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Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation

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Division of Professional Regulation: Design Unit

The Design Unit of the Division of Professional Regulation is responsible for maintaining the public health, safety, and welfare and to be subject to regulation and control in the public interest. Each Profession is governed by its respective Act that merits the confidence of the public, and that only qualified persons shall be authorized to engage in the practice of that profession in the State of Illinois.

The Design Unit oversees the Licensing and Registration for:

- Architecture
- Professional Land Surveying
- Professional Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Professional Design Firm

Did you know?

Illinois licenses Professional Engineers and Structural Engineers <u>separately</u>. There is no overlap of licensure. Each profession has separate and distinct requirements for education, examination and experience.

A Professional Engineer in Illinois cannot offer or perform any Structural Engineering services and a Structural Engineer can <u>only</u> offer Structural Engineering services.

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About: the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation

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Department Mission:

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's mission is to utilize responsive, innovative, transparent, and efficient (R.I.T.E.) governance to create an ideal regulatory environment that (1) allows economic growth to flourish, and (2) effectively optimizes consumer choice.

Strategic Vision:

The IDFPR believes more can be done to ensure a faster, smarter and more accountable government government that takes initiative to unite effective regulatory policy with exceptional service delivery.

Uniting effective regulatory policy and exceptional service delivery allows the IDFPR to accomplish its primary objective as a regulator: mitigating the effects of negative market externalities.

Effective management and conan ideal place to live and conduct business.

By setting a clear strategic vision, the IDFPR will be better equipped to continuously track progress, and engage both its employees and customers in building a safe, accessible, and prosperous Illinois.

Director of the Division of Professional Regulation: Jessica A. Baer

Governor Bruce Rauner appointed Jessica Baer as Director of Professional Regulation in September of 2016. Since March 2015, Ms. Baer has served as General Counsel of IDFPR, overseeing the entire legal department for the agency - providing input on a number of topics including pending litigation, labor issues, and legislation.

The Division of Professional Regulation licenses and regulates over 1 million professionals and firms in Illinois including a variety of healthcare related professions such tional professions such as CPAs, barbers, engineers, and detectives.

POINT OF INTEREST

DESIGN FIRM RENEWAL

The Professional Design Firm license is currently in renewal and will expire on 4/30/2017.

Make certain that your Design Firm has a valid email address listed with the Department to receive the renewal notices and new license email. If you are unsure if the department has a valid email on file, contact us and we will update your information.

Email: FPR.PRFGROUP02@illinois.gov

FILE A COMPLAINT ONLINE

Help us protect the public.

Complaints against any individual or entity regulated by the **Division of Professional Regula**tion may be filed by contacting the Complaint Intake Unit.

To file a complaint, please use:

Online Complaint Form

Have Questions? Call the Complaint Intake Unit at 312.814.6910.



Design Profession Trivia



Q: Can a Design Firm advertise or solicit services in Illinois before the firm is registered with the IDFPR as a Design Firm?

A: No.

Pursuant to statue in each of the design professions, advertising or soliciting services in Illinois without a Professional Design Firm license is a violation and subject to discipline by the Department up to \$10,000 per violation.

DESIGN BOARD SPOTLIGHT:

Professional Design Firm



Ensuring that the business is properly licensed to offer design services.



ach of the four Design Profession Acts requires that any firm or company that

plans to offer professional design services in Illinois (Architecture, Professional Engineering, Structural Engineering, and/or Land Surveying), your firm must be registered as a Professional Design Firm (PDF) with this Department. Offering services without a PDF license is a violation of each four design profession acts.

The only exception to this statutory requirement is a licensed sole proprietor who offers or provides design services in his or her individual name and is not employing other individuals to perform work for which professional licensure is required. However, any sole proprietorship conducting business as a design professional under an assumed name is required to register as a professional design firm. Any sole proprietorship not owned by an Illinois licensed design professional is prohibited from offering professional engineering services to the public.

Please review and complete the following: <u>Registration Requirements for Professional Design Firms</u>

Many basic functions available online.

To better serve our applicants and licensees, several important functions may be found on the Department website to ensure quick and accurate interaction with the Department.

License Look-up -

https://ilesonline.idfpr.illinois.gov/DPR/Lookup/LicenseLookup.aspx

License Renewal (during renewal period) - https://www.idfpr.com/Renewals/defaultSSL.asp

Update your contact information-

https://www.idfpr.com/applications/LicenseReprint/Verify.aspx

Download a license -

https://www.idfpr.com/Applications/GetMyLicense/select.asp

Review the Code Enforcement Manual -

http://www.idfpr.com/forms/DPR/Design Code Manual.pdf

Review the requirements for Professional Design Firm Registration - https://www.idfpr.com/Applications/GetMyLicense/select.asp



Want to serve on a Board?

The office of citizen is the highest office in the land. One of the best ways to participate in our democracy is by serving on a state board, commission or committee.

These groups advise Illinois' state agencies and organizations on a wide range of issues that affect public policy and welfare.

Current Board Openings:

Professional Engineering Board
Public Member

Link:

Board Member Application Form

Frequently Asked Questions:

To assist potential applicants for examinations and/or licensure, the Department has created an F.A.Q. document for each design profession to address the most common questions the Department receives.

Architecture: click here

Professional Land Surveyor : click <u>here</u>

Professional Engineering: click here

Structural Engineering: click here



Upcoming Board Meetings

We invite the public to attend the <u>open session</u> of our Board Meetings to gain a better understanding of what issues are prevalent in the respective professions.

May:

Architect – May 19, 2017 – Chicago Structural Engineer – May 23, 2017 – Chicago Professional Engineer – May 24, 2017 – Chicago Land Surveyor – May 25, 2017 – Chicago

Continuing Education

Visit the following sites for resources on available Continuing Education courses for your renewal requirements.

Architecture

www.aiail.org www.alatoday.org

Professional Land Surveyor www.iplsa.org

Professional Engineering

www.illinoisengineer.com

Structural Engineering www.seaoi.org

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Monthly Discipline Report

You may review the latest monthly discipline report here: http://www.idfpr.com/News/Disciplines/DiscReports.asp

Update your Contact Information

To receive Department renewal notices, verify your information here: <u>Change Your Address</u>

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