

BACKGROUND

In the United States, authority for regulating most forms of economic activity emerges from legislation at either the local, state or federal level. This includes regulation that impacts the design industry. In the past, ASID supported legislation that effected both the use of the title “Interior Designer” and expanded the opportunities to “Practice” interior design. However, a federal court decision declared that it was unconstitutional to enforce legislation or regulation that restricted the use of the words “interior designer” as it has been used in the public domain for over a century. At the same time the court reaffirmed that creating a licensed, registered or certified interior designer in order to expand practice opportunities was permissible and provided a benefit to the consumer. ASID’s legislative policy supports legislation that provides a path for interior designers to become certified registered or licensed while not limiting, restricting or preventing the practice of interior design.

ASID LEGISLATIVE POLICY

ASID believes that legal recognition of our profession is best achieved through the enactment of legislation that:

- . Does not limit, restrict or prevent the practice of interior design.
- . Does not limit, restrict or prevent anyone from using the title “interior design” or “interior designer.
- . Allows state-qualified interior designers to use the title “registered,” “certified” or “licensed” interior designer.
- . Allows state-qualified interior designers to perform additional services related to the practice of interior design as applicable governing jurisdictions deem appropriate for state-qualified interior designers to perform.

ACTION

ASID supports the efforts of individuals to become recognized as certified, registered or licensed interior designers through the passage of state legislation. We urge chapters and coalitions to advocate for legislation that places no restriction on the use “interior designer” but does allow a pathway for creating expanded practice opportunities including full stamping, signing and permitting privileges.

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