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# Regulations Update and the Regulatory Process

*By Roberta Silver, Esquire, Board Counsel*

Each year, licensing boards in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) propose and adopt numerous regulations and amendments. Some regulations, such as fees for examinations and renewals, are required by statute. In other instances, boards make changes to long-standing policy or wish to enact new standards of professional conduct for licensees.

## Act 48 Violations

In the past year, the board amended its Act 48 regulations. Act 48 authorizes BPOA agents to issue citations and impose civil penalties under schedules adopted by BPOA's commissioner, in consultation with BPOA's boards and commissions. Act 48 citations streamline the disciplinary process by eliminating the need for formal orders to show cause, answers, adjudications and orders, and consent agreements. At the same time, licensees who receive an Act 48 citation retain their due process right of appeal prior to the imposition of discipline.

This board's amended Act 48 violations include penalties for unlicensed practice, practicing on a lapsed or expired license, and practice in Pennsylvania by architecture firms that are not registered with the board. The amended regulations can be found in the Pennsylvania Code at 49 Pa. Code §43b.11a.

## "Rolling Clock" Regulations

Also, in an effort to be less stringent in its requirements concerning examination eligibility, the board is implementing and currently enforcing new regulations with regard to the time frame in which the passed divisions of the architect registration examination (ARE) remain valid. Under the board's current regulations, "[a]n architectural degree candidate applying for first-time licensure is required to pass the entire professional licensure

examination of the board within five years of the date of eligibility to take the examination." 49 Pa. Code § 9.46(b). Passing the entire examination requires that each candidate pass all nine divisions of the examination within five years of the date of eligibility to take the examination. Under this current regulation, if a candidate passes eight divisions within the five-year period, but still has one more division to complete and the eligibility period ends, that candidate would lose all eight divisions of the examination that had been passed and would be required to take the entire examination all over again.

On Jan. 1, 2006, the National Council of Architecture Registration Boards (NCARB) instituted a "rolling clock" standard for examination eligibility. According to NCARB's guidelines, exam candidates who have passed all divisions of the ARE by Jan. 1, 2006, regardless of when any division was taken, will have passed the ARE. Exam candidates who have passed one or more, but not all, divisions of the ARE by Jan. 1, 2006, will have five years to pass all remaining divisions. A passing grade for any division taken after Jan. 1, 2006, will be valid for five years. If all divisions are not passed by Dec. 31, 2011, any division taken after Jan. 1, 2006, that has a pass date over five years old will be dropped and must be taken again. Pass dates less than five years old will remain valid until they exceed the five-year age limit. NCARB's guidelines further state that divisions taken before Jan. 1, 2006, will not have to be retaken.

Individual states are not bound by NCARB's guidelines. This board has adopted NCARB's guidelines with respect to the "rolling clock" with one exception: candidates who have passed at least one ARE division by Jan. 1, 2006, and are, therefore, already in the system. Those candidates will have five years to complete the entire examination. If the candidate does not complete the entire examination within five years, any division that the candidate has passed that is older than five years will drop off and the candidate

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# Should Pennsylvania Architects Have Mandatory Continuing Education for Licensure?

*By Dennis R. Connell, President/Professional Member*

Many of you, especially those of you who hold licenses in other jurisdictions, are aware of the movement to implement mandatory continuing education for maintenance of an architect license. Pennsylvania is now at a critical juncture in regard to this issue and the board would like to hear your thoughts, support or concerns with respect to this subject.

Mandatory continuing education (MCE) for architects has been around for more than a decade. In the early 1990s, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) took the lead in supporting lifelong learning by adopting a requirement for continuing education as a mandate for AIA membership. AIA's stated position was that, as a professional society, it had an obligation to set a higher standard for its members and the profession.

In short order, licensing jurisdictions, generally as the result of advocacy by AIA's state components, began implementing laws and regulations requiring mandatory continuing education for licensure within its jurisdictions. A report issued by the AIA in 2005 indicates that 35 jurisdictions in the United States had MCE in place for maintaining an architect's license. Seven other jurisdictions had enabling legislation in place. But these seven had not implemented the regulations to activate the requirement.

Due to the proliferation of jurisdictions adopting MCE, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has embraced MCE. NCARB's position entails establishing uniform requirements in an attempt to mitigate issues regarding reciprocal licensing among its member organizations — the licensing boards throughout the United States and Canada.

During the last Pennsylvania legislative session, House Bill 3034 was introduced in the General Assembly and referred to the Committee

on Professional Licensure in October 2006. The amendment to the Architects Licensure Law included provisions for the board to “establish, adopt, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this act establishing requirements for continuing education to be satisfied by all individuals holding a certificate to engage in the practice of architecture as a condition of certificate renewal.” The amended act remained in committee until the end of the legislative session in December 2006, where it died in committee.

In order for the board to implement MCE regulations, a new bill requiring MCE must be reintroduced. Accordingly, the board was contacted to determine whether or not it is in support of the previously introduced HB 3034. At a work session held by the board in March, the board agreed that it would not support the proposed bill because it contained specific provisions that would limit the flexibility of the board in respect to establishing regulations for implementing the act. However, the board generally agreed to support MCE for licensure.

It must be noted that the medical, legal and engineering professions in Pennsylvania all have MCE for maintaining their licenses. So this is a legislative initiative that, in all likelihood, will receive little opposition in the legislature.

As you can see, licensees in Pennsylvania may soon be required to complete continuing education to hold a license to practice architecture. The board would appreciate hearing from you as we consider and debate this proposal and the regulations that will be required should an act be promulgated. The time to express yourself is while the issue is being considered. Your opinion can influence the outcome.

## Board Member Profiles

### **Dennis R. Connell, RA, President**

Dennis Connell is the owner of Form Space Design Architects, a five-person architectural firm. Established in 1983, the firm practices in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. Though it specializes in religious architecture, Form Space Design Architects has completed more than 700 projects for a variety of client types.

A 1974 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, Connell has been a practicing architect for almost 30 years, and a board member since 2002.

From 1994 to 1996, Connell represented Pennsylvania as the regional director on the American Institute of Architects board of directors. He was president of the Pennsylvania Society of Architects (PSA) in 1992, and served on PSA's board for six years. Currently, Connell is in his second year on the NCARB Architecture Registration Exam Grading Committee and was on NCARB's ARE Graphics Subcommittee for two years.

A Bethlehem resident, Connell serves on the City of Bethlehem Code Board of Appeals.

To unwind, he participates in activities with the British Car Club of Lehigh Valley and the Philadelphia Region of the Sports Car Club of America.

### **Dionysios (Dion) G. Rassias, Esquire, Vice President**

Dion Rassias of the Beasley Firm was appointed to the board in February 2002. In October 2003, he was selected by American Lawyer Media as one of Pennsylvania's 40 best lawyers under the age of 40. The Pennsylvania Senate appointed Rassias in January 2004 as a member of the Joint State Government Commission Task Force on Real Property Law.

Rassias completed his undergraduate studies in three years at Stanford University and Dickinson College. He graduated from Duquesne University School of Law, where he

was an academic selection to the law review, and a two-time trial moot court champion. He is admitted to practice in the bars of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Claims. He serves on various professional committees and associations, and also maintains an extensive pro bono commitment.

### **Michael C. Gerdes, Esquire**

Michael C. Gerdes joined the board on March 15, 2007, as the designee of Linda J. Williams, director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General. Gerdes has been a deputy attorney general in the Harrisburg Regional Office of the Bureau of Consumer Protection since 2005. His primary responsibilities include civil enforcement of the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law and other consumer-oriented laws and regulations. He also participates in multistate investigations and working groups organized through the National Association of Attorneys General. Prior to joining the Office of Attorney General, Gerdes served as a prosecuting attorney with the Department of State from 2002 through 2005. As a prosecuting attorney, he handled disciplinary actions before several of the professional licensure boards and commissions, including the state boards of Cosmetology, Barber Examiners, Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine and Nursing.

Gerdes received his Bachelor of Arts degree in government and his law degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Originally from the Harrisburg area, he currently lives in Mechanicsburg with his wife, Kelly, and daughter, Sarah.

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will be required to retake the “stale” division of the examination. Thus, the candidate will not lose the entire examination, as the board’s current regulation requires — only those divisions that have a pass date older than five years.

### General Revisions

The board is currently reviewing all its regulations and will begin amending any regulation that is ambiguous or inconsistent with the board’s current policies.

### How a Regulation Becomes Law: A Brief Overview

Whether a new regulation is necessary, or changes to old regulations are made, all proposed rulemaking of the boards must be adopted under the law and procedures spelled out in the Commonwealth Documents Law, the Commonwealth Attorneys Act and the Regulatory Review Act.

The Commonwealth Documents Law requires the board or commission that wishes to enact a new rule to publish a proposal in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, the official publication of important documents for all commonwealth agencies. The proposal announces the intention of the agency and explains to the public why the regulation is necessary or benefits the public. The public can comment or object to the board’s proposal for 30 days after publication. Thereafter, the board can propose a final rulemaking, which is also published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

The Regulatory Review Act requires the board or commission to submit the proposal to the House and Senate standing committees which have oversight over all licensing boards in BPOA and the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC). The board proposal is submitted to the regulatory reviewers at the time it is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. The public comments received by the board or commission are also sent to the committees

and IRRC. In turn, the committees or IRRC submit comments to the board and/or commission.

Licensing boards and commissions must consider public, legislative and IRRC comments when a final regulation is proposed. An agency has two years from the close of the public comment period to submit a final-form regulation. The final-form regulation is again submitted to the House and Senate standing committees and to IRRC. The committees and IRRC review the board’s final rulemaking, resulting in an action to either approve or disapprove the regulation. The committees have 20 days within which to act. When they do, IRRC is notified. Thereafter, IRRC considers the final rulemaking, and may approve or disapprove the regulation, irrespective of the action taken by the legislative committees. If IRRC approves the regulation, publication of the final regulation is authorized.

IRRC’s disapproval of a proposed final regulation bars publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. The board or commission then has a seven-day period in which it may notify the House and Senate committees and IRRC that it intends to proceed with final rulemaking, notwithstanding the disapproval. If a board or commission decides to resubmit the final rulemaking, it may do so within 40 days of IRRC’s original disapproval.

As with any state agency, the licensing board or commission can submit the regulation without any changes, or it can make revisions to its proposal and submit a revised regulation intended to address the concerns raised in the disapproval. When no changes are made to final-form regulation, the committees have 14 days to report a concurrent resolution. A resolution would bar publication unless the governor successfully (without override) vetoes the resolution.

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## Board Member Profiles

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### Ana Guzman, AIA, FAUA

Ana Guzman retired from the University of Pittsburgh in April 2005 after 26 years. She held the positions of project manager, project architect, director of planning and design, and associate vice chancellor for facilities management.

Born in Cordoba, Argentina, Guzman graduated from the Universidad Nacional de Cordoba, School of Architecture and Urban Planning with a degree in architecture. After moving to Pittsburgh, she worked for 12 years in private practice.

Guzman is a registered architect in Pa., a member and past president of the Association of University Architects (AUA), a member of the Board of Appeals of the City of Pittsburgh and a trustee of The Ellis School.

### Christine DeOliveira Carl, RA

Christine DeOliveira Carl graduated from Temple University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree. She studied one semester in Rome, Italy, in 1986.

Carl currently serves as project architect for W2A Design Group (Wallace & Watson Associates PC), where she has worked for 12

years on educational, religious, commercial, municipal and institutional projects.

She received her Pa. license in 1991 and LEED professional accreditation in 2006. She maintains an active membership in the AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, having served as an officer from 1995 through 1999, including as president in 1999 and awards committee chair in 2000.

Carl is also involved with The Boy Scouts of America Minsi Trails Council Learning for Life Career Awareness Program. She has teamed up with girls and young women in numerous Girl Scouts of America Great Valley Council programs.

She is proud to have participated in the Habitat for Humanity Women Build 2000 project, and has maintained an active involvement with the St. Ann School Home and School Association since 2001.

Carl was appointed to the board in 2006. She lives in Emmaus with her husband, Tom, and two children.

### Jon Willingham Shimm, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP

Jon Shimm has been with the firm of Burt Hill for the 16 years he's lived in Pittsburgh, and was made a principal in 2000. He has managed a broad range of projects for the Pittsburgh, Washington and Philadelphia offices, serving primarily developer, corporate, higher education and government clients.

Jon is the principal in charge of the general practice/residential studio, which is currently involved in a number of major projects in Atlanta, Ga.; Wilmington, Del.; and Allentown. This studio has been responsible for most of Burt Hill's luxury high rise projects around the country and has spawned the firm's entry into the residential market.

Jon has done considerable work for the U.S. General Services Administration. His corporate clients have included PPG, Bayer USA, Mellon

#### REMINDERS

**Licensees must contact the board with any changes in name or address.**

Name changes require a copy of a court order, marriage certificate, divorce decree or other official document.

**Licensees must also notify the board within 90 days if another state board takes disciplinary action against them.**

Criminal convictions must be reported to the board within 30 days.

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Bank and Reed Smith. His higher education portfolio includes projects for LaRoche College in Pittsburgh; Allegheny College in Meadville; the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga.; and Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, W.Va.

Prior to joining Burt Hill, Shimm practiced in Atlanta, where his work focused on hospitality and art facilities. A Durham, N.C., native, he attended George School, Hampshire College, and received his masters of architecture from Columbia University. Shimm is a past president of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and of AIA Pennsylvania.

### **Harry Rutledge, RA**

Harry Rutledge was born and raised in Kansas. He has been registered in 13 states and the United Kingdom. After earning his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Kansas in 1964, he worked in Kansas City for two years, then spent a year in England with the Leeds Regional Hospital Board. For the next five years, he was regional director in the Bahamas for a London AEP firm.

Rutledge continued his academic studies in Scotland, where he earned his Masters in Rural and Regional Resource Planning degree from Aberdeen University. He then returned to Kansas and, for the next 13 years, operated an architecture and planning firm.

In 1987, Rutledge joined the York, Pa., firm of BASCO Associates/Buchart Horn Architects Engineers and Planners. In 2003, he retired from the York firm as senior vice president in charge of architecture. Currently, he serves as a consultant to BASCO, acts as an expert witness and is a consultant to architects and engineers in school planning.

He has served as an officer and board member on the Freeport Architects Association, Bahamas Society of Architects and Engineers, Kansas Society of Architects, AIA Pennsylvania and the American Institute of Architects.

His daughter, Tavia, is an environmental engineer in Hoboken, N.J. Daughter Paula is a licensed nurse practitioner in Orlando, Fla.

### **Pedro J. Rivera, Esquire**

Pedro Rivera is vice president, financial planner for Wachovia Wealth Management where he works with law firms and attorneys on sophisticated estate and financial planning strategies. Prior to joining Wachovia, Rivera served as trust advisor to PNC Wealth Management. He spent the past four years in the financial services industry with experience in trust administration and financial planning. His personal financial services experience consisted of working with high net-worth individuals and families.

In 1988, Rivera received his bachelors of science degree in business administration from the University of South Florida, and his juris doctor degree from Western New England College School of Law in 1991.

In 2005, he was named "Lawyers on the Fast Track" by the American Lawyer Media. He currently chairs the *Asociacion de Puertorriquenos en Marcha* (APM), and serves on the boards of the Delaware Valley Legacy Fund, ACTION AIDS and the Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the membership committee for the Financial Planners Association (FPA) Philadelphia Chapter, and is past president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Pa., and region IV past president of the Hispanic National Bar Association. He is also a member of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations. For the Philadelphia bar, Rivera serves on the Education Committee for the Probate and Trust section. He also served in the Judicial Retention and Selection Committee and currently serves on the American Bar Association's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession.

## Disciplinary Actions

*Following is a chronological listing of disciplinary actions taken by the board from Jan. 1, 2005, through Dec. 31, 2006. Each entry includes the name, certificate or registration number (if any), and last known address of the respondent; the disciplinary sanction imposed; a brief description of the basis of the disciplinary sanction; and the effective date of the disciplinary sanction.*

*Every effort has been made to ensure that the following information is correct. However, this information should not be relied on without verification from the Prothonotary's Office of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. One may obtain verification of individual disciplinary action by writing or telephoning the Prothonotary's Office at P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649; (717) 772-2686.*

*Please note that the names of persons listed below may be similar to the names of persons who have not been disciplined by the board.*

**Duncan W. Buell**, license no. RA004669B of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$4,500 civil penalty and had a public reprimand placed on his permanent board record. Buell practiced architecture on eight occasions and used the title of architect on four occasions during the time his certificate to practice had expired. (03-17-05)

**Roy H. Taylor**, license no. RA009963X of Canton, Ga., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and had a public reprimand placed on his permanent board record.

Taylor practiced architecture in Pa. after his certificate had lapsed. (03-17-05)

**Richard Pedranti**, license N/A, of Milford, Pike County, was assessed a \$5,000 civil penalty because Pedranti violated the Act by three counts of unlicensed practice at 63 P.S. Section 34.9(c), and 63 P.S. Section 34.18(a) and violated the Code by two counts of unlicensed practice at 49 Pa. Code Section 9.175(a). (03-18-05)

**Tom Jannetides**, license no. RA014666B, of Indianapolis, Ind., was revoked based on disciplinary action taken against him by the state of Tenn. (03-24-05)

**Richard E. Molenaar**, license no. RA014458B, of Memphis, Tenn., was suspended until such time as he can establish that he has satisfied all requirements of the Tenn. board's May 1, 2001 final order and that his Tenn. license has been reinstated to unrestricted status, by reason of disciplinary action taken against him in that state. (03-24-05)

**Stanley H. Womack**, license no. RA005619X of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because Womack failed to comply with a lawful disciplinary order of the board. (05-19-05)

**Robert S. Browne**, license no. RA004066X, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty for failing to timely renew his license. (07-21-05)

**Charles L. Desmone, II**, license no. RA012047X of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$4,700 civil penalty because Desmone practiced architecture by using his stamp or seal a total

of twenty times during a period when he held no current valid certificate issued by the board to engage in the practice of architecture. (07-21-05)

**Ellis L. Schmidlapp**, license no. RA007994X, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was publicly reprimanded and assessed a \$3,000 civil penalty because Schmidlapp sealed or stamped drawings when his certificate to practice architecture was expired. (07-21-05)

**Elisabeth H. Knapp**, license no. RA011323X, of Swarthmore, Delaware County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty for failing to timely renew her license. (07-21-05)

**Charles R. Ansell**, license no. RA012351B, of Virginia Beach, Va., was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because Ansell sealed or stamped drawings for a project when his license to practice architecture in Pa. was not active. (11-17-05)

**David G. Dickinson**, license no. RA015508B, of Cleveland, OH, was assessed a \$1,500 civil penalty because Dickinson sealed or stamped drawings when his certificate to practice architecture in Pa. was expired. (11-17-05)

**Thomas E. Hall**, license no. RA009622X, of Wayne, Delaware County, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty because Hall, through an administrative oversight, unintentionally failed to renew his license to practice architecture in Pa. (11-17-05)

**John E. Kosar**, license no. RA004549X, of Butler, Butler

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County, was assessed a \$3,000 civil penalty because Kosar sealed or stamped drawings when his certificate to practice in Pa. was expired. (11-17-05)

**Mark E. Honchell**, license no. RA006842X of Towanda, Bradford County, paid a \$1,000 civil penalty because Honchell practiced architecture on an expired license. (03-16-06)

**Melham Associates, PC**, license no. AX001238L, of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, paid a \$4,000 civil penalty because it permitted its director of architecture to supervise architectural projects without being a shareholder of its professional corporation. (03-16-06)

**Albert A. Drobka**, license no. RA007923X of State College, Centre County, was assessed a \$2,500 civil penalty. Drobka sealed or stamped drawings when his certificate was expired. (05-18-06)

**Alexander J. Belavitz**, license no. RA015326X of Wilkes Barre, Luzerne County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because Belavitz sealed or stamped drawings when his certificate was expired. (05-18-06)

**Richard W. Thom**, license no. RA008850X of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, paid a \$500 civil penalty. Thom sealed or stamped drawings when his certificate was expired. (05-18-06)

**Todd T. Breck**, license no. RA009256B of Wilmington, Del., paid a \$500 civil penalty. Breck sealed or stamped drawings when his certificate was expired. (05-18-06)

**Kenneth F. Wilkins**, license no. RA004446X, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, paid a \$500 civil penalty. Wilkins sealed or stamped drawings when his certificate was expired. (07-20-06)

**Richard Walker**, license no. RA006598B, of Newtown, Bucks County, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty. Walker practiced architecture when his certificate was expired. (09-21-06)

**Donald S. Wirt**, license no. RA010313X, of Chester Springs, Chester County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty. Wirt sealed or stamped drawings when his certificate was expired. (07-20-06)

**Brett Webber**, license no. RA015024B, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, paid a \$500 civil penalty. Webber sealed or stamped drawings when his certificate was expired. (07-20-06)

**J.A. LeFevre**, license no. RA012055X, of Selinsgrove, Snyder County, paid a \$1,000 civil penalty. LeFevre sealed or stamped drawings when his certificate was expired. (07-20-06)

**Kurt H. Cushwa**, license no. RA-008518-B, of Hagerstown, Md., was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty. Cushwa sealed or stamped drawings when his certificate was expired. (09-21-06)

**Ernest Romanini, Jr.**, license no. RA012343B, of Lemont, Centre County, was assessed a \$5,000 civil penalty. Romanini practiced architecture when his certificate was expired. (11-30-06)

**Gregory Hardner**, unlicensed, of Erie, Erie County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for one count of practicing the profession of an architect without the required license. (11-30-06)

**A. Richard Glance**, license no. RA009888X of Carnegie, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$1,500 civil penalty because Glance practiced architecture on a lapsed license. (03-15-07)

**Thomas Kirby Hartley**, license no. RA008286B, of Sewickley, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty because Hartley impressed his seal on drawings or other design documents after his certificate had expired and practiced architecture and through the use of a card, sign or device implied he was an architect, all after his certificate had expired. (03-15-07)

**Terry F. Crockett**, license no. RA011137X, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was indefinitely suspended and a public reprimand was placed on his permanent board record because Crockett pled guilty to two counts of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude. (03-15-07)

**James Wyper, III**, license no. RA008016X, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty

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because Wyper, through an administrative oversight, unintentionally failed to renew his license and practiced architecture while his license was lapsed. (03-15-07)

**M. John Lew III**, license no. RA010538X of State College, Centre County, was assessed a \$1,400 civil penalty because he practiced on a lapsed certificate and used the title "Architect" or a card, sign or device implying he was an architect, without holding a

current valid certificate. (05-17-07)

**Francis X. Sloan**, license no. RA009791B of Cresco, Monroe County, was assessed a \$5,000 civil penalty because Sloan engaged in, or offered to engage in, the practice of architecture; used the title "architect" or any indication that he was competent to practice architecture; and impressed his seal on drawings, specifications or other designs, while his license was expired. (05-17-07)

### UNETHICAL OR UNLICENSED ACTIVITY

If you believe the practice or service provided by a licensed professional to be unethical, below an acceptable standard or out of the scope of the profession; or if you are aware of unlicensed practice, please call the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs complaints hotline at:

**In Pennsylvania:**  
1-800-822-2113

**Out of State:** 1-717-783-4854

A complaint form is available on the Department of State's Web site at [www.dos.state.pa.us](http://www.dos.state.pa.us)

## Regulations Update

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Under the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, the Attorney General must approve all regulations before they are final. Once a regulation is published, it becomes law.

## LICENSEE COUNTS

*As of Aug. 16, 2007*

**Registered Architect - 7,101**  
**Architecture Firm - 1,549**  
**Total - 8,650**

### Reminder...

## Renew Your License Online

### You are eligible to renew online if:

- You are currently in your license renewal period
- Your license is delinquent by no more than 30 days

### First-time users need the following information:

- Pennsylvania License Number
- Registration Code
- Current mailing address
- Credit Card information
- E-mail address

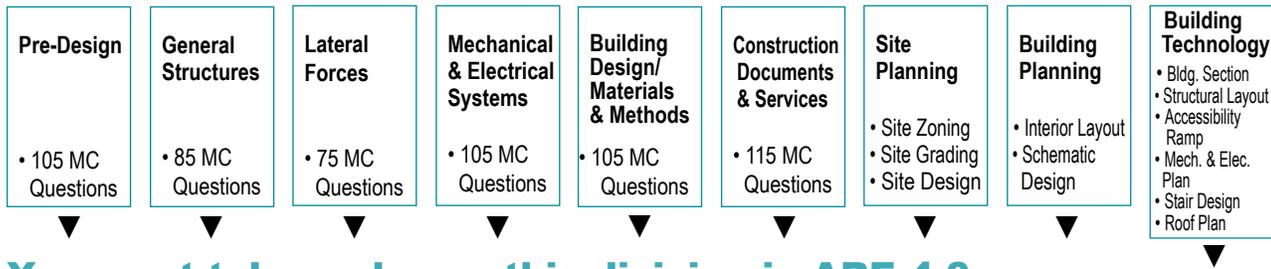
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Click on **RENEW a Professional License** ([www.myLicense.state.pa.us](http://www.myLicense.state.pa.us)).

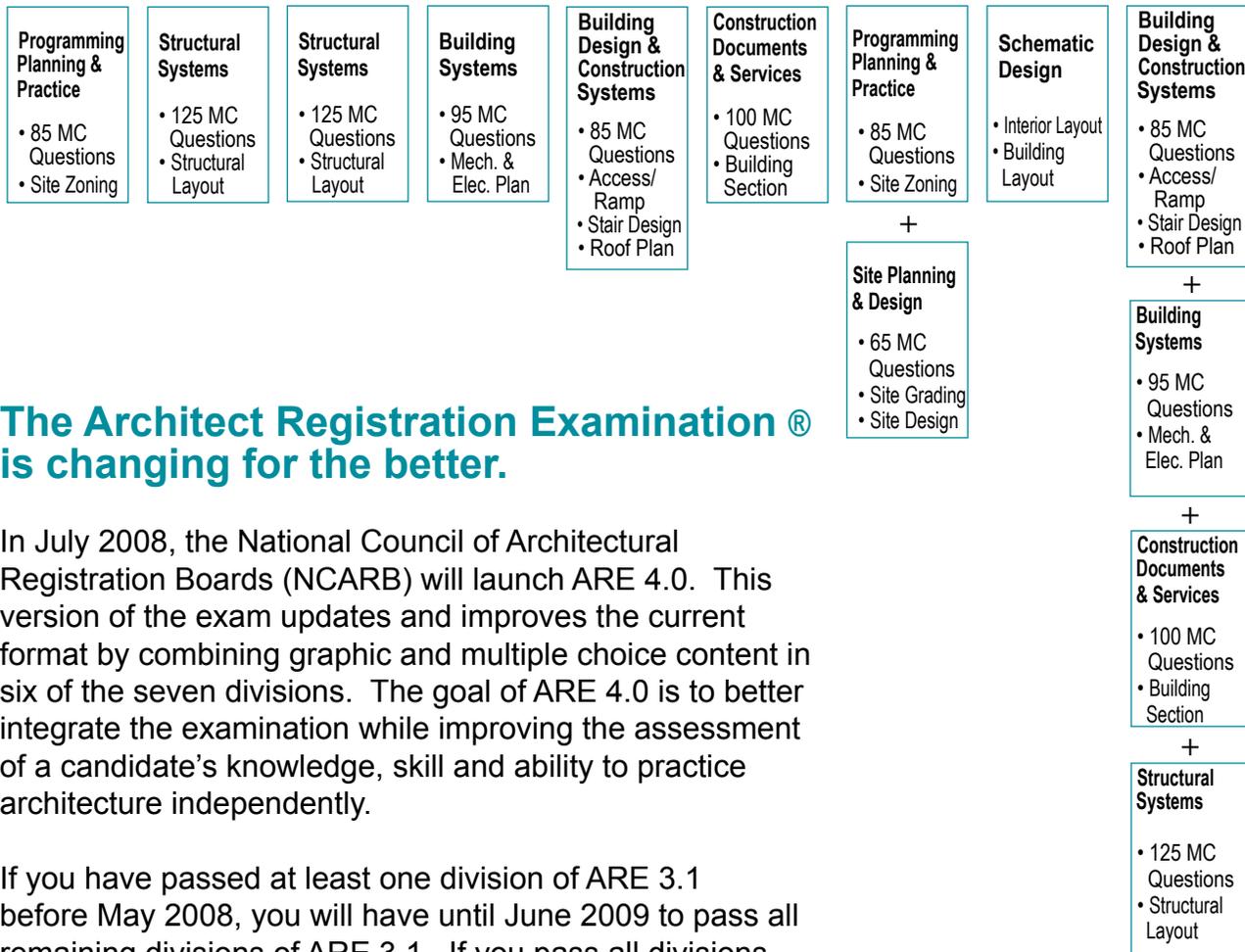
**Then simply follow the instructions to renew your license online.**

## ARE® Transition Chart

If you have **NOT** passed this division in ARE 3.1 by June 30, 2009... \*



You must take and pass this division in ARE 4.0...



### The Architect Registration Examination® is changing for the better.

In July 2008, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) will launch ARE 4.0. This version of the exam updates and improves the current format by combining graphic and multiple choice content in six of the seven divisions. The goal of ARE 4.0 is to better integrate the examination while improving the assessment of a candidate's knowledge, skill and ability to practice architecture independently.

If you have passed at least one division of ARE 3.1 before May 2008, you will have until June 2009 to pass all remaining divisions of ARE 3.1. If you pass all divisions before the end of the one-year overlap, you will not have to take any division of ARE 4.0.

If you do not pass all of the nine divisions of ARE 3.1 before June 30, 2009, you will be transitioned to ARE 4.0. Please use this chart to determine which divisions you will need to take should you not complete ARE 3.1.

Please refer to the Council's Web site for additional information and periodic updates: [www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org).

*\* If you have not passed any division of the ARE prior to May 2008, you will be automatically transitioned to ARE 4.0.*

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