

Pursuant to the Constitution and By-laws of the APA, the following letter of public censure was issued on March 12, 2011, after this public censure was approved by the APA Board of Directors.



March 11, 2011

Patrick T. Coffey
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via email: PTCoffey@mindspring.com

Re: APA Grievance No. 127-10

Dear Mr. Coffey:

It is the decision of the Board of Directors of the American Polygraph Association (APA) to accept an agreed disposition between you and the APA Ethics and Grievance Committee (EGC) of Ethics Complaint No. 127-10 which was received by the APA on May 28, 2010. That agreed disposition is for the issuance of a public letter of censure to be published in an upcoming issue of the APA Magazine.

The complaint in this matter alleges that you failed to provide complete and accurate information when you re-applied for membership with the APA. Although you presented evidence that the inaccurate information provided on that re-application for membership was done unintentionally, the Committee determined, and the Board of Directors agree, that, with the reasonable diligence expected of an applicant, you should have known that this information was inaccurate.

The APA depends on the diligence and candor of applicants to provide accurate information on applications. Without such diligence and candor, the APA cannot make informed decisions about whether an applicant meets the professional standards for membership.

Based on this agreed disposition and its adoption by the Board of Directors, it is directed that this letter be submitted for publication in the APA Magazine at the earliest available opportunity.

Sincerely,

Nathan J. Gordon
President, American Polygraph Association

bcc: William K. Teigen
Wade S. Church, Esq.