

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 between the parties to the contract or
27 prepared for the review and approval of any governmental or
28 public authority having jurisdiction by that licensed
29 architect or under that licensed architect's responsible
30 ~~direct-supervision--and~~ control. The sheet of technical
31 submissions ~~construction--documents~~ in which the seal is
32 affixed shall indicate those documents or parts thereof for
33 which the seal shall apply. The seal and dates may be

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

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

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

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

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

1 architect if the architect has reviewed and adopted in
2 whole or in part such portions and has integrated them
3 into his or her work; and

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

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

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

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

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