

# CODE OF ETHICS

## ASSOCIATION OF LICENSED ARCHITECTS

### I. PREAMBLE

*Members of the Association of Licensed Architects are dedicated to the highest levels of integrity, professionalism, competence, artistic talent, executive visions and planning skills. The architect is entrusted with undertakings whose financing and fitness for a particular purpose are of paramount importance to the client. In his role as a professional advisor to the client, the architect must exert sound and unbiased judgment.*

This Code of Ethics enumerates various guidelines for the conduct of its members in fulfilling the above obligations. Wherever the terms “he or his” are used herein, they shall also mean “she or hers”, and the meanings are interchangeable.

### II. THE ARCHITECT’S STATUS

The architect’s status is primarily that of a professional and as such he is committed to employ all of his expertise on behalf of his clients. He should never undertake a commission for which he believes to be beyond his professional level of skill and competence, or when his knowledge is limited, without having access to all required information, and/or to qualified consultants. The architect should not accept any commission for any project for which the architect deems himself to be unqualified to perform.

### III. ON FULL AND ACCURATE DISCLOSURE

The architect, when requested, shall state his qualifications accurately and shall not exaggerate or misrepresent in any way the degree of his responsibility in connection with work for which he is claiming credit with a view towards obtaining a commission.

### IV. ON DUTIES TO FELLOW PROFESSIONALS

The architect may not attempt to supplant or disparage a fellow architect who is being considered for a commission.

The architect shall not injure the reputation, prospects or business of a fellow architect.

The architect shall not attempt to interfere with, or influence, the award of a competition in which he is an entrant.

### V. ON DUTIES TO THE PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENT

The architect should be aware of and follow all applicable laws in the conduct of professional activities.

The architect should promote sustainable design, and advocate for protection of the environment.

#### VI. ON CONFIDENTIALITY

The architect shall safeguard the trust of their clients and not knowingly disclose without consent or legal obligation confidential information concerning their work that could adversely affect their clients, or that they have been asked to keep confidential.

#### VII. OVERALL BASIC BUSINESS PRACTICES

The architect should constantly strive to improve his professional knowledge and skill.  
The architect shall comport himself to reflect positively on the practice of architecture.

In his practice of architecture, the architect shall adhere to a standard of reasonable skill and care that is consistent with, or exceeds, the level of skill and care ordinarily applied by other architects of good standing practicing under similar circumstances in the same local.

The architect shall not discriminate in his professional activities on the basis of to race, religion, age, national origin, or sexual orientation.