



File C24-07B

Respondent: Non-Registrant

Complaint Submitted: June 13, 2024

Date of Decision: July 18, 2024

Complaint Summary:

The College received a complaint about the respondent's competence or due diligence in developing a handbook.

The complainant alleged that the respondent breached the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, specifically:

- Principle 1: Provide objective, science-based, unfettered, forthright and intellectually-honest opinion, advice and reports in applied biology.
- Principle 2: Undertake assignments and offer opinions only in areas where training and ability make the registrant professionally competent.
- Principle 3: Ensure they meet a professional standard of care by practicing applied biology with attention, caution, prudence, and due diligence.
- Principle 4: Provide a professional standard of service to clients and employers by conducting business practices fairly, avoiding conflict of interest, and respecting client or employer confidentiality.
- Principle 5: Hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public, including the protection of the environment and the promotion of health and safety in the workplace.
- Principle 6: Uphold professional obligations to the College while in the workplace.
- Principle 7: Maintain a standard of personal and professional conduct that does not reflect adversely on the College or its registrants.
- Principle 9: Recognize the duty to address poor conduct or practice of another professional under the Act in order to protect the public interest, the profession, and the reputation of the College as a regulator.

Decision:

The registrar reviewed the submissions from the complainant, the College's register, and the provisions of the Professional Governance Act and the Applied Biologists Regulation, and decided to dismiss the complaint as not within the College's jurisdiction, for the following reasons:

- The respondent has never been a registrant of the College of Applied Biologists.
- The handbook was published prior to the coming into force of reserved practice for applied biologists.

This file is now closed.