

**MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Proposed Rule Revisions | Filed with MS SOS July 19, 2018

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Amendment to Existing Rule

Title 30 Part 202 Chapter 4: Mandatory Continuing Education Program

Rule 4.7 Penalty for Late Units.

The close of the two-year CEU reporting period occurs on December 31 of odd numbered calendar years. The penalty for CEUs earned late shall be \$500 for each biennial renewal period in which any number of the twenty-four (24) CEUs were deficient and earned after the close of the CE reporting period. Any CEUs earned after the December 31 close of the CEU reporting period are considered late. The registrant is required to self-report late CEUs during the application renewal. Failure to report late credits may constitute the submission of a false statement to the Board.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §73-2-15

New Chapter and Rules

Title 30 Part 202 Chapter 5: Code of Conduct for Participation as a Member of the Mississippi Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee

Rule 5.1 Purpose

To establish a set of principles and practices that will set parameters and provide guidance and direction in the conduct and decision-making of the members of the Mississippi State Board of Architecture (“Board”), the Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee and Interior Design Advisory Committee (collectively “Committees”). Members of the Board and Committees are committed to observing and promoting the highest standards of ethical conduct in the performance of their responsibilities. Each member of the Board and Committees pledges to accept this code as a minimum guideline for ethical conduct.

Rule 5.2 Legislative Mandate

Act with the Board’s mission in mind, which is to protect the public’s life, health and property through the regulation of the professions of architecture, landscape architecture and certified interior design.

Rule 5.3 Responsible Performance

Perform required duties in a manner that is responsible, professional and timely.

Rule 5.4 Registration

Be and remain a registrant in good standing.

Rule 5.5 Residency

Remain as a resident of the state for the duration of the term of appointment.

Rule 5.6 Conflicts of Interest

Avoid relationships that may interfere with the Board's mission of public protection, and be especially cognizant of conflict-of-interest issues.

Rule 5.7 Confidentiality

Respect and maintain the confidentiality of sensitive information obtained as a result of service to the Board.

Rule 5.8 Active Participation in Board Activities

Endeavor to attend and participate in Board and Committee meetings, avoiding absences as much as is possible.

Rule 5.9 Representation of the Board When Involved in Outside Activities

When attending meetings and conferences as a representative of the Board, endeavor to attend and participate in all relevant sessions, and to represent the Board and Committees in a professional manner.

Rule 5.10 Adherence to State Agency Laws

Abide by the laws of the state relevant to appointment to the Board or Committees and the proceedings thereunder.

Rule 5.11 Participation in Professional Organizations

Not serve as a voting member on the governing board of a Mississippi or national professional association if such position or organization presents a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, to the Board's mission of public protection. Any member serving as a voting member of an association, shall, if a conflict of interest arises, recuse himself or herself from voting on the matter on behalf of the association.

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Not be convicted of a felony while serving as a member.

Rule 5.14 Failure to Comply and Removal

If a member determines that he or she cannot abide by or has not abided by these requirements, the member shall voluntarily resign the member's position by written letter to the Governor, with a copy to the Board's Executive Director. Alternatively, the Board or Committees may, after appropriate action in an official Board meeting, submit a request to the Governor to remove and replace a member who fails to abide by this Code of Conduct or, who, by other means, demonstrates inefficiency, neglect of duty or dishonorable conduct.

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