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My Professional Seals

By Robert B. Ludgate, Sr., PE, PLS Ludgate Engineering Corporation

I own two Professional Seals awarded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. What's the big deal about that? The seals mean you should be able to rely upon my work as a Surveyor and as an Engineer. It also means that my work requires special knowledge, experience, or ability that is not common to other folks.

As a Land Surveyor, I read and interpret deeds, measure both precisely and accurately, fathom ancient markers or other evidence, calculate and analyze diverse data. Then I can set new or replacement markers or draw an accurate survey plat. When I attach my seal and sign the plat, I am attesting that the work done meets the standards of my profession and can be relied upon by you.

As a Professional Civil Engineer, my affixed seal and signature really attests to that I have "figured it out," whatever "it" may be. How did I do that? I considered evidence such as that Surveyor's plat or things I could directly observe or measure. I apply my knowledge of "natural laws": the laws of physics, chemistry, and mathematics, in weighing all of the evidence I may have available to me.



I have to acknowledge the "laws of man" such as building codes or zoning. Eventually I "figure it out." Then I can provide an engineering design, a development plan, or a considered opinion. When I sign and seal my engineering work you can rely that I have done this work honestly and faithfully to the best of my ability.

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