

## **CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Ethical, responsible, professional behaviour results not from edict but rather from a positive, inward force of the individual. The most effective influence towards a high ethical standard is positive, consistent, ethical action in the practice of their profession by the members of their Society.

The following Articles express, in general terms, the professional conduct expected of landscape architects.

1. The landscape architect shall exert every effort toward the preservation and protection of our natural resources and toward understanding the interaction of economic and social systems with those resources.
2. The landscape architect has social and environmental responsibility to reconcile human needs and the natural environment with minimal disruption to the natural systems.
3. The landscape architect furthers the welfare and advancement of his profession by constantly striving to provide the highest level of professional services.
4. The landscape architect shall serve his client or employer with integrity, understanding, knowledge, and creative ability and shall respond morally and ethically to social, political, economic and technological influence.
5. The landscape architect shall avoid even the appearance of improper professional conduct.

### **GUIDELINES FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

The following guidelines express the desired level of professional conduct expected of landscape architects:

1. A landscape architect shall not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, bribery or misrepresentation.
2. A landscape architect shall not indulge in self-laudatory, exaggerated, misleading or false publicity or solicit or permit others to solicit in his name advertisements for any publication presenting his work.

3. A landscape architect shall not undertake any activity or employment, have any significant financial or other interests or accept any contribution if it would reasonably appear that such activity, employment, interests or contribution could compromise his professional judgment or prevent him from serving the best interest of his client or employer. A landscape architect shall make full disclosure to his client or employer, at the earliest possible opportunity, of any financial interest which even remotely bears upon his services and/or the project for which the services are being rendered.
4. A landscape architect shall report truthfully and clearly to his prospective client or employer his qualifications and capabilities to perform services. After being selected for his professional qualifications a landscape architect shall reach an agreement with his client or employer as to the nature and extent of the services he will provide and his compensation.
5. A landscape architect shall not give, lend or promise anything of value to any public official in order to influence or attempt to influence the official's judgment or actions on letting design contracts.
6. A landscape architect shall not attempt to obtain, offer to undertake, or accept a commission for which he knows another legally qualified individual or firm has been selected or employed until he has evidence that the latter agreement has been terminated, and he gives the latter written notice that he is so doing.
7. A landscape architect shall recognize the contribution of others engaged in the planning, design, and construction of the physical environment and shall not knowingly make false statements about their professional work, nor maliciously injure or attempt to injure the prospects, practice or employment position of those so engaged.
8. A landscape architect shall encourage education and research and the development and dissemination of useful, technical information relating to the planning, design and construction of the physical environment.
9. A landscape architect shall, in matters where the public interest may be adversely affected, firstly inform the employer or client and secondly if necessary inform other affected parties and give public disclosure of the consequences, (together with the landscape architect's professional recommendations).