

## Code of Ethics and Discipline

A CPBD, regardless of affiliation, must agree to follow the principles of the Code of Ethics and Conduct. Disciplinary action resulting from violation of the Bylaws, Book of Rules and Code of Ethics may vary, and is dependent upon the severity of the infraction. Disciplinary action may range from loss of certification, fines, letters of reprimand, suspension, and probation or other such actions that might be deemed appropriate and reasonable.

### Preamble

Certified Professional Building Designers of the National Council of Building Designer Certification are committed to developing new improved design educational standards, encouraging inter-professional relations in the building industry and promoting research in the aesthetic and technical aspects of the profession. This commitment involves the public, whom they serve, and the profession whom they represent.

### General Obligations

Certified Professional Building Designers shall strive to improve and advance their knowledge and expertise in the Profession of Building Design and shall expend every effort to contribute to its improvement and growth. Certified Professional Building Designers shall:

- A. Continuously strive to demonstrate and improve both their knowledge and competence.
- B. Seek methods of improving the design standards of the day to the highest possible level.
- C. Attempt to promote public awareness, as it relates to evaluating professional competence in the building industry.

### Public Obligations

Certified Professional Building Designers shall strive to serve the public in every aspect of both professional and ethical conduct. Certified Professional Building Designers shall:

- A. Keep informed of all pertinent laws, ordinances and building codes.
- B. In no manner attempt to bribe or otherwise illegally influence the opinion of any local, state or federal official relating to either a current or prospective project with which they may be associated.
- C. Not engage in, assist, or be a party to any business practice which is, or could be, considered fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive.
- D. Be encouraged to become involved in community and civic activities that are beneficial to their community, state or nation.
- E. Not discriminate in their professional conduct on the basis of race, religion, gender, handicap or national origin.

### Professional Obligations

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Certified Professional Building Designers shall conduct their professional activities contributing to the health, welfare and safety of the public and to the advancement and understanding of their profession. Certified Professional Building Designers shall:

- A. Acting in a professional capacity, make clear whether statements or actions, are personal opinions, or have official direction and approval when such statements might be construed to represent the Council.
- B. Not make misleading statements regarding their expertise, qualifications or performance.
- C. Exercise reasonable effort in assuring that their work is in the best interest of public health, welfare and safety and to encourage such action in others of the building industry.

## **Enactment**

This Code of Ethics and Conduct shall be adopted by the Council and shall take effect at such time as determined by the resolution of adoption.

## **Application**

The Code of Ethics and Conduct applies to the professional activities of all designers certified by the National Council of Building Designer Certification.