

**193G—4.1(544C) Rules of conduct.** A registered interior designer shall maintain a high standard of integrity and professional responsibility within the profession of interior design to protect the public health, life safety, and welfare.

**4.1(1) Competence.**

*a.* A registered interior designer shall act with reasonable care and competence and shall apply the technical knowledge and skill ordinarily applied by a registered interior designer of good standing providing interior design services in the same locality.

*b.* The board may initiate discipline against a registered interior designer or may, when appropriate, refer a registered interior designer to the board's impaired practitioner review committee based on habitual intoxication or addiction to the use of drugs or other impairment which adversely affects the registrant's ability to practice in a safe and competent manner.

**4.1(2) Conflict of interest.** A registered interior designer shall not accept compensation for interior design services from more than one party on a project unless circumstances are fully disclosed and agreed to in writing by all interested parties.

**4.1(3) Full disclosure.**

*a.* A registered interior designer shall not deliberately make a materially false statement or deliberately fail to disclose a material fact requested in connection with application for registration or renewal of registration.

*b.* A registered interior designer shall not assist in the application for registration of a person known by the registered interior designer to be unqualified with respect to education, training, experience or character.

*c.* A registered interior designer engaged in the practice of interior design must act in the best interest of the client and shall not allow integrity, objectivity or professional judgment to be impaired.

*d.* A registered interior designer with knowledge of a violation of these rules by another registered interior designer shall report such knowledge to the board.

**4.1(4) Professional conduct.**

*a.* A registered interior designer shall respect the confidentiality of sensitive information obtained in the course of the interior designer's professional activities.

*b.* A registered interior designer shall not engage in conduct involving fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or dishonesty in the practice of interior design.

*c.* A registered interior designer shall neither attempt to obtain a contract to provide interior design services through any unlawful means nor assist others in such an attempt.

*d.* A registered interior designer shall neither offer nor make any payment to a governmental official with the intent of influencing the official's judgment in connection with a prospective or existing project in which the interior designer has an interest.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 544C.