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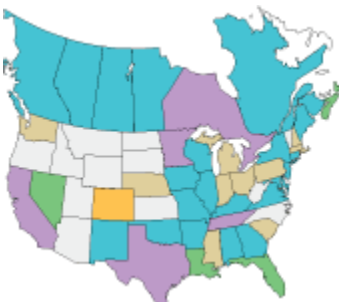
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Interior Design Laws of North America



- Title Act
- Practice Act
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Note From VP of GRA

At the close of this year I would like to take time to reflect on all the positive and exciting things that have occurred around the country legislatively. It has been a fantastic year and it has been great to see everyone's GRA progress. I am encouraged by the events that chapters have held and am excited to hear of the success of those I know are upcoming.

The GRA team at IIDA would like to wish all of you a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season. I look forward to a productive and successful New Year. Please know that we are here to assist and support your efforts.

Best Regards,

Laura Brett Tribble, IIDA, ASID
IIDA Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs

U.S. National Design Policy Summit

On November 11-12, Allison Levy, Managing Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs for IIDA, joined with fellow design field professionals for a U.S. National Design Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., led by Dr. Elizabeth (Dori) Tunstall, Associate Professor of Design Anthropology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The goal of the Summit was to create a shared actionable agenda of U.S. design policy for economic competitiveness and democratic governance among the professional design associations, design educational bodies, and the design-related Federal government agencies.

Click [here](#) for more information about the event and attendees.

IIDA Legislative Grants

Thank you to all Chapters who submitted Legislative Grant applications for 2009. Grant Award Letters have been distributed to Chapter Presidents and VPs of GRA. Awards are being given to a record 23 Chapters covering activity in 35 different states. It was not only exciting to read about all that is planned for the future, but encouraging to review all the progress made in 2008. Congratulations Chapters on your successes and thank you for all of your hard work!

- Legislation Introduced
- Title Act Enacted,
Practice Act Introduced



Get Published in GRAction

Do you have an article or image to share? Members are invited to submit content and images related to bill language, codes, coalitions, construction, interior design laws and regulations, legislation, and other issues relating to the practice of interior design to alevy@iida.org to be included in a future edition of GRAction.

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GRA Questions?

Contact [Allison Levy](#), Managing Director of GRA at IIDA HQ.

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Be the Future of Design with IIDA's 7th Annual Mentoring Week

IIDA Student Members are invited to participate in the **7th Annual IIDA Student Mentoring Week**, Feb. 2-6, 2009. [Student applications](#) are due by Dec. 15. If you are a professional interested in hosting a pair of IIDA students during Mentoring Week, submit [your application](#) by January 14.

Students who participate in Mentoring Week 2008 are eligible to participate in the **IIDA Foundation Lloy Hack Memorial Essay Competition**. The student who authors the winning essay about his or her Mentoring Week experience will receive \$1,000. The design firm where the student participated in IIDA Mentoring Week will also be awarded \$1,000.

In addition to the Lloy Hack Memorial Scholarship, the Association is pleased to extend another exciting opportunity to our Student Members. **Two Student Mentoring Week participants will be awarded an all expenses paid trip to NeoCon in Chicago, June 14-17, 2009!** The trip will include:

- *Guest speaking at IIDA's Annual Meeting*
- *Informational interviews with top Chicago firms*
- *Flight and hotel accommodations*
- *Guest speaking at our Chapter Leadership Council meeting*

To enter, send in one letter of recommendation, a copy of your resume and an essay (1000 words or fewer) addressing the following question: 2010 is being positioned as the Decade of Design. Why do you think this is? How will you contribute to this decade? Entries can be sent electronically to [Christa Koskosky](#), or mail them to her attention at: 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 567, Chicago, IL 60654

Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with key Association and profession leaders! Entries must be received by Feb. 18. Winners will be announced in March. This information is subject to change.

State GRA Updates

Carolinas Chapter

In South Carolina, the Chapter is working with the South Carolina Interior Design Association and getting into the holiday spirit with gift wrapping fundraisers at Barnes and Noble stores across the state. It's not too late to participate! Contact your local City Center director for dates and times in your location.

Plans are underway in South Carolina for Interior Design Day 2009. New to this year's agenda will be a CEU lunch event. Details will be announced in the coming weeks. South Carolina coalition representatives continue to meet with legislators to educate them on the

Illinois Chapter

The Illinois Chapter, in conjunction with the Illinois Interior Design Coalition-PAC (IIDC), is in the process of getting Illinois designers more aware about the importance of being registered with the State in order to obtain their Interior Design license. Click [here](#) to read a series of articles published by IIDC on the importance of registration.

The IIDA Illinois Chapter is also working with IIDC and ASID-Illinois on an ad campaign geared toward the design community on the importance of registration. The campaign is scheduled to be rolled out sometime in February

profession of interior design and impact of interior design on the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of South Carolina.

In North Carolina, the Design Professionals of North Carolina, an alliance of ASID, IIDA, IDS, HPDC, and NKBA are meeting regularly to continue the positive momentum that resulted from this summer's sales tax victory. The DPNC is a unique organization whose mission is to connect interior design professionals in North Carolina through the gathering and dissemination of information on matters affecting the conduct of our business.

Georgia Chapter

John Gaul, IIDA, the Vice President of GRA for the Georgia Chapter, is also serving as the Chapter representative to the Board of Directors of the Georgia Alliance of Interior Designers (GAIDP), the state's legislative coalition. In this role, he is working closely with the organization in planning the Second Annual "Designers Day at the Capitol" Event (date TBA). Plans are in the works to provide an opportunity for Interior Designers to meet with their legislators, hear informative speakers, and participate in CEU courses to be scheduled in conjunction with the day's events. Local student chapter members have been invited to deliver (en masse) a poster sized letter/appeal to the legislators for positive legislative actions with regard to the profession. The GRA committee is currently seeking interested professional and student chapter members who would be interested in volunteering to participate in the planning and orchestration of this exciting event. For information, please contact John Gaul at (404) 441-1273.

Great Plains Chapter

The 30th Year Anniversary Celebration at the Iowa State University, College of Design was a very successful event. Distinguished alum and industry leader, Cary D. Johnson, IIDA, LEED AP, of Gensler and Associates spoke regarding

2009. A logo has also been recently developed for the same purpose, and this new logo will be displayed at all forthcoming IIDA Illinois Chapter functions.

Northern Pacific Chapter

Northern Pacific Chapter had its first Legislative 101 talk this fall with guest speaker from IIDA HQ Allison Levy and IDCW Coalition President-elect Emily Moses. The event was a success. The IDCW Coalition will be introducing Practice Act legislation in January 2009.

Ohio / Kentucky Chapter

The Columbus City Center partnered with the Coalition of Interior Designers for Legislation in Ohio (CIDLO) to host a Wine and Chocolate Pairing as part of a membership drive in November. Information regarding the Coalition's efforts, "myths" about the legislation and the importance of the impact of interior design on the health, safety and welfare of the public was presented.

The Chapter would also like to invite designers to join CIDLO and for current members to renew their memberships for 2009. Visit [CIDLO online](#) for additional information about becoming a member and getting involved.

Oregon Chapter

This past year the IIDA Oregon Chapter has worked with the grassroots organization IDC-Oregon to promote legislation for the interior design profession. IIDA and IDC-Oregon held a health, safety, and welfare forum with Professor Denise Guerin in May. IIDA Oregon co-sponsored one of IDC-Oregon's town hall meetings. The first focused on what interior designers do that impacts the health, safety, and welfare of the public and how interior design professionals market their skills. The second town hall focused on the future of the profession, education and minimum standards of competency. The third town hall will focus on legislation and

the Importance of Registration in Interior Design. Professionals and students attended the November 6 event in Ames, Iowa.

For information about registering in Iowa, please contact, Sylvia R. King, Executive Director, Iowa Registered Interior Design Examining Board, 1920 SE Hulsizer Road, Ankeny, IA 50021; Phone 515.281.7356, or contact Kathy Stavneak, IIDA, 515-213-4469.

The Halloween party and coalition fundraiser in Nebraska was a great success! Thanks to all who attended.

Mark your calendar for upcoming events in Nebraska! Jan. 17: Codes review seminar CEU with national industry leaders roundtable and Q/A. Early January: State Senators Meet and Greets begin. Feb. 11: Proclamation Day, including a breakfast for the Senators, opportunities for student work reviews, and a proclamation by the Governor that February is Interior Design Health, Safety and Welfare Month.

For additional information about legislative activities in Nebraska, please contact [Jessica Doolittle](#), IIDA, by email or phone, 402.334.2422.

is scheduled for January 27th.

IIDA will continue collaborating with IDC-Oregon as well as promote professionalism within our own organization through NCIDQ study groups and reaching out to the business community. For more information on how you can get involved, contact the IIDA-Oregon VP of GRA.

Pennsylvania / New Jersey / Delaware Chapter

The IIDA PA|NJ|DE Chapter's Pittsburgh City Center will be co-sponsoring (with ASID PA West) an event called "PURE" that donates 100% of the proceeds to the Interior Design Legislative Coalition of Pennsylvania (IDLCPA). Last year about \$24,000 were raised! View the [Save the Date](#) to learn how you can get involved.

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