

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS

In re: Jason Cooke
2006-FOR-2935
License #LF 3459

CONSENT AGREEMENT

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding disciplinary action against the license of Jason Cooke. The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Jason Cooke ("Mr. Cooke" or "Licensee"), the State of Maine Board of Licensure of Foresters (the "Board") and the Office of the Attorney General. This Consent Agreement is entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 5508 and 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5).

FACTS

1. Mr. Cooke is a licensed forester.
2. On or about April 18, 2003, Mr. Cooke submitted an intern forester license application, certifying that he had never been convicted of a crime. At that time, the Board administrator notified Mr. Cooke that he had failed to disclose criminal convictions that appear on his criminal records check.
3. On or about January 19, 2006 and January 31, 2006, Mr. Cooke submitted a forester license application and amended application, respectively, again certifying that he had never been convicted by any offense.
4. Mr. Cooke's criminal records check, however, indicates Mr. Cooke was convicted of criminal mischief in 1992 and criminal trespass in 1995.
5. On or about August 24 2006, the Board filed a complaint regarding Mr. Cooke's failure to disclose the criminal convictions, and docketed the complaint as 2006-FOR-2935.

6. Mr. Cooke responded to the allegations in the complaint, stating he had made a mistake and had not intended to mislead the Board about his past convictions. He explained his failure to disclose the criminal convictions was due to oversight and his belief in 2006 that the forester license application sought information as to any new convictions since his 2003 intern forester application.

7. On February 28, 2007 the Board voted to resolve this matter by this Consent Agreement with Mr. Cooke. Absent acceptance of this Consent Agreement by Mr. Cooke by signing and dating it and returning it to Cathy Neumann, Complaint Coordinator, 35 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0035 within 30 days of receipt of this Consent Agreement, the Board will resolve this matter by scheduling an adjudicatory hearing.

COVENANTS

8. Mr. Cooke admits that the above facts are true.

9. Mr. Cooke admits his conduct set forth above violated applicable provisions of the applicable statute as follows: Licensee admits that he submitted false information in connection with his license applications, 32 M.R.S.A. § 5509(1)(C);

10. As discipline for the violation admitted above, Mr. Cooke agrees as follows:

a. To pay a civil penalty of \$100 within 30 days of execution of this consent agreement, payment shall be by bank check or money order made out to "Treasurer, State of Maine" and remitted to Cathy Neumann, Complaint Coordinator, 35 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0035; and

b. To complete and submit documentation of having completed a professional ethics course within 12 months of signing this agreement, a description of the proposed ethics course to be submitted in writing to the Board Administrator, Carol Leighton, 35 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0035, for prior written approval by the Board's designee.

11. Any violation by Mr. Cooke of the conditions of this Consent Agreement shall constitute grounds for appropriate additional action against Mr. Cooke's license and/or his right to apply for a license.

12. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Board from obtaining an order to revoke, suspend or modify Mr. Cooke's license or to assess any other penalty, in the event that Mr. Cooke does not comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement.

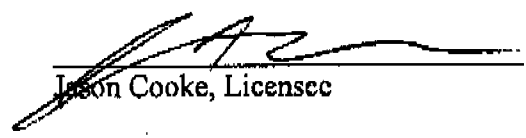
13. Mr. Cooke acknowledges that he read this Consent Agreement, that he executed this Consent Agreement of his free will, and that he agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein.

14. This Consent Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S.A. § 402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 408.

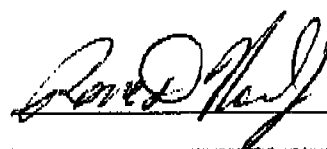
15. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto.

16. This Consent Agreement is not appealable and is effective until modified or rescinded by the parties hereto.

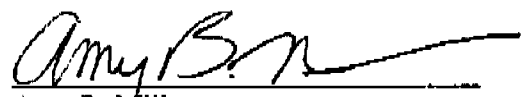
Dated: 9/2/07


Jason Cooke, Licensee

Dated: 9-17-07


_____, Chairperson
Board of Licensure of Foresters
*Comptroller
Office*

Dated: 9/27/07


Amy B. Mills
Assistant Attorney General