2007 Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct

Preamble

Members of The American Institute of Architects are dedicated to the highest competence, ethical standards, and honor in the practice of architecture. This Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, the heritage and legacy of the profession, is the body of standards and practices that govern the professional activities of all members of The American Institute of Architects. It is the responsibility of individual members to understand and apply the Code to their professional activities.

Canons

Canons are broad principles of conduct. Each Canon describes a standard of conduct that is necessary for the public welfare. Members must strive to meet the Canons in all of their professional activities. The American Institute of Architects has determined that the Canons are not, in themselves, unethical. Therefore, the Code provides commentary regarding specific situations, and members must consult with the Code and commentary to determine whether a particular situation is subject to a particular rule. The commentary is not a part of the rule and will be determined by application of the rule. The commentary will assist members in conforming their conduct to the rule.

E.S. 1.1 General Obligations

Members should maintain and advance the body of architectural knowledge, respect the body of architectural knowledge, and contribute to humankind in a manner that promotes the public welfare. Members should consider the social and environmental impact of their professional activities, and exercise learned and uncompromised professional judgment.

E.S. 1.4 Human Rights

Members should uphold human rights in all their professional endeavors.

Obligations to the Environment

E.S. 1.2 Standards of Excellence

Members should continually seek to raise the standards of aesthetic excellence, architectural growth, the social and environmental impact of their professional activities, and exercise learned and uncompromised professional judgment.

E.S. 1.7 Use humane and sustainable practices in all facets within their firms and on job sites, and encourage their clients to do the same.

E.S. 1.5 Perform design work that is socially responsible and advocate for sustainable building practices that improve the lives of workers.

E.S. 1.6 Perform professional services that advocates for the design, construction and operation of job sites that sustain the human lives those who build our architecture.

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Obligations to Colleagues

E.S. 2.1 Principles of Professional Practice

Members should respect the professional contributions of their employers, employees, colleagues, and business associates.

E.S. 2.2 Compliance with Rules

Members leaving a firm shall return to the firm's work, whether or not performed by the Member.

ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENT

Application

The Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct applies to the professional activities of all members of the AIA.

Enforcement

The Bylaws of the Institute state procedures for the enforcement of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. Such procedures provide that enforcement of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct is current as of December 2007.

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