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# Rules of Department of Economic Development

## Division 30—Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors Chapter 2—Code of Professional Conduct

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**Title 4—DEPARTMENT OF  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Division 30—Missouri Board for  
Architects, Professional Engineers  
and Professional Land Surveyors**

**Chapter 2—Code of Professional Conduct**

**4 CSR 30-2.010 Code of Professional  
Conduct**

*PURPOSE: This rule establishes a professional code of conduct for architects, professional engineers and land surveyors.*

(1) The Missouri Rules of Professional Conduct for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Preamble reads as follows: Pursuant to section 327.041.2., RSMo, the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors adopts the following rules, referred to as the rules of professional conduct. These rules of professional conduct are binding on every person registered by the board to practice architecture, professional engineering and land surveying in Missouri. Each person registered pursuant to Chapter 327, RSMo is required to be familiar with Chapter 327, RSMo and the rules of the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors which includes these rules of professional conduct. The rules of professional conduct will be enforced under the powers vested in the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Any act or practice found to be in violation of these rules of professional conduct will be grounds for a complaint to be filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission. In these rules of professional conduct, the word registrant shall mean any person registered as an architect, professional engineer or land surveyor under the provisions of Chapter 327, RSMo.

(2) In practicing architecture, professional engineering or land surveying, a registrant shall act with reasonable care and competence, and shall apply the technical knowledge and skill which are ordinarily applied by registered architects, professional engineers or land surveyors of good standing, practicing in Missouri. In the performance of professional services, registrants shall be cognizant that their primary responsibility is to the public welfare, and this shall not be compromised by any self-interest of the client or the registrant.

(3) Registrants shall undertake to perform architectural, professional engineering and

land surveying services only when they, together with those whom the registrant may employ, or engage as a consultant, are qualified by education, training and experience in the specific technical areas involved.

(4) Registrants, in the conduct of their practice, shall not knowingly violate any state or federal criminal law. Registrants shall comply with state laws and regulations governing their practice. In the performance of architectural, professional engineering or land surveying services within a municipality or political subdivision that is governed by laws, codes and ordinances relating to the protection of life, health, property and welfare of the public, a registrant shall not knowingly violate these laws, codes and ordinances.

(5) Registrants at all times shall recognize that their primary obligation is to protect the safety, health, property or welfare of the public. If the professional judgment is overruled under circumstances where the safety, health, property or welfare of the public are endangered, they shall notify their employer or client and other authority as may be appropriate.

(6) Registrants shall not assist nonregistrants in the unlawful practice of architecture, professional engineering or land surveying. Registrants shall not assist in the application for registration of a person known by the registrant to be unqualified in respect to education, training, experience or other relevant factors.

(7) Registrants shall truthfully and accurately represent to others the extent of their education, training, experience and professional qualifications. Registrants shall not misrepresent or exaggerate the scope of their responsibility in connection with prior employment or assignments.

(8) Registrants shall not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one party, for services pertaining to the same project, unless the circumstances are fully disclosed and agreed to by all interested parties. The disclosure and agreement shall be in writing.

(9) Registrants shall make full disclosure, suitably documented, to their employers or clients of potential conflicts of interest, or other circumstances which could influence or appear to influence their judgment on significant issues or the unbiased quality of their services.

(10) Registrants shall not offer, give, solicit or receive, either directly or indirectly, any commission, contributions or valuable gifts, in order to secure employment, gain an unfair advantage over other registrants, or influence the judgment of others in awarding contracts for either public or private projects. This provision is not intended to restrict in any manner the rights of registrants to participate in the political process; to provide reasonable entertainment and hospitality; or to pay a commission, percentage or brokerage fee to a bona fide employee or bona fide established commercial or marketing agency retained by the registrant.

(11) Registrants shall not solicit or accept financial or other valuable consideration, either directly or indirectly, from contractors, suppliers, agents or other parties in return for endorsing, recommending or specifying their services or products in connection with work for employers or clients.

(12) Registrants shall not attempt to, directly or indirectly, injure the professional reputation, prospects of practice or employment of other registrants in a malicious, or false manner, or both.

(13) Registrants shall not reveal confidential, proprietary or privileged facts or data, or any other sensitive information obtained in a professional capacity without the prior consent of the client or employer except as authorized or required by law or rules of this board.

(14) Registrants having knowledge of any alleged violation of this Code shall cooperate with the proper authorities in furnishing information or assistance as may be required.

*AUTHORITY: section 327.041, RSMo 1986. \* Original rule filed Dec. 10, 1975, effective Jan. 10, 1976. Rescinded: Filed May 23, 1978, effective Sept. 11, 1978. Readopted: Filed Nov. 1, 1990, effective April 29, 1991. Amended: Filed Feb. 26, 1992, effective August 6, 1992.*

*\*Original authority: 327.041, RSMo 1969, amended 1981, 1986, 1989, 1993, 1995, 1999.*

**4 CSR 30-2.020 Code of Ethics—  
Professional Engineers**

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*Op. Atty. Gen. No. 339, Waterman, 12-13-66. Any corporation offering engineering services to the public must do so through the medium of a registered professional engineer. A company or corporation may not use the word engineer in its name to indicate to the public that it may provide professional engineering services unless there is a registered professional engineer employed by the company.*

**4 CSR 30-2.030 Code of Ethics—Land Surveyors**

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