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Violations and Complaints

GENERAL INFORMATION

The attached form is suggested for use in filing a valid complaint with the Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board.

The Board is anxious to act on any complaint that is in fact one of its responsibilities; however, experience has shown that the public is not always aware of what is and what is not a legitimate responsibility of the Board. Consequently, a majority of the complaints received simply do not lie within the jurisdiction of this Board to settle because the Board's powers are necessarily limited by law.

The Board is charged with the duty of issuing certificates of registration to those Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors it has determined to be qualified. It has the authority to revoke these certificates when charges such as gross incompetence are proven in a hearing against a registrant. It has the authority to initiate civil action against unlicensed persons who practice or offer to practice engineering or land surveying for the public. This Board is not authorized to settle boundary line disputes, establish cost for services, correct miscalculations or errors in a survey or real property, or settle contractual disputes. These types of problems are civil matters and should be settled between the parties involved either in or out of the courts. If wrongdoing by a registrant is proven in court, the Board would like to have certified copies of any orders issued to prevent the wrongdoing from happening again and to take other action as considered appropriate. Likewise, this Board has no powers of restitution; these are reserved for the courts.

The Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board must depend in large measure on reports from the public and the engineering and land surveying professions to provide factual evidence to help regulate the practice of engineering and land surveying in the state.

Violations and complaints must be reported to the Board in writing, and the complaint with other supporting evidence must be appropriately notarized in accordance with Georgia Code Section 43-15-25. **Documents received will not be returned.** The complaint must contain sufficient factual evidence to indicate a clear violation of the registration law. Accusing another person of a violation of the law is a serious matter; therefore, you should be certain there is wrongdoing and not file a complaint just because you feel there **may** be a violation. Copies of the law governing the practice of Professional Engineering and Land Surveying and the rules of the Board are available upon request from the Board office. The address is:

**Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board
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