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## **Rules and Regulations**

The Arkansas Architectural Act, Arkansas Landscape Architectural Practice Act, and Arkansas Registered Interior Designers Title Registration Act and its regulations are being provided as a reference to licensees, candidates, and members of the public in this up-to-date format. All licensees and candidates for licensure should understand the board's statutes and regulations and should be familiar with their provisions. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this document, it does not have legal effect. Should any difference or error occur, the law will take precedence.

If you have a question regarding the interpretation of these statutes and regulations, please contact the Arkansas State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers at 101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 110, Little Rock, AR, 72201-2822. The board can be reached by telephone at (501) 682-3171, by fax (501) 682-3172, or by email at asbalaid@arkansas.gov.

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1	CHAPTER ONE
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4	SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	<ul> <li>A. Purpose These Rules and Regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers are set forth for the purpose of interpreting and implementing the Arkansas Architectural Act, Arkansas Landscape Architectural Practice Act, and Arkansas Interior Designers Title Registration Act, Arkansas Code Annotated 17-15-101, 17-35-101, and 17-36-101 et seq. This These Acts establishes the Board board and grants it full responsibility for registration of architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers. They # also provides for the regulation of the practice of architecture, the practice of landscape architecture, and the use of the title "registered interior designer."</li> <li>B. Citation</li> </ul>
17 18 19	These rules and regulations shall be known, and may be cited, as the Arkansas State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers Rules and Regulations.
20 21 22 23 24 25	C. Severability  If any provision of these regulations or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of these regulations; they can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of these regulations are declared to be severable.
26 27 28 29 30	D. Terms Defined by Statute  The terms defined in the Arkansas Architectural Act, <u>Arkansas Landscape</u> <u>Architectural Practice Act, and Arkansas Interior Designers Title Registration Act,</u> Arkansas Code Annotated 17-15-101, <u>17-35-101</u> , and <u>17-36-101</u> et seq., shall have the same meanings when used in these regulations, unless the context or subject matter clearly requires a different interpretation.
32 33 34	E. Terms Defined Herein  As used in these regulations, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context or subject matter clearly requires a different interpretation

36 **Applicant** 37 An applicant is any individual who has submitted an application for registration 38 to the Boardboard. 39 **Appropriate Design Professional** 40 The appropriate design professional is the individual who is most responsible for 41 the portion of the work that reflects that individual's discipline or area of 42 expertise. Examples of design professionals include architects, civil engineers, 43 structural engineers, mechanical engineers, and electrical engineers, landscape architects, and registered interior designers. 44 45 **Architect** 46 An architect is any person who is technically and legally qualified to practice 47 architecture. 48 Architect Registration Examination (ARE®) 49 ARE® is the current Architect Registration Examination prepared by NCARB. 50 **Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA)** 51 BEA is a broadly experienced architect, as currently defined by NCARB. 52 **Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA)** 53 BEFA is thea broadly experienced foreign architect, as currently defined by NCARB. 54 55 **Continuing Education (CE)** 56 Continuing education is learning that enables a registered architect, landscape 57 architect, or registered interior designer to regularly to increase or update 58 knowledge of and competence in technical and professional subjects related to 59 the practice of architecture, landscape architecture, or interior design to 60 safeguard the public's health, safety, and welfare. **Continuing Education Hour (CEH)** 61 62 A continuing education hour refers to one continuous hour (50 to 60 minutes of 63 contact) spent in structured educational activities intended to increase or 64 update the architect's, landscape architect's, or registered interior designer's 65 knowledge and competence in health, safety, and welfare subjects. If the provider of the structured educational activities prescribes a customary time for 66 67 completion of such an activity, then such prescribed time shall, unless the Board

board finds the prescribed time to be unreasonable, be accepted as the 68 69 architect's, landscape architect's, or registered interior designer's time for continuing education purposes, irrespective of actual time spent on the activity. 70 71 Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDQ) 72 CIDA is the Council for Interior Design Accreditation. 73 Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) 74 CIDQ is the Council for Interior Design Qualification. 75 Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) 76 CLARB is the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. 77 **Construction Contract Administration** 78 Construction contract administration is the portion of the architect's services that 79 takes place during the construction of a building. Construction contract 80 administration services must include periodic observation of the construction site to determine whether the building is being built in accordance with the 81 82 construction documents. The appropriate design professional must observe the 83 portion of the work for which he or she is directly responsible. 84 Education Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA) 85 The-Education Evaluation Services for Architects is a program administrated administered by Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc., a private organization 86 87 not affiliated with NCARB or any of its members. 88 **Emeritus Architect** 89 An emeritus architect is a registrant who has retired from the active practice of 90 architecture and who is 65 years of age or older. At the discretion of the 91 Board board, however, a registrant of any age who has become incapacitated 92 may be granted emeritus status. An emeritus architect may use the title 93 "architect," but may not practice architecture as defined in Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-15-102. 94 95 **Emeritus Landscape Architect** 96 An emeritus landscape architect is a registrant who has retired from the active practice of architecture and who is 65 years of age or older. At the discretion of 97 98 the board, however, a registrant of any age who has become incapacitated 99 may be granted emeritus status. An emeritus landscape architect may use the

100 title "landscape architect," but may not practice architecture as defined in 101 Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-36-102. 102 **Architect Examination** 103 Architect Eexamination refers to the current Architect Registration Examination 104 (ARE®), prepared and administered through NCARB. 105 Health, Safety, and Welfare Subjects 106 Health, safety, and welfare subjects are topics related to technical and 107 professional courses that the **Board** board deems appropriate to safeguard the 108 public and that are within the following enumerated areas necessary for the 109 proper evaluation, design, construction, and utilization of buildings and the built 110 environment: 111 1. Legal: Laws, codes, zoning, regulations, standards, life safety measures, 112 accessibility, ethics, and insurance, protecting the owner or the public 113 2. Technical: Surveying, structural, mechanical, electrical, communication, 114 fire protection, controls 3. Environmental: Energy efficiency, sustainability, natural resources, natural 115 hazards, hazardous materials, waterproofing, insulation 116 117 4. Occupant Comfort: Air quality, lighting, acoustics, ergonomics 5. 118 Materials and Methods: Building systems, products, finishes, furnishings, 119 equipment 120 Preservation: Historic, reuse, adaptation 6. 121 7. Pre-Design: Land use analysis, programming, site selection, site and soils 122 analysis 123 8. Design: Urban planning, master planning, building design, site design, 124 interiors, safety and security measures 125 9. Construction Documents: Drawings, specifications, delivery methods 126 10. Construction Contract Administration: Contracts, bidding, contract 127 negotiations 128 Interior Design Continuing Education Council (IDCEC) IDCEC is the Interior Design Continuing Education Council. 129 130 <u>Intern Development Program (IDP)</u>

131 132	Intern Development Program training requirements for certification are established, from time to time, by NCARB.
133	Interior Design Examination
134 135	Interior design examination refers to the current registration examination, prepared and administered through CIDQ.
136	Intern Architect
137 138 139 140	An intern architect is any person who possesses a professional degree in architecture from an NAAB-accredited school and is enrolled in the Intern Development Program (IDP). Use of the title "intern architect" shall not be construed to allow practice of architecture by unregistered individuals.
141	Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB)
142	LAAB is the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board.
143	Landscape Architect
144 145	A landscape architect is any person who is technically and legally qualified to practice landscape architecture.
146	Landscape Architect Examination
147 148	<u>Landscape Architect Examination refers to the current Landscape Architect</u> <u>Registration Examination (LARE®), prepared and administered through CLARB.</u>
149	Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE®)
150 151	LARE® is the current Landscape Architect Registration Examination prepared by CLARB.
152	National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)
153	The NAAB is the National Architectural Accrediting Board.
154	National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)
155	The NCARB is the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.
156	Original Documents
157 158	Original documents refer to the version of drawings and/or sets of specifications from which all lawful copies are made.
159	Practice of Architecture

The practice of architecture is the provision of, or the offering to provide, the services defined in the Arkansas Architectural Act in connection with the design, construction, enlargement, or alteration of a building or group of buildings and/or the space within and surrounding buildings designed for human occupancy or habitation. These services include planning, providing preliminary studies, designs, drawings, specifications, and other technical submissions. The practice of architecture also includes administrative services during construction.

## **Principal**

A principal is any registered architect in charge of an organization's architectural practice, either alone or in partnership with other registered architects.

## Prototype Building

A prototype building is any commercial building or space within a commercial building that is intended to be constructed in multiple locations, has been constructed in multiple locations, or that conveys an owner's intended uniform business program, plan, or image.

#### **Prototypical Building Documents**

Prototypical building documents are technical submissions for prototypical buildings that are prepared by, or under the responsible control of, an architect who is registered in any U\_nited S\_tates jurisdiction and who holds certification issued by NCARB. These documents must identify the architect; the architect's registration number, jurisdiction, or registration, and the architect's NCARB certification number. They also must be marked "Prototypical Design Documents: Not for Construction." Prototypical building documents do not comprise make up a final comprehensive set of design and construction documents because a prototypical building requires adaptation for local building site conditions, which may require additional design.

## **Registered Interior Designer**

A registered interior designer is any person who is technically and legally qualified to utilize the title "registered interior designer."

#### Responsible Control

Responsible control is the amount of control over and detailed knowledge of the content of technical submissions during their preparation, which is ordinarily exercised by registered architects who are applying the required professional standard of care. Reviewing or correcting technical submissions after they have been prepared by others does not constitute the exercise of responsible control

because the reviewer has neither control over nor detailed professional knowledge of the content of such submissions throughout their preparation.

#### **Structured Educational Activities**

Structured educational activities are those in which at least 75 percent of an activity's content and instructional time is devoted to acceptable health, safety, and welfare subjects related to the practice of architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design. Activities may include courses of study, monographs, or other activities under the areas identified as health, safety, and welfare subjects. The activities must be provided by qualified individuals or organizations, whether delivered by direct contact or distance distance learning methods.

## **Technical Submissions**

Technical submissions are the designs, drawings, specifications, studies, and other technical reports prepared in the course of practicing architecture and landscape architecture. All technical submissions shall be identified by the name and address of the architect, landscape architect, or the architect's firm.

212 SECTION II

**GENERAL PROVISIONS** 213 214 A. Board Operation 215 1. Board headquarters shall be located in Little Rock, at a location 216 designated by the **Board**board. 217 2. Board officers shall be a President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Terms of office for officers shall last one (1) year., beginning 218 219 January 1 of each year. 220 3. Board employees shall be the Executive Director, Administrative 221 Assistant/Office Manager, Administrative Analyst, and/or other 222 employees, as deemed necessary by the Boardboard. 223 4. The fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30. 224 5. Board meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Board board, but not 225 less than twice annually. Exact dates shall be determined by the 226 President. 227 6. Special meetings may be called by the President or by any two (2) 228 Board board members. 229 7. All Board board meetings shall take place in the State of Arkansas, as 230 directed by the President or by two (2) Board board members who call a 231 special meeting. 232 8. Notice of any meeting shall be sent to each **Board** board **M**member by 233 the Executive Director or Administrative Assistant/Office Manager at least 234 five (5) days prior to the meeting, unless such notice is waived by all 235 members. 236 9. All of the following records and reports shall be the responsibility of the 237 Secretary-Treasurer, who may delegate actual preparation to staff: 238 a. Minutes and official reports 239 b. Registration of applicants, examinations, certifications, and renewals 240 c. Correspondence 241 d. Receipts and disbursements 242 10. All funds collected shall be deposited into the account of the Board 243 by the Secretary-Treasurer, who may delegate these duties to staff. 244 11. Fiduciary bonds covering the Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Director, and 245 staff shall be secured as required by the beoard or by the State of 246 Arkansas. 247 12. All Board board funds shall be deposited into at the Arkansas State Treasury checking or savings account in a financial institution chartered in the 248 State of Arkansas. 249

13. Disbursements shall be made only with the signatures of any two of the following, in accordance with the adopted Financial Oversight Procedures: President, Executive Director, Administrative Assistant/Office Manager, or Secretary-Treasurer.

#### B. Board Seal

The Seal of the <u>Boardboard</u> was designated in 2009. This seal shall be applied to all registrations issued by the <u>Boardboard</u>.



#### C. Public Information

At its office, the <u>Board board</u> shall maintain a roster of duly registered architects and business entities showing each registered architect's or entity's business name; registration, certificate, or authorization number; and last-known mailing address. This roster shall be open to public inspection. Furthermore, a roster of all licensed architects shall be published on the <u>Board's board's</u> website.

## D. Prohibition or Improper Contacts

- 1. Prior to the filing of an application, and after the final <a href="Board-board">Board-board</a> action on an application, verbal and written communication with individual <a href="Board-board">Board-board</a> members or any individual members of the <a href="Board-board">Board-board-soard-board</a> or its staff is authorized to give any indication of what specific actions the <a href="Board-board">Board-board-board</a> may take upon the merits of an application that may be filed. Board members and staff may give general advice about the manner of completing or submitting applications, the procedures to be followed when processing applications, and the nature of the standards applied by the <a href="Board-board-board">Board-board-board-board</a> in evaluating applications. When an application for registration is pending before the <a href="Board-boa
- 2. Once a complaint has been filed or an enforcement action has been initiated against any individual or corporation, no person shall contact

any <u>Board board</u> member to discuss the circumstances of the case. No one shall initiate any written or oral communication with individual <u>Board board</u> members concerning the matter; however, inquiries may be made, orally or in writing, to the <u>Executive Director or <u>Board board</u> staff, or, in writing, to the <u>Board board</u> office.</u>

#### E. NCARB

- 1. The Board board shall maintain membership in NCARB and shall pay the necessary costs thereof.
- 2. The **Board** shall maintain up-to-date information on the recommended polices adopted from time to time by NCARB.
- The <u>Board board</u> shall cooperate with NCARB in establishing uniform standards of architectural registration throughout the United States and abroad.

## F. CLARB

- 1. The board shall maintain membership in CLARB and pay the necessary costs thereof.
- 2. The board shall maintain up-to-date information of the recommended polices adopted from time to time by CLARB.
- 3. The board shall cooperate with CLARB in established uniform standards of landscape architectural registration throughout the United States and abroad.

#### G. CIDQ

- 1. The board shall maintain membership in CIDQ and pay the necessary cost thereof.
- 2. The board shall maintain up-to-date information of the recommended polices adopted from time to time by CIDQ.
- 3. The board shall cooperate with CIDQ in established uniform standards of interior design registration throughout the United States and abroad.

SECTION III 311 APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION 312 313 A. Submission of Registration 314 Every individual seeking registration shall submit an application to the 315 Board board, accompanied by a photograph and the filing fee established in Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-15-311 Arkansas Code Annotated 17-15-101, 17-316 317 35-101, and 17-36-101 et seq. **B.** Supplemental Material 318 319 Material submitted to supplement any previously-filed application must include 320 copies of the originally submitted application and all materials filed with that 321 application. 322 C. Application Fees 323 Every applicant shall include with his or her application a nonrefundable filing 324 fee, determined in accordance with this schedule: 325 \_Application for Examination (ARE®) 326 \$250.00 327 <del>1.</del>2.\_\_\_ Application for Examination (LARE®) 328 \$250.00 329 2.3. Application for Registration by Examination (CIDQ) 330 \$250.00 331 \_Application for Individual Reciprocal Registration 332 \$250.00 333 \_Application for Certificate of Authorization Registration 334 \$250.00 335 Application for Emeritus Status Registration <del>5.</del>6. 336 \$20.00 337 338 D. Annual Renewal Fees 339 Every applicant for registration renewal shall include with his or her application a 340 nonrefundable renewal fee, determined in accordance with the schedule set forth as follows: 341 342 343 1. Annual Renewal of Individual Registration 344 \$100.00 2. Annual Renewal of Certificate of Authorization Registration 345 346 \$250.00 347 3. Annual Renewal of Emeritus Status Registration 348 \$-20.00

#### E. Late Fees

Registrations for individuals and corporations that which have expired or have been revoked due to non-payment of the annual renewal fee may be reinstated through the payment of the renewal fee, in effect at the time, plus a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month for the first three (3) months in which the registration has been expired or revoked. Thereafter, an additional penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the balance of one (1) year, for a maximum penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per a year, for a maximum of three (3) years, shall be levied in accordance with the schedule set forth below:

- 1. Individual Registration/Certificate of Authorization
- (1 Month) Late \$-50.00
- 2. Individual Registration/Certificate of Authorization (2 Months) Late \$100.00
- 3. Individual Registration/Certificate of Authorization (3 Months) Late \$150.00
- 4. Individual Registration/Certificate of Authorization (4–12 Months) Late \$250.00
- 5. Individual Registration/Certificate of Authorization (13 Months) Late \$300.00
- 6. Individual Registration/Certificate of Authorization (14 Months) Late \$350.00
- 7. Individual Registration/Certificate of Authorization (15 Months) Late \$400.00
- 8. Individual Registration/Certificate of Authorization (16–24 Months) Late \$500.00
- 9. Individual Registration/Certificate of Authorization (25 Months) Late \$550.00
- 10. Individual Registration/Certificate of Authorization
- (26 Months) Late \$600.00
- 11. Individual Registration/Certificate of Authorization (27 Months) Late \$650.00
- 12. Individual Registration/Certificate of Authorization (28–36 Months) Late \$750.00

## F. Continuing Education Late Fees

Failure to fulfill the continuing education requirements or failure to file the required annual continuing education affidavit properly completed by July 31 shall result in the non-renewal of the individual's registration. A nonrefundable penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per month, for a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per year, for a period of three (3) years five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be levied in addition to the renewal fee and late fees. determined in accordance with the schedule set forth as follows:

390	1. Annual Continuing Education Affidavit (1 Month) Late
391	<del></del>
392	2. Annual Continuing Education Affidavit (2 Months) Late
393	<del></del>
394	3. Annual Continuing Education Affidavit (3 Months) Late
395	<del></del>
396	4. Annual Continuing Education Affidavit (4–12 Months) Late
397	<del>\$1,000.00</del>
398	5. Annual Continuing Education Affidavit (13 Months) Late
399	<del>\$1,250.00</del>
400	6. Annual Continuing Education Affidavit (14 Months) Late
401	<del>\$1,500.00</del>
402	7. Annual Continuing Education Affidavit (15 Months) Late
403	<del>\$1,750.00</del>
404	8. Annual Continuing Education Affidavit (16–24 Months) Late
405	<del>\$2,000.00</del>
406	9. Annual Continuing Education Affidavit (25 Months) Late
407	<del>\$2,250.00</del>
408	10. Annual Continuing Education Affidavit (26 Months) Late
409	<del>\$2,500.00</del>
410	11. Annual Continuing Education Affidavit (27 Months) Late
411	<del>\$2,750.00</del>
412	12. Annual Continuing Education Affidavit (28–36 Months) Late
413	<del>\$3,000.00</del>
414	G. Miscellaneous Fees
415	Replacement or Duplicate Wall Certificate
416	\$30.00
417	2. ARE® Score Transfer Fee
418	<del>\$50.00</del>
419	2. Architect Electronic File of Roster
420	\$ <del>250.00</del> 125.00
421	3. Landscape Architect Electronic File of Roster
422	\$125.00
423	4. Registered Interior Designer Electronic File of Roster
424	\$50.00
425	5. Returned Check Fee
426	<del></del> \$25.00
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#### **SECTION IV** 428 **ARCHITECT REGISTRATION STANDARDS** 429 430 A. Initial Registration Standards To be granted registration in any way other than through reciprocity, an 431 432 applicant must meet the following requirements. 433 434 1. An applicant must be of good moral character, as verified by employers 435 and other references. 436 2. An applicant must hold a professional degree in architecture from a 437 degree program that has been accredited by NAAB or must have 438 successfully completed the NCARB broadly experienced architect (BEA) 439 or broadly experienced foreign architect (BEFA) process. 440 3. An applicant must have completed the IDP requirements in accordance 441 with current NCARB standards. 442 4. An applicant must have passed the ARE® in accordance with current 443 NCARB standards. 444 5. An applicant must complete an affidavit supplied by the Board 445 attesting that he or she has read and understood the Arkansas 446 Architectural Act and Rules and Regulations. 447 When evaluating qualifications, the **Board** board may require that the applicant 448 449 substantiate his or her qualifications. 450 B. Reciprocal Registration Standards An applicant who holds a current and valid certification issued by NCARB and 451 452 who submits satisfactory evidence of such certification to the **Board** board can 453 be registered, providing the applicant meets the following requirements. 454 455 1. The applicant holds a valid registration as an architect issued by a registration authority of the United States or Canada and submits 456 457 satisfactory evidence of such registration to the Board board. 458 2. An applicant files his or her application in a form prescribed by the 459 Board board and pays the applicable fees established by the 460 Boardboard. 461 3. Before registration, the Board board may, at its discretion, require

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## C. Registration Prohibited

One or more of the following acts shall be sufficient to prevent the applicant from being considered for registration and license:

- 1. Practicing architecture without registration in Arkansas or any other state, territory, district, or zone of the United States in violation of a law governing such a practice;
- 2. Conviction of a felony;
- 3. Submitting a misstatement or misrepresentation of fact in connection with an application for examination, registration, application for reciprocal registration, or any other official communication with the Board board;
- 4. Committing an act prohibited by a provision of the Arkansas Architectural Act or the Rules and Regulations of this **Board** in effect at that time.

## D. Practice Permitted without Certificate of Registration

- 1. A non-resident architect who holds an NCARB certificate may offer to practice architecture in Arkansas for an individual project, providing he or she notifies the <a href="Boardboard">Boardboard</a> in writing of the following:
  - a. That he or she holds an NCARB certificate and is not currently registered in Arkansas but will be present in Arkansas for the purpose of offering to render architectural services for a single project;
  - b. That he or she will deliver a copy of the notice referred to above to every person conducting an architectural design competition and promise to apply to the <a href="Boardboard">Boardboard</a> within thirty (30) days for registration if selected for the project.
- 2. A non-resident architect who holds an NCARB certificate may offer to seek an architectural commission in Arkansas by participating in a single architectural design competition, providing that he or she notifies the <a href="Boardboard">Boardboard</a> in writing of the following:
  - a. That he or she holds an NCARB certificate and is not currently registered in Arkansas but will be present in Arkansas for the purpose of offering to render architectural services for a single project;
  - b. That he or she will deliver a copy of the notice referred to above to every potential client to whom he or she offers to render services; and
  - c. That he or she promises to apply to the <u>Board board</u> for registration within thirty (30) days if selected for the project.

3. A non-resident architect may provide uncompensated professional services at the scene of an emergency at the request of a public officer, public safety officer, or municipal or county building inspector acting in an official capacity.

### E. Renewal

- 1. Certificate of registration shall expire on <u>July 31 January 31</u> of each year and shall become invalid on <u>August 1 February 1</u>, unless renewed.
- 2. All renewals must be either received in the <u>Board board</u> office by the close of business on <u>July 31</u> January 31 or postmarked by <u>July 31</u> January 31.
- 3. Only renewal forms that contain the completed renewal application, annual continuing education affidavit attesting to compliance with continuing education requirements, and the required renewal fees will be processed.
- 4. A registrant who does not properly renew his or her license may not practice architecture after the expiration of the license. A registrant who continues to practice using an expired license will be subject to such disciplinary action as the <a href="Boardboard">Boardboard</a> deems appropriate.

## F. Emeritus Status Registration

- 1. Registrants who are retired from the active practice of architecture who are 65 years if age or older may request emeritus status by filling out the proper application.
- 2. Emeritus status licensees are exempt from continuing education requirements unless the architect reactivates his or her license to active status.
- 3. Registrants who have been on emeritus status for more than one (1) year may be readmitted to active practice upon proper application and completion of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education. Registrants who have been on emeritus status for one (1) year or less may be readmitted to active practice upon proper application and completion of twelve (12) hours of continuing education.
- 4. An emeritus architect seeking readmission to active practice shall pay all applicable fees, not to exceed the current license fees.

### G. Reinstatement of Lapsed License

- An individual whose license has lapsed for any reason may be reinstated at any time within three (3) years from the date of cancellation of the registration.
  - a. Prior to reinstatement, the individual must demonstrate compliance with the Act and the current Rules and Regulations.
  - b. The applicant must pay all fees that have accrued since the time of cancellation as well as the amount of penalties due.

- 2. Registrants who hold an NCARB certification and have allowed their registrations to lapse for a period of three (3) or more years must reapply through reciprocity.
- 3. Registrants without NCARB certification and who were initially registered in Arkansas may re-apply without retaking the ARE®.
- 4. The <u>Board board</u> may reissue a certificate of registration to any person whose certificate has lapsed or has been suspended or revoked, providing there are no pending charges of violations of this Act.

**SECTION V** 550 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT REGISTRATION STANDARDS 551 552 A. Initial Registration Standards 553 To be granted registration in any way other than through reciprocity, an 554 applicant must meet the following requirements... 555 556 1. An applicant must be of good moral character, as verified by employers 557 and other references. 558 2. An applicant must hold a professional degree in landscape architecture 559 from a degree program that has been accredited by LAAB. 560 3. An applicant must have passed the LARE® in accordance with current 561 CLARB standards. 562 4. An applicant must complete an affidavit supplied by the board attesting 563 that he or she has read and understood the Arkansas Landscape 564 Architectural Practice Act and Rules and Regulations. 565 566 When evaluating qualifications, the board may require that the applicant 567 substantiate his or her qualifications. 568 B. Reciprocal Registration Standards An applicant who holds a current and valid certification issued by CLARB and 569 570 who submits satisfactory evidence of such certification to the board can be 571 registered, providing the applicant meets the following requirements. 572 573 1. The applicant holds a valid registration as a landscape architect issued by 574 a registration authority of the United States and submits satisfactory 575 evidence of such registration to the board. 576 2. An applicant files his or her application in a form prescribed by the board 577 and pays the applicable fees established by the board. 578 3. Before registration, the board may, at its discretion, require individual 579 applicants to appear before the board when a CLARB record does not 580 clearly indicate that the applicant is qualified for registration in Arkansas. 581 C. Registration Prohibited 582 One or more of the following acts shall be sufficient to prevent the applicant 583 from being considered for registration and license: 584 585 1. Practicing landscape architecture without registration in Arkansas or any 586 other state, territory, district, or zone of the United States in violation of a 587 law governing such a practice;

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	registrations to lapse for a period of three (3) or more years must reapply
	through reciprocity.
	3. Registrants without CLARB certification and who were initially registered in
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	are no pending charges of violations of this Act.

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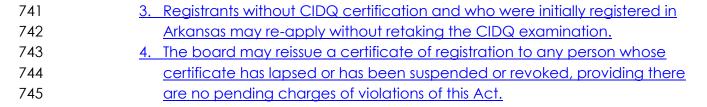
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**SECTION VII** 746 **ARCHITECT EXAMINATION** 747 A. General 748 749 1. Applicants for registration by examination must pass the Architect 750 Registration Examination (ARE®). 751 2. Any such applicant for registration by examination must be 21 years of 752 age and must have been approved as a candidate for examination by 753 the board NCARB. 754 3. All applicants for registration by examination must establish an NCARB 755 Council record and be enrolled in the NCARB Intern Development 756 Program. 757 **B.** Application 758 The applicant has full, complete, and sole responsibility for furnishing to NCARB 759 all necessary information and paying to NCARB all required fees. The application 760 packet for the examination must contain the following: The completed Arkansas application form 761 762 1. An NCARB Record documenting the following: 763 a. A professional degree in architecture from a school or college of 764 architecture accredited by the National Architecture Accrediting 765 Board (NAAB) b. Proof of enrollment in the Intern Development Program (IDP) 766 767 2. The Board reserves the right to require an applicant to produce 768 substantiation for any part of his or her record. The board may require 769 substantiation of the quality and character of the training prior to admission to the examination. 770 771 C. Conditions for Examination 772 1. The Board NCARB will determine the eligibility of each applicant and will 773 forward eligibility information to NCARBASBALAID. 774 2. The Board NCARB will allow the applicant to take the ARE® at any NCARB-775 approved test center, whether or not it is located in the State of Arkansas. 776 3. The Board ASBLAID will accept the ARE® results determined by NCARB, and 777 will report the results to the applicant. 778 4. If there is any alleged misbehavior on the part of an applicant in

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misbehavior may include violation of NCARB guidelines or polices, or of an applicant's confidentiality agreements with respect to the examination.

#### D. Fees

Each examination candidate shall pay a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) application fee per five year testing period to the Board. The examination fees for each division of the ARE® will be established by NCARB and will be paid directly to the test vendor by the candidate.

#### E. Disabled Examinees

- Requests for modifications to the examination procedure to accommodate physical or other disabilities must be made to the <u>Boardboard</u> in writing.
- 2. A physician's report must accompany the request in order to confirm the nature and extent of the disability.
- 3. The Board board shall send its recommendations for modifications to NCARB for a final determination. NCARB has the final authority with regard to any modifications to the examination.

#### F. Transfer of Scores to and from Other Jurisdictions

- 1. At its discretion, the Board may forward the grades achieved by an applicant in the various divisions of the ARE® for two purposes: evaluating the applicant's eligibility for registration or permitting NCARB to evaluate the applicant's eligibility for NCARB certification. These grades may be sent to any other state in the union or to the Canadian Architectural Registration Board (NCARRB). The Board also may receive applicant grades in the various divisions of the ARE® from any board or the NCARB.
- 2. Any applicant making such a request shall state his or her reason for requesting the transfer and shall pay an applicable transfer fee established by the Board.
- 3. Transfer to another jurisdiction shall terminate the applicant's application pending before the board or other transmitting jurisdiction, as the case may be.

**SECTION VIII** 811 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT EXAMINATION 812 813 A. General 814 1. Applicants for registration by examination must pass the Landscape 815 Architect Registration Examination (LARE®). 816 2. Any such applicant for registration by examination must be 21 years of 817 age and must have been approved as a candidate for examination by 818 the board. 819 3. All applicants for registration by examination must establish a CLARB Council record and meet the established qualifications outlined in the 820 821 Arkansas Landscape Architectural Practice Act. 822 **B.** Application 823 The application packet for the examination must contain the following: 824 1. The completed Arkansas application form 825 2. A CLARB record documenting the following: 826 a. A professional degree in landscape architecture from a school or 827 college of landscape architecture accredited by the Landscape 828 Architecture Accrediting Board (LAAB) 829 b. Proof of satisfactory experience in landscape architecture of a 830 minimum of two (2) years. 831 3. The board reserves the right to require an applicant to produce 832 substantiation for any part of his or her record. The board may require 833 substantiation of the quality and character of the training prior to 834 admission to the examination. 835 C. Conditions for Examination 1. The board will determine the eligibility of each applicant and will forward 836 837 eliaibility information to CLARB. 2. The board will allow the applicant to take the LARE® at any CLARB-838 839 approved test center, whether or not it is located in the State of Arkansas. 840 3. The board will accept the LARE® results determined by CLARB. 841 4. If there is any alleged misbehavior on the part of an applicant in 842 connection with taking the examination, the board will investigate the 843 allegation and take appropriate action. Without limitation, misbehavior 844 may include violation of CLARB guidelines or polices, or of an applicant's 845 confidentiality agreements with respect to the examination.

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**SECTION IX** 852 INTERIOR DESIGNER EXAMINATION 853 854 A. General 855 1. Applicants for registration by examination must pass the examination 856 prepared and administered by CIDQ. 857 2. Any such applicant for registration by examination must be 21 years of 858 age. 859 3. All applicants for registration by examination must obtain a CIDQ 860 Certificate and meet the established qualifications outlined in the 861 Arkansas Interior Designers Title Registration Act. 862 **B.** Conditions for Examination 1. CIDQ will determine the eligibility of each applicant and will forward 863 864 eligibility information to the board. 865 2. The board will allow the applicant to take the CIDQ examination at any 866 CIDQ-approved test center, whether or not it is located in the State of 867 Arkansas. 868 3. The board will accept the exam results determined by CIDQ. 869 4. If there is any alleged misbehavior on the part of an applicant in 870 connection with taking the examination, the board will investigate the 871 allegation and take appropriate action. Without limitation, misbehavior 872 may include violation of CIDQ guidelines or polices, or of an applicant's 873 confidentiality agreements with respect to the examination. 874 C. Fees 875 The examination fees for each division of the CIDQ examination will be 876 established by CIDQ and will be paid directly to the test vendor by the 877 candidate.

878 SECTION X

# **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

## A. Scope

These rules shall apply to every architect, <u>landscape architect and registered</u> <u>interior designer</u> registered in the State of Arkansas as a condition for renewal on an annual basis.

# **B.** Exemptions

An architect, <u>landscape architect</u>, <u>or registered interior designer</u> registered in the State of Arkansas may not be subject to participating in the continuing education requirements set forth by these rules for one of the following reasons:

- 1. A first-time, new registrant by examination or first-time reciprocal registrant shall be exempt for his/her first renewal period.
- 2. Registrant is an emeritus status architect or landscape architect.
- 3. Registrant is a civilian who has served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States for a period of time exceeding ninety (90) consecutive days during the annual reporting period.
- 4. A registrant experiencing physical disability, illness, or other extenuating circumstances may request exemption from the continuing education requirements. The registrant shall provide supporting documentation for the Board's poard's review. The Board poard will consider such hardship cases on an individual basis. The request for a hardship must be received in the Board poard office by June 1 of each year one month in advance of the renewal period.

### C. Requirements

1. In addition to all other requirements for registration renewal, each Arkansas registered architect and landscape architect must complete a minimum of twelve (12) continuing education hours each calendar year. In addition to all other requirements for registration renewal, each Arkansas registered interior designer must complete a minimum of six (6) continuing education hours each calendar year. -A continuing education hour (CEH) shall represent one continuous instructional hour (50 to 60 minutes of contact) spent in structured education activities intended to increase or update the architect's's, landscape architect's, or interior designer's knowledge and competence in health, safety, and welfare subjects. If the provider of the structured educational activities prescribes a customary time for completion of such an activity, then such prescribed time shall, unless the Bboard finds the prescribed time to be unreasonable,

- be accepted as the architect's, landscape architect's, or registered interior designer's time for continuing education purposes irrespective of the actual time spent on the activity.
- 2. All twelve (12) CEHs must be completed in health, safety, and welfare subjects acquired in structured educational activities.
- 3. Structured educational activities are courses of study in which at least 75 percent (75%) of the activities' content and instructional time is devoted to acceptable health, safety, and welfare subjects. These subjects must be related to the practice of architecture, landscape architecture or interior design including courses of study, monographs, or other activities under the areas identified as health, safety, and welfare subjects, and they must be provided by qualified individuals or organizations, whether delivered by direct contact or distance learning methods.
- 4. Health, safety, and welfare subjects are technical and professional courses that the <u>Beard board</u> deems appropriate to safeguard the public and that are within the following enumerated areas necessary for the proper evaluation, design, construction and utilization of buildings and the built environment:
  - a. Legal: Laws, codes, zoning, regulations, standards, life safety measures, accessibility, ethics, and insurance to protect the owner or the public
  - b. Technical: Surveying, structural, mechanical, electrical, communication, fire protection, controls
  - c. Environmental: Energy efficiency, sustainability, natural resources, natural hazards, hazardous materials waterproofing, insulation
  - d. Occupant Comfort: Air quality, lighting, acoustics, ergonomics
  - e. Materials and Methods: Building systems, products, finishes, furnishings, equipment
  - f. Preservation: Historic, reuse, adaptation
  - g. Pre-Design: Land use analysis, programming, site selection, site and soils analysis
  - h. Design: Urban planning, master planning, building design, site design, interiors, safety and security measures
  - i. Construction Documents: Drawings, specifications, delivery methods
  - j. Construction Administration: Contracts, bidding, contract negotiations
- 5. Attending seminars, lectures, presentations, workshops, or courses shall constitute one CEH for each hour of attendance.
- 6. Successfully completing tutorials, short courses, correspondence courses, www.eb-based courses, monographs, and other self-study courses shall constitute the CEH recommended by the program sponsor.

- 7. CEH credit will not be granted to faculty members at a college, university, or other educational institution.
- 8. Successfully completing one or more college or university semester or quarter hours in architectural, landscape architectural, or interior design subjects shall satisfy the continuing education requirement for the calendar year in which the course was completed.
- Any structured program in health, safety, and welfare contained in the record of an approved professional registry will be accepted by the <u>Boardboard</u> as fulfilling the continuing education requirements of these rules.
- 10. The Board approves the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), and the Interior Design Continuing Education Council (IDCEC) as a professional registryregistries. The Board board will accept contact hours listed by the American Institute of Architects Continuing Education Services (AIA/CES), the Landscape Architect Continuing Education System (LA/CES), and the Interior Design Continuing Education Council (IDCEC) Transcript transcript of Continuing Education Activities for both resident and non-resident architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers.

# D. Reporting and Record Keeping

- At registration time, each architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer registered in the State of Arkansas shall complete and submit an affidavit prescribed by the <u>b</u>Board attesting to his or her fulfillment of the required continuing education hours listed above during the preceding calendar year.
- 2. No carryover of continuing education hours from the previous calendar year is permitted.
- 3. Any untrue, false, or misleading statements with respect to course attendance or any other aspect of continuing education activity is considered fraud and/or misrepresentation. Such activity will subject the architect and/or program sponsor to license revocation or other disciplinary action.
- 4. Documentation of health, safety and welfare (HSW) credit must be indicated by the course provider. The provider must clearly indicate that the course is HSW.

#### E. Audit

- 1. Each affidavit may be reviewed by the **Board** and may be subject to audit for verification of compliance with requirements.
- 2. Documentation of reported continuing education hours shall be maintained by the architect for six (6) years from the date of award.

- 3. The <u>Board board</u> may, upon audit for verification of compliance, disallow claimed credit for continuing education hours.
- 4. If the Board disallows any continuing education hours, the architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer shall have forty-five (45) days from notice of such disallowance to provide further evidence of having completed the continuing education disallowed or to remedy the disallowance by completing the required number of continuing education hours.

# F. Noncompliance and Sanctions

- Failure to fulfill the continuing education requirements or failure to file the
  required affidavit properly completed by July 31-shall result in non-renewal
  of individual registration. After proper notice, if the Board board finds that
  the architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer willfully
  disregarded these requirements or falsified documentation of the required
  continuing education hours, the architect may be subject to disciplinary
  action in accordance with Board board regulation.
- 2. At the discretion of the Boardboard, a temporary renewal of license may be issued for up to forty-five (45) days. If the continuing education deficiency has not been cleared to the satisfaction of the Boardboard within forty-five (45) calendar days, the registrant may no longer practice architecture, or landscape architecture or utilize the title "registered interior designer" in the State of Arkansas without incurring disciplinary action.

### G. Reinstatement

To reinstate a registration an applicant shall submit proof of completion of 12 continuing education hours. Said hours may be earned either in the calendar year of reinstatement or in the immediately prior calendar year. Such hours may be applied to satisfy a continuing education requirement applicable to the first registration renewal following reinstatement but shall not be used to satisfy any continuing education requirement applicable to the second registration renewal following reinstatement.

1026 <u>SECTION XI</u>

# PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE IN ARKANSAS

# A. Practice of Architecture as a Corporation or Partnership

- 1. Any corporation, professional corporation, and/or any partnership, whether organized under the laws of this or any other jurisdiction, may not offer to engage in the practice of architecture in the State of Arkansas until such corporation or partnership has obtained a certificate of authorization issued by the Bboard; the certificate shall be valid until December 31 of the year in which it is obtained.
- 2. The <u>b</u>Board shall issue a certificate of authorization to a corporation, partnership, or limited liability association upon receipt of the materials listed below, and upon ascertaining that the conditions set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 17-15-101 et seq. have been met.
  - a. An application of a form approved by the **B**<u>b</u>oard
    - (1) In the case of a corporation, the application shall be signed by the corporation's president and secretary, and shall include the following information: the jurisdiction under which the corporation is organized; the name, resident address, and states of registration and registration numbers of each director; and the identity of each director engaging in the practice of architecture in Arkansas.
    - (2) In the case of a partnership, the application shall be signed by a general partner who is a registered architect, and shall include the following information: the jurisdiction under which the partnership is organized; the name and resident address, and states of registration and registration numbers of each general partner; and the identity of each general partner engaging in the practice of architecture in Arkansas.
  - b. In the case of a corporation, a copy of the corporation's articles of incorporation or similar charter document certified by the secretary of state of the jurisdiction in which the corporation is organized; however, subject to SECTION VII, articles of organization need not be resubmitted if the corporation is seeking renewal of a certificate of authorization.
  - c. Payment of a fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

### **B.** Unlawful Practice of Architecture

1. It shall be unlawful to practice architecture in an office not under the dayto-day supervision of a registered architect.

- 2. It shall be unlawful for an architect to falsely represent himself as being in responsible control of architectural work, or to permit his/her seal, or facsimile thereof, to be used by another for any purpose.
- 3. A firm engaged in the practice of architecture in Arkansas must employ one (1) or more persons registered to practice architecture in Arkansas who are in full authority and responsible control of the firm's architectural practice. Persons in full authority and responsible control shall mean regularly employed persons in that office who are in unrestricted, unchecked, and qualified control of, and are legally accountable for, the actions of the architectural practice.
- 4. Any office maintained for the preparation of drawings, specifications, reports, and other professional work shall have in that office an architect duly registered with this <u>Bb</u>oard, in full authority and responsible control, having direct knowledge and responsible control of such work.
- 5. Each firm shall provide and maintain the current mailing address and physical address of its main office and each office located in Arkansas.
- 6. If any change occurs in any of the information provided to the Board during the period for which certificate of authorization is granted, it shall be reported to the board within thirty (30) days of its effective date.

# C. Suspension, Revocation, or Cancellation of Certificate of Authorization

The <u>Board board</u> may revoke, suspend, or cancel a certificate of authorization granted if any officer, director, or employee of a corporation or any general partner or employee of a partnership violates any provision of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-15-101 et seq. or these regulations. However, it shall be an affirmative defense to show that such individual was not acting as an agent of the corporation or the partnership at the time the violation occurred.

### D. Design and Use of Architect's Seal

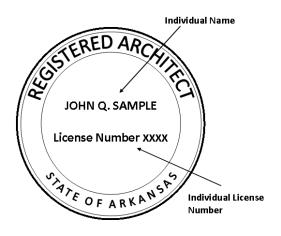
Each registered architect shall procure a seal which shall contain the name of the registered architect, license registration number, and the words:

### "REGISTERED ARCHITECT - STATE OF ARKANSAS"

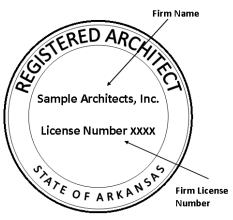
The seal shall comply, in all respects, in size and format, with the description of the design requirements as set forth below:

- 1. Seal Design Requirements
  - a. Design: Metal impression, rubber stamp, or printed, two (2) concentric circles 1.5" and 1" in diameter. Space between bearing words "Registered Architect" and "State of Arkansas." Space within inner circle bearing names and registration numbers as follows:

- (1) For a registered corporation, the corporation name and registered number
- (2) For a partnership, the partnership name and registration numbers of partners
- (3) For an individual, the name and registration number



**INDIVIDUAL - SEAL SAMPLE** 



**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION – SEAL SAMPLE** 

- b. Any method that legibly reproduces the architect's seal is permitted.
- 2. Use of Architect's Seal

a. Architects shall affix their seal, actual signature, and date of affixation to all original contract documents, including index sheets identifying all drawings covered, as well as cover and index pages identifying all specification pages covered. Presentation documents (renderings and/or drawings used to communicate conceptual information only) are not required to be sealed, signed, or dated.

- b. Contract documents considered incomplete by the architect may be released for interim review without the architect's seal or signature affixed, but shall bear the architect's name and be conspicuously marked to clearly indicate the documents are for interim review and not intended for bidding, permit, or construction purposes.
- c. Those sheets or pages prepared by consultants (structural, mechanical, electrical, etc.), which are retained by the architect, shall bear the seal and registration number of the responsible consultant.
- d. Once documents bearing the architect's seal are issued from the architect's office, the seal shall not be removed, except as follows: If the architect's client requests electronic drawing files that will be used as reference documents, the following statement shall be substituted for the seal:

THE RECORD COPY OF THIS DRAWING IS ON FILE AT THE OFFICES OF (NAME\_OF FIRM), (ADDRESS OF FIRM). THIS ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT IS RELEASED FOR THE PURPOSES OF REFERENCE, COORDINATION, AND/OR FACILITY MANAGEMENT. THIS ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT OR MODIFICATIONS THEREOF SHALL NOT BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION.

- e. Except as noted in Section (f), no architect shall affix the seal and signature to contract documents developed by others.
- f. No person, other than the architect represented, shall use or attempt to use the prescribed seal or shall modify documents bearing such seal, without first obtaining the written authority of the architect represented and clearly indicating on the documents the extent of the modifications made.
- g. On original documents, the use of signature reproductions, such as rubber stamps or computer-generated signatures or other facsimiles, shall be permitted.
- h. Authorized use of the prescribed seal is an individual act whereby the architect must personally inscribe the seal. The architect is responsible for its security when not in use.

#### E. Unauthorized Use of Architect's Seal

- A registered architect whose seal appears on drawings or specifications prepared by persons who are not registered or not under the architect's direct supervision will be deemed to have aided or abetted in the practice of architecture by a person not duly authorized to practice architecture.
- 2. A registered architect, whose seal appears on drawings or specifications bearing names of persons not so registered, unless they are identified as the engineers or consultants, will be deemed to have aided or abetted in

- the practice of architecture by a person not duly authorized to practice architecture.
- A registered architect whose seal appears on drawings or specifications
  that unlicensed persons have contracted to prepare or furnish will be
  deemed to have aided or abetted in the practice of architecture by a
  person not duly authorized to practice architecture.

### F. Architect's Consultants

The architect is not required to seal and sign documents prepared and sealed by his/her licensed consultants, except indexes and cover sheets containing certain descriptions of work performed by the architect and the architect's consultants.

### G. Use of Prototypical Documents

Nothing precludes the use of prototypical documents, provided the architect...:

- 1. Has written permission to revise and adapt the prototypical documents from the person who either sealed the prototypical documents or is the legal owner of the prototypical documents. The term "legal owner" shall mean the person who provides the architect with a letter that he or she is the owner of the documents and has the written permission to allow their use.
- 2. Has reviewed the prototypical documents and made necessary revisions to bring the design documents into compliance with applicable codes, regulations, and job-specific requirements.
- 3. Has independently performed and maintained on file all necessary calculations.
- 4. Has issued the documents with the architect's title block and seal after reviewing, analyzing, and making revisions and/or additions. By applying the seal, the architect assumes professional responsibility as the architect of record.
- 5. Has maintained design control over the use of site-adapted documents just as if they were the original design.
- 6. Has the seal and name of the architect who originally developed the prototypical documents, which may remain on the construction documents, provided the original architect is licensed in the State of Arkansas and provided the original architect who prepared the prototypical documents agrees, in writing, to the use of the documents for the construction project by a second architect.

**SECTION XII** 1209 PRACTICE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN ARKANSAS 1210 1211 A. Design and Use of Landscape Architect's Seal 1212 Each reaistered landscape architect shall procure a seal which shall contain the 1213 name of the registered landscape architect, license registration number, and 1214 the words: 1215 "REGISTERED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT – STATE OF ARKANSAS" 1216 The seal shall comply, in all respects, in size and format, with the description of 1217 the design requirements as set forth below: 1218 1. Seal Design Requirements 1219 a. Design: Metal impression, rubber stamp, or printed, two (2) concentric 1220 circles 1.5" and 1" in diameter. Space between bearing words 1221 "Registered Landscape Architect" and "State of Arkansas." Space 1222 within inner circle bearing names and registration numbers as follows: a. Any method that legibly reproduces the landscape architect's seal is 1223 1224 permitted. **Individual Name** 1225 STERED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT 1226 1227 JOHN Q. SAMPLE 1228 **License Number XXXX** 1229 STATE OF ARKANSA 1230 Individual License Number 1231 1232 2. Use of Landscape Architect's Seal 1233 a. Landscape architects shall affix their seal, actual signature, and date 1234 of affixation to all original contract documents, including index sheets 1235 identifying all drawings covered, as well as cover and index pages 1236 identifying all specification pages covered. Presentation documents 1237 (renderings and/or drawings used to communicate conceptual 1238 information only) are not required to be sealed, signed, or dated.

1239 b. Contract documents considered incomplete by the landscape 1240 architect may be released for interim review without the landscape 1241 architect's seal or signature affixed, but shall bear the landscape 1242 architect's name and be conspicuously marked to clearly indicate the 1243 documents are for interim review and not intended for bidding, permit, 1244 or construction purposes. 1245 c. Those sheets or pages prepared by consultants (structural, 1246 mechanical, electrical, etc.), which are retained by the landscape 1247 architect, shall bear the seal and registration number of the 1248 responsible consultant. d. Once documents bearing the landscape architect's seal are issued 1249 1250 from the landscape architect's office, the seal shall not be removed, 1251 except as follows: If the landscape architect's client requests 1252 electronic drawing files that will be used as reference documents, the 1253 following statement shall be substituted for the seal: 1254 1255 THE RECORD COPY OF THIS DRAWING IS ON FILE AT THE OFFICES OF 1256 (NAME OF INDIVIDUAL), (ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL), THIS ELECTRONIC 1257 DOCUMENT IS RELEASED FOR THE PURPOSES OF REFERENCE, 1258 COORDINATION, AND/OR FACILITY MANAGEMENT. THIS ELECTRONIC **DOCUMENT OR MODIFICATIONS THEREOF SHALL NOT BE USED FOR** 1259 1260 CONSTRUCTION. 1261 e. Except as noted in Section (f), no landscape architect shall affix the 1262 seal and signature to contract documents developed by others. 1263 f. No person, other than the landscape architect represented, shall use 1264 or attempt to use the prescribed seal or shall modify documents 1265 bearing such seal, without first obtaining the written authority of the landscape architect represented and clearly indicating on the 1266 1267 documents the extent of the modifications made. g. On original documents, the use of signature reproductions, such as 1268 1269 rubber stamps or computer-generated signatures or other facsimiles, 1270 shall be permitted. 1271 h. Authorized use of the prescribed seal is an individual act whereby the 1272 landscape architect must personally inscribe the seal. The landscape 1273 architect is responsible for its security when not in use. 1274 B. Unauthorized Use of Landscape Architect's Seal 1275 1. A registered landscape architect whose seal appears on drawings or 1276 specifications prepared by persons who are not registered or not under 1277 the landscape architect's direct supervision will be deemed to have

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- 2. A registered landscape architect, whose seal appears on drawings or specifications bearing names of persons not so registered, unless they are identified as the engineers or consultants, will be deemed to have aided or abetted in the practice of landscape architecture by a person not duly authorized to practice landscape architecture.
- 3. A registered landscape architect whose seal appears on drawings or specifications that unlicensed persons have contracted to prepare or furnish will be deemed to have aided or abetted in the practice of landscape architecture by a person not duly authorized to practice landscape architecture.

#### C. Landscape Architect's Consultants

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The landscape architect is not required to seal and sign documents prepared and sealed by his/her licensed consultants, except indexes and cover sheets containing certain descriptions of work performed by the landscape architect and the landscape architect's consultants.

1296 <u>SECTION XII</u>

#### **USE OF THE TITILE REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNER IN ARKANSAS** 1297 1298 A. Landscape Architect's Consultants Each registered interior designers shall procure a seal which shall contain the 1299 name of the registered interior designer, license registration number, and the 1300 1301 1302 "REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNER – STATE OF ARKANSAS" 1303 The seal shall comply, in all respects, in size and format, with the description of 1304 the design requirements as set forth below: 1305 1. Seal Design Requirements 1306 a. Design: Metal impression, rubber stamp, or printed, two (2) concentric 1307 circles 1.5" and 1" in diameter. Space between bearing words "Registered Interior Designer" and "State of Arkansas." Space within 1308 1309 inner circle bearing names and registration numbers as follows: b. Any method that legibly reproduces the registered interior designer's 1310 1311 seal is permitted. 1312 **Individual Name** STERED INTERIOR DESCRIPTION 1313 1314 JOHN Q. SAMPLE 1315 License Number XXXX 1316 TATE OF ARKANSA 1317 Individual License Number 1318 2. Use of Registered Interior Designer's Seal 1319 1320 a. Registered Interior Designers shall affix their seal, actual signature, and 1321 date of affixation to all original contract documents, including index 1322 sheets identifying all drawings covered, as well as cover and index pages identifying all specification pages covered. Presentation 1323 1324 documents (renderings and/or drawings used to communicate 1325 conceptual information only) are not required to be sealed, signed, or

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1327 b. Contract documents considered incomplete by the registered interior 1328 designer may be released for interim review without the registered 1329 interior designer's seal or signature affixed, but shall bear the registered 1330 interior designer's name and be conspicuously marked to clearly indicate the documents are for interim review and not intended for 1331 1332 bidding, permit, or construction purposes. 1333 c. Those sheets or pages prepared by consultants (structural, 1334 mechanical, electrical, etc.), which are retained by the registered 1335 interior designer, shall bear the seal and registration number of the 1336 responsible consultant. d. All registered interior designers contract documents shall contain the 1337 1338 following statement that the document is not an architectural or 1339 engineering drawing, specifications, or design and is not to be used for 1340 construction of any load-bearing columns, load-bearing framing, or 1341 load-bearing walls or structures or issuance if any building permit. 1342 e. Once documents bearing the registered interior designer's seal are issued from the registered interior designer's office, the seal shall not be 1343 removed, except as follows: If the registered interior designer's client 1344 1345 requests electronic drawing files that will be used as reference 1346 documents, the following statement shall be substituted for the seal: 1347 1348 THE RECORD COPY OF THIS DRAWING IS ON FILE AT THE OFFICES OF 1349 (NAME OF INDIVIDUAL), (ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL). THIS ELECTRONIC 1350 DOCUMENT IS RELEASED FOR THE PURPOSES OF REFERENCE, 1351 COORDINATION, AND/OR FACILITY MANAGEMENT. THIS ELECTRONIC 1352 DOCUMENT OR MODIFICATIONS THEREOF SHALL NOT BE USED FOR 1353 **CONSTRUCTION.** 1354 f. Except as noted in Section (f), no registered interior designer shall affix 1355 the seal and signature to contract documents developed by others. 1356 g. No person, other than the registered interior designer represented, shall 1357 use or attempt to use the prescribed seal or shall modify documents 1358 bearing such seal, without first obtaining the written authority of the 1359 registered interior designer represented and clearly indicating on the 1360 documents the extent of the modifications made. h. On original documents, the use of signature reproductions, such as 1361 1362 rubber stamps or computer-generated signatures or other facsimiles, shall be permitted. 1363 i. Authorized use of the prescribed seal is an individual act whereby the 1364

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# B. Unauthorized Use of Registered Interior Designer's Seal

- A registered interior designer whose seal appears on drawings or specifications prepared by persons who are not registered or not under the registered interior designer's direct supervision, will be deemed to have aided or abetted in the use of title "registered interior designer" by a person not duly authorized in accordance with Arkansas law.
- 2. A registered interior designer whose seal appears on drawings or specifications bearing names of persons not so registered, unless they are identified as the consultants, will be deemed to have aided or abetted in the use of the title "registered interior designer" by a person not duly authorized in accordance with Arkansas law.
- 3. A registered interior designer whose seal appears on drawings or specifications that unlicensed persons have contracted to prepare or furnish will be deemed to have aided or abetted in the use of the title "registered interior designer" by a person not duly authorized in accordance with Arkansas law.

# C. Registered Interior Designer's Consultants

The registered interior designer is not required to seal and sign documents prepared and sealed by his/her licensed consultants, except indexes and cover sheets containing certain descriptions of work performed by the registered interior designer and the registered interior designer's consultants.

1389 SECTION XIV

### **RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

# A. Competence

- 1. When engaging in the practice of architecture or, landscape architecture, or utilizing the title "registered interior designer," a registered architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer shall act with reasonable care and competence and shall apply the knowledge and skills that are ordinarily applied by registered architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers of good standing, practicing in the same locality.
- 2. In designing a project, a registered architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer shall endeavor to take into account all applicable state and municipal building laws and regulations. While a registered architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer may rely on the advice of other professionals (e.g., attorneys, engineers, and other qualified persons) as to the intent and meaning of such regulations, once having obtained such advice, a registered architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer shall not knowingly design a project in violation of such laws and regulations.
- 3. A registered architect, landscape architect, and registered interior designer shall undertake to perform professional services only when qualified to do so by education, training, and experience in the specific technical areas. This provision also includes those whom the registered architect, landscape architect, and registered interior designer may engage as consultants.
- 4. No individual shall be permitted to engage in the practice of architecture or landscape architecture or utilize the title "registered interior designer" if, in the Board's board's judgment, such individual's professional competence is substantially impaired by physical or mental disabilities.

#### B. Conflicts of Interest

- 1. A registered architect, <u>landscape architect</u>, <u>or registered interior designer</u> shall not accept compensation for services from more than one party on a project unless the circumstances are fully disclosed and agreed to by all interested parties. The disclosure and agreement shall be in writing.
- 2. The architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer shall fully disclose in writing to the architect's, landscape architect's, or registered interior designer's employer or client any business association or direct or indirect financial interest that could influence the architect's, landscape

- <u>architect's</u>, <u>or registered interior designer's</u> judgment or decisions in connection with his or her services. Should the employer or client object to such association or financial interests, the architect, <u>landscape architect</u>, <u>or registered interior designer</u> shall either terminate such association or interests or offer to give up the commission or employment.
- 3. An architect, <u>landscape architect</u>, <u>or registered interior designer</u> shall not solicit or accept compensation in return for specifying or endorsing products and materials.
- 4. When acting as the interpreter of building contract documents or the judge of contract performance, a registered architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer shall render decisions impartially, favoring neither party in the contract.

# C. Compliance with Laws

- A registered architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer shall not knowingly violate any state or federal law relating to the practice of architecture, landscape architecture or use of the title "registered interior designer."
- An architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer shall
  neither offer nor make any payment or gift to a government official
  (whether elected or appointed) with the intent of influencing the official's
  judgment in connection with a prospective or existing project in which the
  registered architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer is
  interested.
- 3. An architect, <u>landscape architect</u>, <u>or registered interior designer</u> shall comply with the registration laws and regulations governing his or her professional practice in any United States jurisdiction.

#### D. Professional Conduct

- 1. Except as provided under Section VIIIX, an architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer shall not sign or seal contract documents unless the documents were prepared by the architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer or under the architect's design professional's supervisory control. However, in the case of portions of such contract documents prepared under the direct supervision of another registered architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer employed by the first architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer (or his or her firm), the architect design professional may sign and seal those portions of the contract documents if the architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer has reviewed such portions and has coordinated their preparation.
- 2. An architect, <u>landscape architect</u>, <u>or registered interior designer</u> shall neither offer nor make any gifts, other than gifts of nominal value, such as

- reasonable entertainment and hospitality, with the intent of influencing the judgment of an existing or prospective client in connection with a project in which the registered architect, landscape architect, or registered interior is interested.
- An architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer shall not engage in conduct involving fraud or wanton disregard of the rights of others.
- 4. If, in the course of his or her work on a project, an architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer becomes aware of a decision taken by his or her employer or client against the architect's advice that violates applicable state or local building laws and regulations and which will, in the architect's design professionals judgment, materially and adversely affect the safety of the public, the architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer shall....:
  - Report the decision to the local building inspector or other public official charged with enforcement of the applicable state or local building laws and regulations;
  - b. Refuse to consent to the decision; and
  - c. In circumstances where the architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer reasonably believes that other such decisions will be taken, notwithstanding his or her objection, said architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer may terminate his or her services with reference to the project unless the architect design professional is able to resolve the matter by other means.

#### E. Amendments

- 1. If, following a hearing held in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, a registrant is found guilty of fraud, deceit, gross negligence, incompetence, misconduct, or careless practice, or is found to be in violation of any provisions found in the statues or rules, the Boardboard may revoke or suspend the registrant's license, decline to renew the registrant's license, issue the registrant a reprimand that will become a part of the registrant's permanent record, levy a civil penalty against the registrant, and/or take any other reasonable action deemed appropriate by the Boardboard of Architects.
- 2. The Rules and Regulations may be amended in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act.
- 3. All former Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Architects, <u>Landscape Architects</u>, and <u>Interior Designers</u> pertaining to procedure, conduct, and practice are hereby repealed.

1508 SECTION XV

### CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Construction Contract Administration

- 1. If, under Arkansas law, an architect is required to prepare or supervise and control the preparation of the architectural plans and specifications for a new building or the alteration of or an addition to an existing building, construction observation for the project shall be conducted by an architect or by a person working under the supervision and control of an architect. For purposes of this subchapter, "construction observation" means the administration of the portion of the construction contract described and documented in the architectural plans and specifications, including the following services:
  - a. Visiting the construction site on a regular basis, as necessary, to determine that the work is proceeding generally in accordance with the technical submissions submitted to the building official at the time the building permit was issued;
  - b. Processing shop drawings, samples, and other submissions required of the contractor by the terms of construction contract documents; and
  - c. Notifying the owner and the building official of any code violations; changes that affect code compliance, the use of any materials, assemblies, components, or equipment prohibited by a code, major or substantial changes between such technical submissions and the work in progress, or any deviation from the technical submissions that he or she identifies as constituting a hazard to the public and observes in the course of performing his or her duties.

### B. Responsibility for Construction Contract Administration

The owner of any building has the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of the occupants of the building, as well as the public in general, according to the laws and regulations of the State of Arkansas. The owner of any real property who allows a project to be constructed on such real property and the construction of which requires the services of an architect shall be deemed to have engaged in the practice of architecture unless such owner shall have employed or caused others to have employed a registered architect to furnish construction contract administration services with respect to such project.

1544 SECTION VI

### BUILDING CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT AN ARCHITECT

### A. Violation of Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

The construction of a building requiring an architect under the Arkansas Architectural Act is considered to be a violation of the health, safety, and welfare of the public when the required services of an architect are not provided.

# B. Occupancy and Use of Buildings

The occupancy and use of a building constructed without the services of an appropriate design professional or professionals seriously compromise the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Any building so constructed is declared by the Arkansas Architectural Act to constitute a nuisance and threat to public health, safety, and welfare and may be enjoined by the examining body in the courts of this state. Even though the violation may be punishable by fine, this section of the rules intends to provide a speedy means of protecting the public.

### C. Verification of Design Professional Responsibility

When it comes to the board's attention that a building may be constructed without the use of the required design professional or professionals, the board may require proof from the owner of the property that the appropriate registered professional or professionals were in responsible control of the design and construction administration of the building.

**CHAPTER TWO** 1566 RULES AND PROCEDURE 1567 SECTION I 1568 RULES UNDER THE ARKASNAS ARCHITECTURAL ACT, ARKANSAS 1569 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE ACT, ARKANSAS INTIERIOR 1570 **DESIGNERS TITLE REGISTRATION ACT AND NOTICE - HEARINGS** 1571 1572 A. Rules under the Practice Act 1573 This exposition of the Rules of Procedure, formulated under the Administrative 1574 Procedure Act, as amended ACA 25-15-201 et. seq., does not affect a repeal of 1575 the provisions of the Act or of its amendments and related laws, except insofar as these Rules of Procedure were formulated under provisions of law that 1576 1577 specifically contravene provisions of the Act, its amendments, and related laws. B. Notice - Hearing 1578 1579 Any such rule shall be made or amended only after a hearing upon notice, as 1580 set forth in these Rules of Procedure. SECTION II 1581 **PRIOR RULES** 1582 1583 Prior Rules - Valid 1584 1585 Rules of the Board formulated previously are declared to be still in force until 1586 amended and certified to the Arkansas Register. SECTION III 1587 **RULE MAKING** 1588 1589 1590 In any case of rule-making, every person has a right to seek action from the 1591 Board board in making a rule. Every person also has the right to seek to cause 1592 correction in an incorrect rule. **SECTION IV** 1593 ORDER 1594 1595 A. Order - Effective Only in Writing 1596 An order of the Board shall be effective only when in writing.

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1603 1604 1605 1606 1607 1608 1609 1610	C.	Order May Be Effectuated  An order may be given by service upon or delivery to the person ordered, by mail, with postage prepaid and addressed to the person at his principal place of business or his home of last address on record with the <a href="Boardboard">Boardboard</a> . An order also may be served by any officer authorized to serve legal process, by any member of the <a href="Boardboard">Boardboard</a> , or by any employee of the <a href="Boardboard">Boardboard</a> . An attempt to serve a notice to the last address of record obtained by the <a href="Boardboard">Boardboard</a> office shall constitute official notice.
1611 1612 1613	D.	Order Formulated Upon Adjudication  An order shall be formulated upon each adjudication made by the Board or its hearing officer.
1614		SECTION VI
1615		DECLARATORY ORDERS - RULES
1616 1617 1618 1619 1620	A.	<b>Declaratory Order – Petition For</b> Any person who alleges that a rule or its possible application may injure or threaten to injure one's self, one's business, or one's property may file a petition for a declaratory order as to the applicability of any rule to be enforced by the Boardboard.
1621 1622	В.	<b>Prompt Disposition</b> Such petition shall be considered and a prompt disposition shall be made.
1623 1624 1625	C.	Status  Declaratory orders shall have the same status as agency orders formulated upon adjudication.
1626		SECTION VII
1627		ADJUDICATION
1628 1629	A.	Reasonable Notice  All parties shall be afforded apportunity for hearing after reasonable notice

1630 1631 1632	Opportunit	Evidence May Be Presented  Opportunity shall be afforded all people interested in the action to respond and to present evidence and argument on all issues involved.			
1633 1634 1635	Nothing in t	Stipulation/Settlement/Consent or Default Not Prohibited  Nothing in these rules shall prohibit informal disposition by stipulation, settlement, consent order, or default.			
1636 1637	D. Record The record	Record The record shall include the following:			
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1646 1647 1648	_	fact fact shall be based exclusively on the evidence received and on cially noticed.			
1649		SECTION VIII			
1650		ADJUDICATION - DECISIONS			
1651 1652 1653 1654 1655 1656 1657 1658 1659	which 2. The factor according to the factor according	rery case of adjudication, there shall be a final decision, or order, shall be in writing (or stated in the record). Final decision shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law, a separately stated. Findings of fact, if set forth in statutory language, shall be companied by a concise and explicit statement of the underlying ence supporting the findings.  If y party submitted proposed findings of fact, the decision shall include ing upon each proposed finding.			
1661 1662 1663		Copy – Decision  be served a copy of any decision or orders either personally or by			

### C. Exemption

Where a formal hearing before a hearing officer has been held, at which the parties were given proper notice and at which the opportunity was offered to them to be present in person and by counsel to present testimony, briefs, and argument, a proposal for decision will not be required.

# **SECTION IX**

### **HEARING OFFICER**

Where convenient and appropriate, a hearing officer may be appointed to take testimony and prepare the record for the <u>Board's board's</u> consideration. The hearing officer may conduct hearings at any place within the State of Arkansas. In the conduct of such hearings, the hearing officer shall preside and have the power and duties of a presiding official as set forth in SECTION X, D. The decision on the record made by the hearing officer shall be made by a majority of the members of the <u>Board board</u>.

### A. Hearing

In every case of adjudication, and in cases of rule-making, where rules are to be made after hearing, there shall be a hearing.

#### B. Right of Counsel

Any person compelled to appear before the <u>Board</u> or a hearing officer shall have the right to counsel.

# C. Impartiality

All members of the <u>Board board</u> present shall conduct themselves in an impartial manner, and the presiding official may withdraw if he/she deems himself/herself disqualified. Any party may file an affidavit of personal bias or disqualification, which shall be ruled upon by the <u>Board board</u> and granted if it is timely, sufficient, and filed in good faith.

# D. Power and Duties of Presiding Official

- 1. Administer oaths and affirmations
- 2. Maintain order
- 3. Rule on all questions arising during the course of the hearing
- 4. Hold conferences for the settlement or simplification of the issues
- 5. Make or recommend decisions
- 6. Regulate and guide the general course of proceedings

#### E. Burden of Proof

The proponent of a rule or order shall have burden of proof.

# 1700 F. Evidence Excluded

Irrelevant, immaterial, and unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded.

#### G. Evidence Admitted

Any other evidence, oral or documentary, not privileged, may be received if it is of a type commonly relied upon by reasonable, prudent individuals in the conduct of their affairs.

# H. Objections

Objections to evidence may be made and shall be noted in the record.

### I. Evidence May Be Written

When a hearing can be so expedited (and the interests of the parties will not be prejudiced), any part of the evidence may be received in written form.

#### J. Cross Examination

Parties shall have the right to conduct cross-examination as may be required for a full, true disclosure of the facts.

#### K. Official Notice

Official notice may be taken of judicially recognizable facts and of generally recognized technical or scientific facts, particularly within the <a href="Board's board's">Board's</a> specialized knowledge.

- 1. Parties shall be notified of material so noticed (including any staff memoranda or data).
- 2. Parties shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to show the contrary.

# 1722 SECTION X

# PROCEDURE ON DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION

# A. Grounds for Discipline

The Board shall have sole authority over architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers to deny or suspend any license to practice issued by the Board or applied for in accordance with the provisions of the Act, or to otherwise discipline a licensee upon the following determination:

- 1. That the holder of the registration or certificate of license is practicing in violation of this chapter or of the proper rules and regulations of the examining body governing this chapter;
- 2. That the license or certificate has been obtained by fraud or misrepresentation, or the person named therein has obtained it by fraud or misrepresentation;

- 3. That any money, except the regular fees provided for, has been paid for the license or certificate;
- 4. That the holder of the license or certificate is falsely impersonating a practitioner or former practitioner of a like or different name or is practicing under an assumed or fictitious name;
- 5. That the holder of the license or certificate has been guilty of a felony;
- 6. That the holder of the license or certificate has aided or abetted, in the practice of architecture or landscape architecture any person not duly authorized to practice architecture or landscape architecture under the provisions of this chapter;
- 6.7. That the holder of a license or certificate has aided or abetted, in the use of the title "registered interior designer" any person not duly authorized to utilize the title "registered interior designer" under the provisions of this chapter;
- 7.8. That the holder of the license or certificate has been guilty of fraud or deceit or of gross negligence or misconduct in the practice of architecture:
- 8.9. That the holder of the certificate has been guilty of gross incompetence or recklessness in the designing or construction of buildings;
- 9.10. That the holder of the license or certificate affixed, or permitted to be affixed, his/her seal or name to any plans, specifications, drawings or related documents that were not prepared by him/her or under his/her responsible supervisory control;
- 10.11. That the holder of the license or certificate has been judged mentally incapable by a court of competent jurisdiction.

# **B. Proceedings**

Proceedings shall be as follows:

- Opportunity for licensee or applicant to have a hearing: Every licensee or applicant for a licensee shall be afforded notice and an opportunity to be heard before the <u>Board board</u>. The <u>Board board</u> shall have authority to take any action, the effect of which would be to...
  - a. Deny permission to take an examination for licensing for which application has been duly made;
  - b. Deny a license after examination for any cause other than failure to pass an examination;
  - c. Withhold the renewal of a license for any cause;
  - d. Suspend a license; and/or
  - e. Revoke a license.

- 2. Notice of action or contemplated action by the **Board** Requests for Hearing Notice of Hearing:
  - a. When the Board contemplates taking any action of a type specified in paragraphs a and b of subsection B.1 supra, it shall give written notice to the applicant, including a statement...
    - (1) That the applicant has failed to satisfy the <u>Board board</u> with his or her qualifications to be examined or to be licensed, as the case may be;
    - (2) Indicating in what respects the applicant has failed to satisfy the Boardboard; and
    - (3) That the applicant may secure a hearing before the Board board by depositing in the mail within twenty (20) days after service of said notice, a registered letter addressed to the Board board containing a request for a hearing. In any proceedings of the Board board involving the denial of a duly made application to take an examination or refusal to issue a license after an applicant has taken and passed an examination, the burden of satisfying the Board board of the applicant's qualifications shall be upon the applicant.
  - b. When the <u>Board board</u> contemplates taking any action of a type specified in paragraphs c, d, and e of subsection B. 1 supra, it shall give written notice to the licensee that contains a statement...
    - (1) Indicating the general nature of the evidence and detailed allegations of the violations with which the licensee is charged;
    - (2) That a hearing will be held on a certain date, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the mailing of the notice, and, that at that hearing, the Board board will receive evidence.
  - c. When the <u>Board board</u> shall summarily suspend a license pending a hearing as authorized in subsection B.2 supra, it shall give written notice of the general nature of the evidence and detailed allegations of the violations with which the licensee is charged. The notice will contain a statement...
    - (1) That the <u>Board board</u> has sufficient evidence that, if not rebutted or explained, will justify revocation of the license by the <u>Board board</u>;
    - (2) That indicates the general nature of the evidence against the licensee;
    - (3) That, based on the evidence indicated, the <u>Beardboard</u> has determined that the continuation of practice of the occupation or profession of the licensee will cause an immediate hazard to the public and has, therefore, suspended the license of the licensee, effective as of the date that such notice is served;

- (4) That the <u>Board</u> will then set an immediate hearing for a full evidentiary presentation by the licensee and the <u>Board</u>board.
- d. In any hearing before the <u>Board board</u> involving the suspension or revocation of a license, the burden shall be on the <u>Board board</u> to present sufficient evidence to justify the action taken or proposed by the <u>Board board</u>.

### C. Method of Serving Notice of Hearing

Any notice required by subsection B.2 may be served either personally or by an officer authorized by law to serve process, or by registered mail or certified mail, with return receipt requested, directed to the licensee or applicant at his or her last known address, as shown by the records of the Beardboard. If notice is served personally, it shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the officer delivers the notice to the person addressed. Where notice is served by registered mail, it shall be deemed to have been served on the date borne by the return receipt, showing delivery of the notice to the addressee or refusal of the addressee to accept the notice. An attempt to serve notice at the last address of record shall constitute official notice.

### D. Venue of Hearing

Board hearings held under the provisions of this rule shall be conducted at the Board board office or elsewhere in Pulaski County. The hearings may be held anywhere within Arkansas if the person whose license is involved and the Board board agree that the hearing should be held at some place outside Pulaski County.

### E. Hearings Public

Use of Hearing Office – All hearings under this section shall be open to the public. At all such hearings, at least a quorum of the <u>Beard board</u> shall be present to hear and determine the matter.

### F. Rights of Person Entitles to Hearing

A person entitled to be heard pursuant to this section shall have the right to...

- 1. Be represented by counsel;
- 2. Present all relevant evidence by means of witnesses and books, papers and documents;
- 3. Examine all opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues;
- 4. Have subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum issued to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant books, papers, and documents upon making written request thereof to the Board; and
- 5. Have a transcript of the hearing made at his/her own expense.

### 1852 G. Powers of the Board in Connection with Hearing

In connection with any hearing held pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Board or its hearing officer shall have the power to...

- 1. Have counsel to develop the case;
- 2. Administer oaths to develop the case;
- 3. Take testimony;
- 4. Examine witnesses;
- Have a transcript of the hearing made at the expense of the Board oard;
   and
- 6. Direct a continuance of any case.

#### H. Rules of Evidence

In proceedings held pursuant to this rule, the <u>Board board</u> may admit any evidence and may give probative effect to evidence that is of a kind commonly relied on by reasonably prudent people in the conduct of serious affairs. The Board may, at their discretion, exclude incompetent, irrelevant, immaterial, and unduly repetitious evidence.

#### I. Fees - Witnesses

Witness fees and mileage, if claimed, shall be allowed the same as for testimony in a Circuit Court.

### J. Manner and Time of Rendering Decision

Within a reasonable time after the decision is rendered, the <u>Board board</u> shall serve to the person whose license is involved a written copy of the decision, either personally or by registered mail. If the decision is sent by registered mail, it shall be deemed to have been served on the date borne on the return receipt.

#### K. Service if Written Decision

Within a reasonable time after the decision is rendered, the <u>Board board</u> shall serve to the person whose license is involved a written copy of the decision, either personally or by registered mail. If the decision is sent by registered mail, it shall be deemed to have been served on the date borne on the return receipt.

### L. Contents of Decision

- 1. Findings of fact made by the Board board;
- 2. Conclusions of law reached by the Board board;
- 3. The order of the **Board** based upon these findings of fact and conclusions of law; and
- 4. A statement informing the person whose license is involved of his right to request a judicial review and the time within which such a request must be made.

1890 M. Judicial Review 1891 Judicial review of proceedings under this rule shall be governed by the Administrative Procedure Act or other applicable law. 1892 **SECTION XI** 1893 JUDICIAL REVIEW 1894 1895 A. Service 1896 Service shall be had by serving a copy of the petition upon the **Board** board and 1897 all other parties of record either by personal service or by mail. **SECTION XII** 1898 **ENFORCEMENT** 1899 1900 A. Civil Action 1901 The **Board** board may institute a (civil) suit or other legal proceedings that may be required for enforcement of any provisions of ACA 17-15-101, 17-35-101, or 17-1902 1903 36-101 et seq., as amended and related acts. B. Criminal Action 1904 1905 If the Board board has reason to believe that any person has violated any 1906 provisions of the Act, as amended or related acts for which criminal prosecution 1907 would be in order, it shall so inform the prosecuting attorney in whose district any 1908 such purported violation may have occurred.