 CAR § 285-801(a)(4), specifically Standards of Practice No. 1 Arkansas Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats 3.2. Field Work C.1.
  10. Lawrence's violations of 17 CAR § 285-801(a)(4), are grounds for disciplinary action by the Board under Ark. Code Ann. § 17-48-205(a)(1)(c).
  11. Lawrence's violations of the Standards of Practice No. 1 Arkansas Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats as described in Findings of Fact 4-8 constitutes gross negligence and incompetence in the practice of surveying as a professional surveyor under 17 CAR§ 285-801(a)(2) and Ark. Code Ann. § 17-48 205(a)(1)(B).

**ORDER**

THEREFORE, IT IS SO ORDERED THAT:

For the violations set out above in the Conclusions of Law, the Board imposes the following:


1. Respondent Billy Lawrence's license as a professional surveyor is suspended for a period of six months from the date of this Order.
2. Respondent Billy Lawrence shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$750 for each of the eleven violations described in the Conclusions of Law, for a total civil penalty in the amount of \$8,250, to be paid to the Board within 90 days from the date of this Order.
3. Respondent Billy Lawrence shall complete six hours of continuing education over the minimum standards of practice for professional surveyors in the State of Arkansas and provide documentation sufficient to evidence completion of the courses to the Board within six months from the date of the order.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-212, Applicant may petition for judicial review of this decision by filing a petition in circuit court within thirty (30) days after the service of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of implementing and enforcing this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 14 day of January, 2026

Arkansas State Board of Licensure for  
Professional Engineers and Professional  
Surveyors

By:   
Keith A. Sikes, P.S., President

Date: 1/14/2026