

Discipline Case Digest

File 15-04

Subject Members: Two (2) Registered Professional Biologists

Complaint Submitted: December 14, 2015

Date of Decision: May 18, 2016

Complaint Summary:

A complaint was submitted against two members of the College alleging they had demonstrated professional misconduct, conduct unbecoming and incompetence in conducting an assessment on a property and in working with clients.

The complainant originally submitted this complaint in 2010 and the complaint was dismissed (File 10-01). The complainant stated that they had provided additional information not submitted in the original complaint.

Two members of the College were involved in undertaking an assessment of a property for a client. Sometime after the subject members closed their project file, the agencies involved reversed their initial opinion on the status of the property. The agencies stated that as their previous opinion had impacted the assessment undertaken by the subject members, a new assessment was not required, although the project proponent was required to undertake additional work. A second client, unrelated to the first, then approached the subject members requesting that a report be prepared that reflected the new opinion of the agencies. Although the subject members at first agreed to undertake the work, the relationship deteriorated, and they subsequently withdrew from the project. The second client then filed a complaint with the College alleging the subject members had not met the commitments they had agreed to perform for the client and a Biologist in Training was not properly supervised.

Decision:

After reviewing all documents and responses from the Subject Members the Committee determined that there was not any new substantial information from the previous complaint and it was dismissed.