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Press Statement

The New Zealand Registered Architects Board today named a former architect found to have falsified information relevant to his registration as an architect.

That former architect is Mr Edward O.G. Lee.

On 26 June 2015, the NZRAB asked Mr Lee to explain why he had claimed to have attended professional development activities that he had not attended and why his descriptions and recorded learnings for individual professional development activities were plagiarised from publicly available websites.

Architects are required to undertake professional development in order to continue to be registered and must provide a record of this to the NZRAB.

Mr Lee provided no explanation or justification for his conduct and immediately cancelled his registration.

Since then disciplinary proceedings against Mr Lee have taken place and as a result Mr Lee has been censured, fined \$2,000 and charged costs.

NZRAB Chair Warwick Bell commented: "This is hugely disappointing. The NZRAB expects architects to be trustworthy, as befitting professionals. The New Zealand architects' code of ethics is explicit, its first clause stating: "A Registered Architect must not represent or promote him or herself in a false, fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive manner."

A cautionary note in regard to this matter has been sent to all architects and a more detailed report is posted on the NZRAB website at www.nzrab.nz.

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