

~~granted in cases of force majeure, including natural disasters, public health emergencies, or other events beyond the control of the institution.~~

~~J. ...
AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.~~

~~HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:270 (February 2018), amended LR 52:945 (June 2026).~~

~~§2213. Use of Funds Awarded~~

~~A. Funds awarded may be used toward costs and expenses such as:~~

- ~~1. ...~~
- ~~2. new equipment and technology, including hardware, software, interconnectivity with non-faculty architect practitioners, and related digital infrastructure or subscriptions, etc.;~~
- ~~3. - 6. ...~~

~~B. Funds awarded may not be used toward costs or expenses such as:~~

- ~~1. - 2. ...~~
- ~~3. expenses for existing courses;~~
- ~~4. individual faculty enhancement activities; or~~
- ~~5. food or beverages.~~

~~C. ...~~

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~~§2215. Final Report~~

~~A. The architecture academic division must complete a final report documenting the degree to which the expected outcomes were achieved and the degree to which the project was implemented.~~

~~B. The final report should detail how the award was spent, including any portion of the award which was not spent.~~

~~C. The final report must be submitted to the board no later than September 1 of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year of the award.~~

~~D. Any portion of the award not spent should be returned to the board.~~

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RULE

**Office of the Governor
Board of Architectural Examiners**

**Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names
(LAC 46:I.Chapter 15)**

The Board of Architectural Examiners, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 37:144(C), has amended virtually all of the Sections in LAC 46:I.Chapter 15 pertaining to the titles,

firm names, and assumed names of architects and architectural firms. More specifically, the board has amended LAC 46:I.1501 pertaining to the prohibition against misleading and confusing names; consolidated LAC 46:I.1503 (Architect’s Responsibility) into LAC 46:I.1501; repealed LAC 46:I.1505 (Use of Term “Architect,” “Architecture,” or “Architectural”); repealed LAC 46:I.1507 (Use of the Plural Term “Architects”); repealed LAC 46:I.1509 (Firm Name Which Includes Names of Licensed Architect or Architects Only); repealed LAC 46:I.1511 (Use of “AIA”); repealed LAC 46:I.1513 (Use of the Term “Associate”); repealed LAC 46:I.1515 (Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Group, Association, or Limited Liability Company); amended LAC 46:I.1517 (Professional Architectural Corporations); amended LAC 46:I.1519 (Architectural-Engineering Corporations); amended LAC 46:I.1521 (Fictitious Names); amended LAC 46:I.1523 (Practicing in a Firm with Other Professionals); maintained without change LAC 46:I.1525 (Deceased or Retired Member Predecessor Firms); amended LAC 46:I.1527 (Unlicensed Persons); amend LAC 46:I.1529 (Intern Architect); amend LAC 46:I.1531 (Business Cards); amend LAC 46:I.1533 (Limited Liability Company); amended LAC 46:I.1535 (Non-Resident Firms); maintained without change LAC 46:I.1537 (Exemptions); and amended LAC 46:I.1539 (Architect Emeritus).

Act 192 of 2024 mandated that all state agencies which make rules systematically review in accordance with stated criteria a sufficient number of rules each year so that all rules have been reviewed within a five-year period. Executive Order JML 25-038 issued April 1, 2025, mandated that by December 31, 2025, state agencies review at least 50 percent of the rules listed in the order or a minimum of 100 rules, whichever is greater. Each rule should be evaluated to determine if it is necessary, consistent with the law, aligned with the agency’s mission, and otherwise complies with the legislation described therein.

Applying the criteria required by Act 192 and EO JML 25-035, the board reviewed Chapter 15 of its rules (LAC 46:I.Chapter 15). It determined that virtually all of the rules therein should be simplified, modernized, and clarified, and that others were outdated, unnecessary, and should be repealed in their entirety. The amendments consolidate for simplification the rules prohibiting misleading or confusing names (LAC 46:I.1501 and LAC 46:I.1503) and clarify the prohibition. The board is proposing the repealing as unnecessary and obsolete LAC 46:I.1505 (Use of Term “Architect,” “Architecture,” or “Architectural”), LAC 46:I.1507 (Use of the Plural Term “Architects”), LAC 46:I.1509 (Firm Name Which Includes Names of Licensed Architect or Architects Only), LAC 46:I.1511 (Use of “AIA”), LAC 46:I.1513 (Use of the Term “Associate”), and LAC 46:I.1515 (Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Group, Association, or Limited Liability Company).

The board is simplifying, clarifying, amending LAC 46:I.1517 (Professional Architectural Corporations), LAC 46:I.1519 (Architectural-Engineering Corporations), LAC 46:I.1521 (Fictitious Names), LAC 46:I.1523 (Practicing in a Firm with Other Professionals), LAC 46:I.1527 (Unlicensed Persons), LAC 46:I.1529 (Intern Architect), LAC 46:I.1531 (Business Cards), LAC 46:I.1533 (Limited Liability Company), LAC 46:I.1535 (Non-Resident Firms), and LAC 46:I.1539 (Architect Emeritus). The “Allowed” and “Not

Allowed” charts contained in many of the rules in this Chapter have been confusing to some architects, and all such charts are being deleted in the proposed rules.

LAC 46:I.1525 (Deceased or Retired Member Predecessor Firms) and LAC 46:I.1537 (Exemptions) are being maintained without change. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
STANDARDS

Part I. Architects

Chapter 15. Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names

§1501. Misleading and Confusing Names Prohibited

A. The statutory authorization for architects and firms to practice architecture and render architectural services is not an authorization to hold out to the public any person who is not registered and licensed by the board as an architect. An architect or firm shall not practice architecture under an assumed, fictitious or corporate name that is misleading as to the identity, responsibility, or status of those practicing thereunder or is otherwise false, fraudulent, or confusing.

B. As a licensed professional, it is the responsibility of the architect to select and use a name which is neither misleading nor confusing. In case of doubt, an architect should first consult the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:568 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2402 (August 2011), LR 52:947 (June 2026).

§1503. Architect's Responsibility

Repealed.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:568 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2402 (August 2011), repealed LR 52:947 (June 2026).

§1505. Use of Term “Architect,” “Architecture,” or “Architectural”

Repealed.

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§1507. Use of the Plural Term “Architects”

Repealed.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:568 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2402 (August 2011), repealed LR 52:947 (June 2026).

§1509. Firm Name Which Includes Names of Licensed Architect or Architects Only

Repealed.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:568 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2402 (August 2011), repealed LR 52:947 (June 2026).

§1511. Use of “AIA”

Repealed.

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§1513. Use of the Term “Associate”

Repealed.

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§1515. Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Group, Association, or Limited Liability Company

Repealed.

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§1517. Professional Architectural Corporations

A. The corporate name of a professional architectural corporation registered with this board must comply with R.S. 12:1088.

B. The corporate name of a professional architectural corporation may include an acronym such as “PAC,” “APAC,” or “APC” as an acceptable substitute for one of the suffixes listed in R.S. 12:1088.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:569 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2403 (August 2011), LR 52:947 (June 2026).

§1519. Architectural-Engineering Corporation

A. The corporate name of an architectural-engineering corporation registered with this board must comply with R.S. 12:1172.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:570 (April 2003), amended LR 52:947 (June 2026).

§1521 Fictitious Name

A. For the purpose of these rules, a fictitious name is any name other than the real name or names of an individual. Any individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, group, or association may practice architecture under a fictitious name provided the name complies with all of the rules of this Chapter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

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§1523. Practicing in a Firm with Other Professionals

A. An architect who practices in a firm with one or more engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, interior designers, or other professionals in an allied profession is

permitted to use in the firm title a phrase describing the professions involved such as "architect and engineer," "architects, engineers, and surveyors," etc. provided:

1. the title does not hold out to the public as an architect any person who is not registered and licensed by the board;

2. the name of any allied professional in the firm title is practicing in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations that govern the practice of that allied profession; and

3. the title complies with all the rules of this Chapter.

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§1527. Unlicensed Persons

A. Unlicensed persons cannot use the term *architect*, *architectural*, *architecture* or anything confusingly similar to indicate that such person practices or offers to practice architecture, or is rendering architectural services. Except as set forth in Rule §1529, a person who has obtained a degree in architecture may not use the title *architect*, *graduate architect*, or any other title with the word *architect*, *architectural*, or *architecture* therein.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:570 (April 2003), amended LR 52:948 (June 2026).

§1529. Intern Architect

A.1.A person who:

- a. has completed an approved educational program;
- b. is participating in or who has successfully completed an approved experience program; and
- c. is employed by a firm which is lawfully engaged in the practice of architecture in this state may use the title "intern architect" but only in connection with that person's employment with such firm.

2. The title may not be used to advertise or offer to the public that such person is performing or offering to perform architectural services, and accordingly such person may not include himself in any listing of architects or in any listing of persons performing architectural services. Such person may use a business card identifying themselves as an "intern architect," provided such business card also includes the name of the architectural firm employing such person.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:570 (April 2003), amended LR 52:948 (June 2026).

§1531. Business Cards

A. The business card of an architect should comply with all the rules of this Chapter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 29:571 (April 2003), amended LR 37:2404 (August 2011), LR 52:948 (June 2026).

§1533. Limited Liability Company

A. The name of a limited liability company registered with the board must comply with R.S. 12:1306 and include the words "limited liability company" or "professional limited

liability company," or the abbreviation "L.L.C."; "P.L.L.C.," or "L.C."

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

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§1535. Non-Resident Firms

A. A non-resident corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other entity legally engaged in the practice of architecture in the jurisdiction of its origin shall have the right to retain its non-resident identity upon registration with and obtaining a firm license from the board for practicing architecture in Louisiana, provided its identity is in full compliance with the jurisdiction of its origin and the entity is in full compliance with all of the requirements for practicing architecture in Louisiana.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 37:2404 (August 2011), amended LR 52:948 (June 2026).

§1539. Architect Emeritus

A. An architect who has received emeritus status from the board should use the title "Architect Emeritus."

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

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RULE

**Office of the Governor
Department of Veterans Affairs**

Cemeteries (LAC 4:VII.990)

Under the authority of R.S. 29:252-261, 288-290, 295, 381-391, R.S. 36:781-787, R.S. 42:17.2, and R.S. 46:121-123, and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., the secretary has amended Department of Veterans Affairs regulations, LAC 4:VII.990.

The revisions are necessary to provide transparency to Department of Veterans Affairs businesses practices, specifically to the provision of benefits to certain spouses. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

**Title 4
ADMINISTRATION**

Part VII. Governor's Office

Chapter 9. Veterans' Affairs

Subchapter E. Veterans' Cemeteries

§990. Fee Waivers

A. The secretary of the department may waive all or part of the fee charged under R.S. 29:295 or §992 of this Chapter for burying veterans, spouses or dependent children in Louisiana veterans' cemeteries if unusual financial circumstances or hardships exist. Family members who believe they have unusual financial circumstances or