

Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation

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Division of Professional Regulation: *Design Unit*

The Design Unit of the Division of Professional Regulation is responsible for maintaining the public health, safety, and welfare and to be subject to regulation and control in the public interest. Each Profession is governed by its respective Act that merits the confidence of the public, and that only qualified persons shall be authorized to engage in the practice of that profession in the State of Illinois.

The Design Unit oversees the Licensing and Registration for:

- ◆ Architecture
- ◆ Professional Land Surveying
- ◆ Professional Engineering
- ◆ Structural Engineering
- ◆ Professional Design Firm

Did you know?

Illinois licenses Professional Engineers and Structural Engineers separately. There is no overlap of licensure. Each profession has separate and distinct requirements for education, examination and experience.

A Professional Engineer in Illinois cannot offer or perform any Structural Engineering services and a Structural Engineer can only offer Structural Engineering services.

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About: the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation

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Department Mission:

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's mission is to utilize **responsive, innovative, transparent, and efficient** (R.I.T.E.) governance to create an ideal regulatory environment that (1) **allows economic growth to flourish**, and (2) **effectively optimizes consumer choice**.

Strategic Vision:

The IDFPR believes more can be done to ensure a faster, smarter and more accountable government — government that takes initiative to unite effective regulatory policy with exceptional service delivery.

Uniting effective regulatory policy and exceptional service delivery allows the IDFPR to accomplish its primary objective as a regulator: mitigating the effects of negative market externalities.

Effective management and consistent regulatory balance will benefit all Illinois citizens, making Illinois an ideal place to live and conduct business.

By setting a clear strategic vision, the IDFPR will be better equipped to continuously track progress, and engage both its employees and customers in building a safe, accessible, and prosperous Illinois.

Director of the Division of Professional Regulation: **Jessica A. Baer**

Governor Bruce Rauner appointed Jessica Baer as Director of Professional Regulation in September of 2016. Since March 2015, Ms. Baer has served as General Counsel of IDFPR, overseeing the entire legal department for the agency - providing input on a number of topics including pending litigation, labor issues, and legislation.

The Division of Professional Regulation licenses and regulates over 1 million professionals and firms in Illinois including a variety of healthcare related professions such as doctors, nurses, and veterinarian, as well as a variety of occupational professions such as CPAs, barbers, engineers, and detectives.

POINT OF INTEREST

DESIGN FIRM RENEWAL

The Professional Design Firm license is currently in renewal and will expire on 4/30/2017.

Make certain that your Design Firm has a valid email address listed with the Department to receive the renewal notices and new license email. **If you are unsure if the department has a valid email on file, contact us and we will update your information.**

Email: FPR.PRFGROUP02@illinois.gov

FILE A COMPLAINT ONLINE

Help us protect the public.

Complaints against any individual or entity regulated by the **Division of Professional Regulation** may be filed by contacting the Complaint Intake Unit.

To file a complaint, please use:

[Online Complaint Form](#)

Have Questions?

Call the Complaint Intake Unit at **312.814.6910**.



Design Profession Trivia



Q: Can a Design Firm advertise or solicit services in Illinois before the firm is registered with the IDFPR as a Design Firm?

A: No.

Pursuant to statute in each of the design professions, advertising or soliciting services in Illinois without a Professional Design Firm license is a violation and subject to discipline by the Department up to \$10,000 per violation.



Continuing Education

Visit the following sites for resources on available Continuing Education courses for your renewal requirements.

Architecture

www.aiail.org
www.alatoday.org

Professional Land Surveyor

www.iplsa.org

Professional Engineering

www.illinoisengineer.com

Structural Engineering

www.seaoi.org

Upcoming Board Meetings

We invite the public to attend the open session of our Board Meetings to gain a better understanding of what issues are prevalent in the respective professions.

May:

Architect – May 19, 2017 – Chicago

Structural Engineer – May 23, 2017 – Chicago

Professional Engineer – May 24, 2017 – Chicago

Land Surveyor – May 25, 2017 – Chicago

DESIGN Times

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Monthly Discipline Report

You may review the latest monthly discipline report here:

<http://www.idfpr.illinois.gov/News/Disciplines/DiscReports.asp>

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