



**Pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**STATE BUSINESS LICENSING BOARDS
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
June 2007**

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced 12 disciplinary actions taken by the following State Business Licensing Boards: Accountancy; Architects; Auctioneer Examiners; Barber Examiners; Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Cosmetology; Funeral Directors; Landscape Architects; and Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Bucks (1 action); Centre (1 action); Chester (1 action); Delaware (2 actions); Erie (1 action); Lackawanna (1 action); Lehigh (1 action); Monroe (1 action); Northampton (1 action); and Westmoreland (1 action). One action involved a Pennsylvania license with an out-of-state address.

BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

Delaware County

Joseph A. Bellinghieri, license no. CA033516L, of Glen Mills, Delaware County, was assessed a \$2,400 civil penalty and ordered to complete 15 hours of continuing education credits in Accounting and Auditing. Bellinghieri used a firm name misleading as to the partners, officers, members, directors, and employees of a law firm because such use implied that the law firm was engaged in the practice of public accounting; he did not demonstrate the necessity of departure from accounting principles because of unusual circumstances so that the financial reports would not be misleading; and he did not correctly reference an accountant's report or the accountant's review report. (05-08-07)

Lackawanna County

Paul Joseph Cobb, certificate no. CA033793L, of Moscow, Lackawanna County, had his certificate and current license revoked, effective June 1, 2007, and was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty, based on his guilty plea to a state felony charge of violating the conflict of interest provision of the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act. (05-02-07)

Northampton County

Palmer and Company, license no. AF000398L of Easton, Northampton County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because it continued to operate as a certified public accounting firm, using the title CPA, during the period of May 29, 2002 through June 30, 2005, during which time its license had lapsed. (05-08-07)

BOARD OF ARCHITECTS LICENSURE**Centre County**

M. John Lew III, license no. RA010538X of State College, Centre County, was assessed a \$1,400 civil penalty because he practiced on a lapsed certificate and used the title "Architect" on a card, sign or device implying he was an architect, without holding a current valid certificate. (05-17-07)

Monroe County

Francis X. Sloan, license no. RA009791B of Cresco, Monroe County, was assessed a \$5,000 civil penalty because Sloan engaged in, or offered to engage in, the practice of architecture; used the title of "architect" or any indication that he was competent to practice architecture; and impressed his seal on drawings, specifications or other designs, while his license was expired. (05-17-07)

BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

Lehigh County

Robert Powell and Faith Brown, t/d/b/a VIP The Next Level, license no. CB116795, of Allentown, Lehigh County had their license suspended for non-payment of a board-levied civil penalty. (05-02-07)

STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

No disciplinary actions taken.

STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

No disciplinary actions taken.

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

Bucks County

John J. Mitchell, license no. PE045943E of Warrington, Bucks County, was assessed a \$3,000 civil penalty because he practiced engineering or implied he was an engineer while he held no current, valid registration and through signing and sealing documents while he held no current, valid registration. (05-16-07)

Chester County

Karen H. Kemme of Coatesville, Chester County, was assessed an \$8,000 civil penalty because she practiced or offered to practice professional engineering by using a verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or in any other means represented herself to be an engineer while not holding a license. (05-16-07)

Delaware County

Vincent Calvarese, Jr., license no. PE010653E of Wayne, Delaware County, was assessed a \$3,500 civil penalty because he practiced engineering or implied he was an engineer while he held no current, valid registration and through signing and sealing documents while he held no current, valid registration. (05-16-07)

Erie County

James M. Sturm, license no. PG000148G of Erie, Erie County, was assessed a \$3,500 civil penalty because Sturm practiced geology when he held no current, valid certificate and he used the designation "PG" or used the words

"Professional Geologist" to imply he was registered; failed to place his signature near his seal when he issued documents to a client; and affixed his seal to documents after the expiration of his registration. (05-16-07)

Westmoreland County

Richard C. Cross, license no. SU048537E of Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, was assessed a \$750 civil penalty because Cross practiced as a professional land surveyor on a lapsed license. (05-16-07)

Out of State

Robert S. Rosenfelt, license no. PE026180E of Baltimore, Md., was assessed a \$3,500 civil penalty because he practiced or offered to practice the profession of engineering without possessing a current valid registration certificate for a period of five years and seven months, and signed and sealed documents after his certificate of licensure had expired. (05-16-07)

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A complete list of sanctions is available online at

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