

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

SUMMARY OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION ITEMS BEGINNING 2014 TO 2024

2014 – (Four Complaints received; Four Actions taken.)

1. **Tom Busch:** Violation: Unlicensed practice of forestry and offering forestry services to the general public without being duly registered as prohibited by Section 73-36-05. Disciplinary Action: Respondent agreed to cease and desist including closing or prominently displaying on each page of the www.timberlandassociates.com website that he is not a Registered Forester in the State of Mississippi. Effective Date: June 20, 2014
2. **Derek Fayard:** Violation: Offering forestry services to the general public without being duly registered as prohibited by Section 73-36-05. Disciplinary Action: Respondent agreed to cease and desist. Effective Date: June 12, 2014.
3. **Ralph Franks:** Violation: Unlicensed practice of forestry without being duly registered as prohibited by Section 73-36-05. Disciplinary Action: Respondent agreed to consent order to cease and desist from engaging in any activity that constitutes the practice of forestry as defined in Section 73-36-03 and paid an administrative penalty of \$2,800.00 and administrative cost of \$2,800.00. Effective Date: September 30, 2014.
4. **Rhondl T. Ryals:** Violation: Unlicensed practice of forestry without being duly registered as prohibited by Section 73-36-05. Disciplinary Action: Respondent agreed to consent order to cease and desist from engaging in any conduct/activity that constitutes the practice of forestry as defined in Section 73-36-03. Effective date: June 11, 2014.

2015 – (Two Complaints received; One Action taken.)

1. **Sterling Coleman:** Violation: Unlicensed; offering to practice forestry and using or advertising a title or description tending to convey the impression that he is a forester without being duly registered as prohibited by Section 73-36-05. Disciplinary Action: Respondent agreed to and signed written cease and desist order from engaging in practicing or offering to practice forestry and from using the title of forester. Effective Date: December 21, 2015.

2016 – (Two Complaints received; One Action taken.)

1. **Scott Lindsey, RF#1686 – expired 2013:** Violation: Offering to practice forestry and using or advertising a title or description tending to convey the impression that he is a forester without being duly registered as prohibited by Section 73-36-05. Disciplinary Action: Respondent paid a \$500.00 administrative fine. Effective Date: September 26, 2016.

2017 – (Two Complaints received; One Action taken.)

1. **Cole Pierce:** Violation: Unlicensed, offering to practice forestry and using or advertising a title or description tending to convey the impression that he is a forester without being

duly registered as prohibited by Section 73-36-05. Disciplinary Action: Respondent agreed to and signed written cease and desist order from engaging in practicing or offering to practice forestry. Effective Date: May 3, 2017.

2018 – (Four Complaints received; One Action taken.)

1. **Sterling Coleman:** Violation: Unlicensed practice of forestry prohibited by Section 73-36-35 and 26, also not being duly registered prohibited by Section 73-36-5. Disciplinary Action: Respondent agreed to and signed a written cease and desist order from engaging in practicing or offering to practice forestry. Effective Date: March 14, 2018.

2019 – (Four Complaints received; Two Actions taken.)

1. **Ronald Jeffrey Windham, RF #1672:** Violation: Solicitation of bids and proposed sale of timber per Rules 9.2, 9.6 and 9.8 of the Board's Administrative Rules and Code of Ethics per Sections 73-36-19, 73-36-33 and 73-13-35. Disciplinary Action: Respondent was fined \$3,000.00, license suspended for 90 days and requested to complete an Ethics and Contract course approved by the Board. Effective Date: April 20, 2022. NOTE: Due to COVID restrictions this case was delayed for action until 2022.
2. **Alan Douglas Rone, RF #1256:** Violation: Code of Ethics. Disciplinary Action: Respondents license was suspended for six months and required to complete continuing forestry education in Ethics and Contract Law. Effective Date: July 20, 2022. NOTE: This case was reopened 2019 from a 2013 case and due to COVID restrictions this case was delayed for action until 2022.

2020 - (One Complaint received; no actions taken.)

No Disciplinary Actions

2021 – (Three Complaints received; no actions taken.)

No Disciplinary Actions

2022 – (Zero Complaints received; Two Actions taken due to COVID restrictions 2019.)

Refer to year 2019, no other disciplinary actions.

2023 – (Six Complaints received; no actions taken.)

No Disciplinary Actions

2024 – (Two Complaints received; no action taken.)

1. **Jeffery Alan Taylor, RF #1517,** case closed, no longer licensed in the state of MS.