

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING,  
LAND SURVEYING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, GEOSCIENCE  
AND INTERIOR DESIGN**

In the matter of Joel Coudron  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER  
License Number 42799

**STIPULATION AND ORDER**

Board File No. 2019-0039

TO: Joel Coudron, PE  
415 Lilac St.  
Lino Lakes, MN 55014

The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.10 (2018) and Minnesota Statutes section 326.111 (2018) to review complaints against architects, professional engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists, and certified interior designers, and to take disciplinary action whenever appropriate.

The Board received information concerning Joel Coudron ("Respondent"). The Board's Complaint Committee ("Committee") reviewed the information. The parties have agreed that these matters may now be resolved by this Stipulation and Order.

**STIPULATION**

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by Respondent and the Committee that without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law and without any evidence or admission by any party with respect to any such issue:

1. Jurisdiction. Respondent was first issued a Minnesota Professional Engineer license by the Board on July 2, 2003. Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction

of the Board with respect to the matters referred to in this Stipulation.

2. Facts. This Stipulation is based upon the following facts:

a. Respondent was first licensed as a Professional Engineer in the State of Minnesota on July 2, 2003.

b. At the time of this Stipulation and Order, Respondent's Minnesota Professional Engineer license is valid.

c. On August 28, 2018, Respondent called the Board office to report that his license had lapsed from July 1, 2018 to August 27, 2018. When asked if he had been practicing engineering during the lapse, Respondent replied that he had.

d. An allegation letter was sent to Respondent on August 30, 2018 requesting a response to the allegations of practicing without a license and holding himself out as a licensee during the lapse.

e. In his response, Respondent stated that he had worked as an engineer for a total of 49 hours on eight different projects during the time his license was lapsed.

f. Respondent's employment required him to maintain a valid Professional Engineer license during the lapse of his license.

g. Respondent was cooperative throughout the investigation.

3. Violations. Respondent admits that the facts specified above constitute violations of Minnesota Statutes section 326.02, subdivisions 1 and 3 (2018), Minnesota Statutes section 326.03, subdivision 1 (2018), and are sufficient grounds for the action specified below. Specifically, it is alleged that Respondent: (a) held himself out as a

Professional Engineer during the lapse of his license from July 1, 2018 to August 27, 2018; and (b) practiced professional engineering without a license during the lapse of his license from July 1, 2018 to August 27, 2018.

4. Enforcement Action. Respondent and the Committee agree that the Board should issue an Order in accordance with the following terms:

a. Reprimand. Respondent is censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct.

b. Civil Penalty. Respondent shall pay to the Board a civil penalty of \$1,500.00 payable by check to the Board within 60 days of the Board's approval of this Stipulation and Order.

5. Waiver of Respondent's Rights. For the purpose of this Stipulation, Respondent waives all procedures and proceedings before the Board to which Respondent may be entitled under the Minnesota and United States constitutions, statutes, or the rules of the Board, including the right to dispute the allegations against Respondent, to dispute the appropriateness of discipline in a contested-case proceeding pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14 (2018), and to dispute the civil penalty imposed by this Agreement. Respondent agrees that upon the application of the Committee without notice to or an appearance by Respondent, the Board may issue an Order containing the enforcement action specified in paragraph 4 herein. Respondent waives the right to any judicial review of the Order by appeal, writ of certiorari, or otherwise.

6. Collection. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 16D.17 (2018), after 90 days of the Board's approval of this Stipulation and Order, the Board may file and enforce

any unpaid portion of the civil penalty imposed by this Order as a judgment against the Respondent in district court without further notice or additional proceedings.

7. Board Rejection of Stipulation and Order. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this Stipulation and Order or a lesser remedy than specified herein, this Stipulation and Order shall be null and void and shall not be used for any purpose by either party hereto. If this Stipulation is not approved and a contested case proceeding is initiated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14 (2018), Respondent agrees not to object to the Board's initiation of the proceedings and hearing the case on the basis that the Board has become disqualified due to its review and consideration of this Stipulation and the record.

8. Unrelated Violations. This settlement shall not in any way or manner limit or affect the authority of the Board to proceed against Respondent by initiating a contested-case hearing or by other appropriate means on the basis of any act, conduct, or admission of Respondent justifying disciplinary action which occurred before or after the date of this Stipulation and Order and which is not directly related to the specific facts and circumstances set forth herein.

9. Record. The Stipulation, related investigative reports and other documents shall constitute the entire record of the proceedings herein upon which the Order is based. The investigative reports, other documents, or summaries thereof may be filed with the Board with this Stipulation.

10. Data Classification. Under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, this Stipulation and Order is classified as public data upon its issuance by the Board, Minnesota Statutes section 13.41, subdivision 5 (2018). All documents in the record shall

maintain the data classification to which they are entitled under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13 (2018). They shall not, to the extent they are not already public documents, become public merely because they are referenced herein. A summary of this Order will appear in the Board's newsletter. A summary will also be sent to the national discipline data bank pertaining to the practice of engineering.

11. Entire Agreement. Respondent has read, understood, and agreed to this Stipulation and is freely and voluntarily signing it. The Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto relating to the allegations referenced herein. Respondent is not relying on any other agreement or representations of any kind, verbal or otherwise.

12. Counsel. Respondent is aware that he may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Respondent knowingly waives legal representation.

13. Service. If approved by the Board, a copy of this Stipulation and Order shall be served personally or by first class mail on Respondent. The Order shall be effective and deemed issued when it is signed by the Chair of the Board.

 **RESPONDENT**  
Joel Coudron, PE

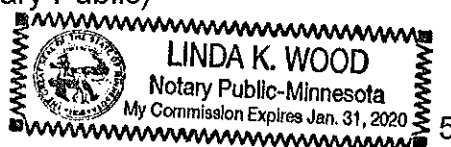
Dated: April 17, 2019

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me on this the 17 day of April, 2019.

  
(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires:

1-31-20



**COMPLAINT COMMITTEE**

  
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Keith Rapp, PG  
Committee Chair

Dated: 16 - MAY, 20 19

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of the foregoing Stipulation and Order and based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein, all terms of the Stipulation and Order are approved and adopted and hereby issued as an Order of this Board this the 16 day of May, 20 19.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF  
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By:   
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Board Chair

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

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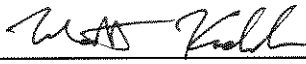
STATE OF MINNESOTA        )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY        )

Matt Kaehler, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

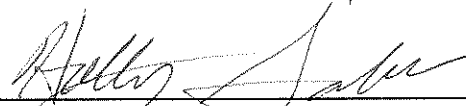
That at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019, he served the attached **stipulation and order**, by depositing in the United States mail at said city and state, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped, with first class and certified postage prepaid, and addressed to:

Joel Coudron, PE  
415 Lilac Street  
Lino Lakes, MN 55014

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
Return Receipt Requested  
7017 3040 0000 1241 2059**

  
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Matt Kaehler

Subscribed and sworn to before me on  
this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

  
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(Notary Public)

