

ARTICLES OF APPRENTICESHIP AND RESPONSIBILITYOF THE STUDENT SURVEYOR

*A memorandum received from the Chairman of Council brings to the attention of both Surveyors and students the need for proper observance of the terms of the Articles of Agreements.*

One of our members advised Council that his pupil has been employed for part-time work in the evenings and Saturdays by another surveyor without the consent of the surveyor to whom he was articulated.

The matter was referred to our solicitor and Council agreed that the solicitor's opinion should be brought to the attention of the members of the Association.

Portions of the standard form of agreement are quoted herewith; "That the pupil . . . shall not depart . . . from the service or employ of the said surveyor at any time during the said term without his consent first had and obtained, and shall from time to time, and at all times during the said term, conduct himself with all due diligence

and honest . . . ; and the said pupil doth hereby . . . covenant with the said surveyor . . . that he the said pupil will truly, honestly and diligently serve the said surveyor at all times, for and during the said term, as a faithful apprentice ought to do in all things whatsoever in the manner above specified."

It was Mr. Montgomery's opinion that a pupil is not entitled to work for another surveyor for part-time work, while he is under articles, without the consent of the surveyor to whom he articulated and to do so would be dishonest.

The student's claim that after normal working hours his time is his own is specious.

*A surveyor who employs, part-time, a student who is articulated to another surveyor without the surveyor's consent can be considered guilty of professional misconduct.*

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