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California Council for Interior Design Certification

The standard for [interior designers](#) in the State of California

"Public protection through examination and Certification"

ETHICS

CCIDC protects the profession as a whole by establishing ethical standards for interior designers.

Protecting the public (CCIDC Code of Ethics)

1. A Certified Interior Designer shall not engage in any form of false or misleading advertising or promotional activities.
2. A Certified Interior Designer shall not make misleading, deceptive or false statements or claims about his/her professional qualifications, experience or performance and never mislead about the firm's qualifications.
3. A Certified Interior Designer shall refuse to undertake professional services that he or she is not qualified by education, training or experience to perform.
4. A Certified Interior Designer shall not by affirmative act or failure to act, engage in any conduct involving fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or dishonesty in professional or business activities.
5. A Certified Interior Designer shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin, age, handicaps or sexual orientation.

Protecting the client (CCIDC Code of Ethics)

1. A Certified Interior Designer should always have a contract or letter of agreement with the client. Before accepting an assignment, a designer shall reasonably inform the client in writing:
 - a. Of the scope and nature of the project involved of the interior design services to be performed;
 - b. Of the fees and method of remuneration for those services.
2. A Certified Interior Designer shall not materially change the scope of a project without the client's consent.
3. A Certified Interior Designer shall disclose in writing to his or her employers and clients prior to engagement with any direct or indirect financial interest that could affect impartiality in specifying project-related goods or services. If there is an objection from the client, the designer shall either terminate or withdraw from the engagement.
4. A Certified Interior Designer shall not reveal any information about a client which he or she has been asked or it is assumed to maintain in confidence. Such information may be disclosed if it is necessary:
 - a. To stop any act which creates a significant risk to public health and safety;
 - b. Or to prevent a violation of applicable or ethical law.

Protecting the profession (CCIDC Code of Ethics)



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1. A Certified Interior Designer shall pursue his or her professional activities with honesty, integrity, fairness and respect.
2. A Certified Interior Designer shall not participate in any negative discussion about other colleagues.
3. And have respect for another interior designer's or colleague's contractual and professional relationships.
4. A Certified Interior Designer shall not initiate or participate in any discussion or activity which might result in an unjust injury to another interior designer's or colleague's reputation or business relationships.
5. A Certified Interior Designer shall not plagiarize or accept instruction from his or her clients which knowingly involves plagiarism of another's work.
6. A Certified Interior Designer shall not take credit for work that has actually been created by another designer or under a designer's direction.
7. A Certified Interior Designer shall be able to objectively evaluate membership in professional associations for being a member implies approval of the actions of that association.

CCIDC Board processes complaints submitted to the CCIDC office. This is the process:

1. Written complaints concerning Certified Interior Designers are submitted to CCIDC (the form is on their Website).
2. Complaints are investigated with interviews with both parties.
3. The CCIDC Board of Directors reviews the information for a course of action.
4. Issue a suspension, letter or reprimand, requiring a course of action to correct problem or they permanently revoke the certification.
5. Complaint letter and Board of Director's decision is placed in CID's file.
6. Decision may be appealed by either party.

This information can be viewed in details at www.ccidc.org in the bylaws.