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NOTICE

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Re: Use of the Term "Architect"

A degree in architecture is the first step in obtaining a certificate of registration as an architect. During your studies, you may be asked to prepare drawings by your instructors. You may even be expected to include a title block showing yourself as the architect of record. While this may be acceptable practice inside the classroom it is a violation of state law to call yourself an architect unless you have a certificate of registration with the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD). The term "architect" and its derivatives (architects, architecture, architectural) is a protected term and may not be used unless you are properly registered.

Don't forget about social media! Sites like Facebook, Twitter, Houzz, LinkedIn, etc. are great places to advertise that you are on the path to obtaining your Nevada architectural license but do not be misled into calling yourself an architect or architectural drafter/designer. Remember you must be registered with NSBAIDRD in order to use the term or any derivative of the term "architect" as stated in [NRS 623.180](#) and [NRS 623.360](#).

This also applies to individuals who are registered architects in other states. You may not call yourself an architect in the State of Nevada unless you hold a certificate of registration with the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD).

Additionally, you may be asked by friends and family to "draft" or prepare drawings for a project they have in mind. Don't do it! Preparing drawings for a project contemplated in Nevada without proper registration is also a violation of state law.

There are some circumstances where you may be allowed to prepare plans or specify furniture, fixtures, finishes, and equipment but these exemptions still do not allow you to call yourself an architect or imply that you are qualified to practice architecture. See [NRS 623.330](#).

All of the above applies to the terms "registered interior designer" and "residential designer" as those titles are also protected by Chapter 623 of Nevada Revised Statutes.

NSBAIDRD asks that all registrants share this information with their interns and help spread the word to unlicensed individuals.

Remember if you are unclear whether you need to be registered to proceed with something, please call the NSBAIDRD office. Ignorance does not absolve you from the penalties levied for violating the law.