

1 AN ACT in relation to the regulation of professions.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Architecture Practice Act of
5 1989 is amended by changing Sections 5, 6, and 14 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 305/5) (from Ch. 111, par. 1305)

7 Sec. 5. Architect defined; Acts constituting practice.
8 An architect is a person who is qualified by education,
9 training, experience, and examination, and who is licensed
10 under the laws of this State, to practice architecture.

11 The practice of architecture within the meaning and
12 intent of this Act includes the offering or furnishing of
13 professional services, such as consultation, environmental
14 analysis, feasibility studies, programming, planning,
15 aesthetic and structural design, technical submissions
16 ~~construction---documents~~ consisting of drawings and
17 specifications and other documents required in the
18 construction process, administration of construction
19 contracts, project representation, and construction
20 management, in connection with the construction of any
21 private or public building, building structure, building
22 project, or addition to or alteration or restoration thereof.
23 (Source: P.A. 86-702.)

24 (225 ILCS 305/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 1306)

25 Sec. 6. Technical submissions ~~Construction--documents~~.
26 All technical submissions ~~construction-documents~~ intended for
27 use in construction in the State of Illinois shall be
28 prepared and administered in accordance with standards of
29 reasonable professional skill and diligence. Care shall be
30 taken to reflect the requirements of State statutes and,

1 where applicable, county and municipal building ordinances in
 2 such submissions documents. In recognition that architects
 3 are licensed for the protection of the public health, safety
 4 and welfare, submissions documents shall be of such quality
 5 and scope, and be so administered, as to conform to
 6 professional standards.

7 Technical submissions ~~Construction--documents~~ are the
 8 designs, drawings and specifications which establish the
 9 scope of the architecture to be constructed, the standard of
 10 quality for materials, workmanship, equipment, and
 11 construction systems, and the studies and other technical
 12 reports and calculations prepared in the course of the
 13 practice of architecture.

14 (Source: P.A. 86-702.)

15 (225 ILCS 305/14) (from Ch. 111, par. 1314)

16 Sec. 14. Display of license; Seal. Every holder of a
 17 license as a licensed architect shall display it in a
 18 conspicuous place in the principal office of the architect.

19 Every licensed architect shall have a reproducible seal,
 20 or facsimile, the print of which shall contain the name of
 21 the architect, the license number, and the words "Licensed
 22 Architect, State of Illinois". The licensed architect shall
 23 affix the signature, current date, date of license expiration
 24 and seal to the first sheet of any bound set or loose sheets
 25 of technical submissions ~~construction--documents~~ utilized as
 26 contract documents or prepared for the review and approval of
 27 any governmental or public authority having jurisdiction by
 28 that licensed architect or under that licensed architect's
 29 responsible direct-supervision-and control. The sheet of
 30 technical submissions ~~construction--documents~~ in which the
 31 seal is affixed shall indicate those documents or parts
 32 thereof for which the seal shall apply. The seal and dates
 33 may be electronically affixed. The signature must be in the

1 original handwriting of the licensee. Signatures generated
2 by computer shall not be permitted. All technical
3 submissions ~~construction-documents~~ issued by any corporation,
4 partnership, professional service corporation, or
5 professional design firm as registered under this Act shall
6 contain the corporate or assumed business name and design
7 firm registration number, in addition to any other seal
8 requirements as set forth in this Section.

9 "Responsible control" means that amount of control over
10 and detailed professional knowledge of the content of
11 technical submissions during their preparation as is
12 ordinarily exercised by architects applying the required
13 professional standard of care. Merely reviewing or reviewing
14 and correcting the technical submissions or any portion
15 thereof prepared by those not in the regular employment of
16 the office where the architect is resident without control
17 over the content of such work throughout its preparation does
18 not constitute responsible control.

19 An architect licensed under the laws of this jurisdiction
20 shall not sign and seal technical submissions that were not
21 prepared by or under the responsible control of the architect
22 except that:

23 (1) the architect may sign and seal those portions
24 of the technical submissions that were prepared by or
25 under the responsible control of persons who hold a
26 license under this Act, and who shall have signed and
27 sealed the documents, if the architect has reviewed in
28 whole or in part such portions and has either coordinated
29 their preparation or integrated them into his or her
30 work;

31 (2) the architect may sign and seal portions of the
32 professional work that are not required by this Act to be
33 prepared by or under the responsible control of an
34 architect if the architect has reviewed and adopted in

1 whole or in part such portions and has integrated them
2 into his or her work; and

3 (3) a partner or corporate officer of a
4 professional design firm registered in Illinois who is
5 licensed under the architecture licensing laws of this
6 State, and who has professional knowledge of the content
7 of the technical submissions and intends to be
8 responsible for the adequacy of the technical
9 submissions, may sign and seal technical submissions that
10 are prepared by or under the responsible control of
11 architects who are licensed in this State and who are in
12 the regular employment of the professional design firm.

13 The architect exercising responsible control under which
14 the documents or portions of the documents were prepared
15 shall be identified on the documents or portions of the
16 documents by name and Illinois license number.

17 Any licensed architect who signs and seals technical
18 submissions not prepared by that architect but prepared under
19 the architect's responsible control by persons not regularly
20 employed in the office where the architect is resident shall
21 maintain and make available to the board upon request for at
22 least 5 years following such signing and sealing, adequate
23 and complete records demonstrating the nature and extent of
24 the architect's control over and detailed professional
25 knowledge of such technical submissions throughout their
26 preparation.

27 "Direct-supervision-and-control"-means-that-the-architect
28 has--exerted--sufficient--personal--supervision,-control,-and
29 review--of--the--activities--of--those--employed--to--perform
30 architectural-work-to-ensure-that-the-construction--documents
31 produced--by--those--so--employed-and-sealed-by-the-architect
32 meet-the--standards--of--reasonable--professional--skill--and
33 diligence--and-are-of-no-lesser-quality-than-if-they-had-been
34 produced-personally--by--the--architect.---The--architect--is

1 obligated--to--have--detailed--professional--knowledge--of--the
2 construction--documents--the--architect--seals--and--to--have
3 exercised--professional--judgement--in--all--architectural--matters
4 embodied--in--those--construction--documents.---Merely--reviewing
5 the--construction--documents--produced--by--others,--even--if--they
6 are--licensed,--does--not--constitute--"direct--supervision--and
7 control"--by--the--architect--unless--the--architect--has--actually
8 exercised--the--supervision--and--control--over--the--preparation--of
9 the--construction--documents--provided--for--in--this--Section.
10 (Source: P.A. 91-133, eff. 1-1-00.)