

## FORMER PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER FOUND GUILTY OF USING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER'S SEAL

On May 24, 2018, in Ottawa, Udo Boehme plead guilty to three counts of breaching the *Professional Engineers Act* by using an engineer's seal and the title professional engineer.

Licensed by Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) in 1985, Mr. Boehme's licence was cancelled in 2007 and was not reinstated.

The matter came to PEO's attention when a building official received letters bearing Mr. Boehme's seal stating that he had reviewed and approved the structural elements of model homes. In the course of review by the city, it was found that Boehme was not licensed as a professional engineer and Boehme was reported to PEO.

His Worship Justice of the Peace Herb Kreling, of the Ontario Court of Justice in Ottawa, sentenced Boehme to a two-year period of probation.

Nick Hambleton, associate counsel, regulatory compliance, represented PEO in this matter. PEO thanks the Ottawa building department for their diligence and co-operation in its investigation.

## DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE ACCEPTS REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ALLEGATIONS

On January 22, 2018, a panel of the Discipline Committee granted a motion, brought on consent, to withdraw allegations against a member. The motion arose in the following circumstances:

- a) There had been extensive discussions between counsel for the parties, culminating in an agreement under which the member agreed to take specific steps to ameliorate the concerns underlying the allegations—in return, PEO agreed to withdraw the allegations, subject to Complaints Committee approval;
- b) Complaints Committee approved the agreement; and
- c) the complainant was notified, and did not object to the withdrawal of the allegations pursuant to the agreement.

The panel was satisfied that it had jurisdiction to hear the motion under sections 4 and 4.1 of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, and that, in all the circumstances, the public interest was served by granting the motion. The panel requested that the profession be notified of the outcome of this motion.

### NOTICE OF LICENCE SUSPENSION, SOTIROS KATSOULAKOS, P.ENG.

On June 8, 2018, Sotiros Katsoulakos' professional engineering licence was suspended pursuant to a February 7, 2017, order of the Discipline Committee. The order was issued following a finding of professional misconduct against Katsoulakos at a discipline hearing held on that date. Katsoulakos' licence was suspended because he failed to write and pass PEO's 98-CIV-B1 Exam (Advanced Structural Analysis), and 98-CIV-B2 Exam (Advanced Structural Design) within the 16-month timeframe prescribed by the Discipline Committee.

### NOTICE OF LICENCE SUSPENSION, JOHNNY KIN NANG LEE, P.ENG.

On May 27, 2018, Johnny Kin Nang Lee's professional engineering licence was suspended pursuant to a March 27, 2017, order of the Discipline Committee. The order was issued following a finding of professional misconduct against Lee at a discipline hearing held on that date. Lee's licence was suspended because he failed to write and pass PEO's professional practice examination within the 14-month timeframe prescribed by the Discipline Committee.

### NOTICE OF LICENCE SUSPENSION, GHOLAM-REZA SEKHAVATI, P.ENG.

On Sept. 25, 2018, Gholamreza Sekhavati's professional engineering licence was suspended pursuant to a July 24, 2017, order of the Discipline Committee. The order was issued following a finding of professional misconduct against Sekhavati at a discipline hearing held on that date. Sekhavati's licence was suspended because he failed to write and pass PEO's Advanced Structural Analysis (16-CIV-B1) and Advanced Structural Design (16-CIV-B2) examinations within the 14-month timeframe prescribed by the Discipline Committee.