

**STRIKETHROUGH/UNDERSCORED VERSION  
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**Chapter 15. Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names**

**§1501. Misleading and Confusing Names Prohibited**

A. The statutory authorization for architects and firms to ~~offer to the public~~ the practice of architecture and the ~~rendering of~~ render architectural services is not an authorization to hold out to the public as ~~an architect~~ 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, ~~misleading,~~ 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.

**§1503. ~~Architect's Responsibility~~**

~~A. 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.~~

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

~~A. Whenever the term *architect*, *architecture*, or *architectural* is used in a firm name, or whenever a firm includes its name in any listing of architects or of firms rendering architectural services, the name of at least one Louisiana licensed architect followed by the title *architect* must be included either as a part of the firm title itself or at least one Louisiana licensed architect must be identified as an architect on the firm letterhead and any website.~~

Allowed	Not Allowed
Smith and Jones, Architecture and Planning John Smith, Architect	Smith and Jones, Architecture and Planning (unless Smith and Jones are both licensed by the board to practice architecture in Louisiana)
Smith and Jones, Architecture and Engineering John Smith, Architect	Smith and Jones, Architecture and Engineering (unless Smith and Jones are both licensed by the board to practice architecture in Louisiana)
Design Professionals Architecture and Planning John Smith, Architect	Design Professionals Architecture and Planning

Heritage Architectural Services John Smith, Architect  John Smith, Architect, and Associates	Heritage Architectural Services
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**§1507. Use of the Plural Term “Architects”**

A. If the firm title indicates that the firm contains two or more architects, the names of at least two Louisiana licensed architects followed by the title *architect* must be included either as a part of the firm title itself or at least two Louisiana licensed architects must be identified as architects on the firm letterhead and any website. An architectural firm which loses an architect or architects so that it may no longer use the plural term “architects” is required to change its name as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible, which change shall occur no later than one year from the departure of the architect or architects.

Allowed	Not Allowed
Communications Architects John Smith, Architect Jack Jones, Architect  Smith and Jones, Architectural Services (if Smith and Jones are both licensed by the board to practice architecture in Louisiana)	Communications Architects

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

A. A firm name which includes only the name or names of a licensed architect or architects engaged in the active practice of architecture is not required to include the name of a licensed architect followed by the title "architect" as a part of the firm title itself. However, if the firm title indicates that the firm is a sole proprietorship or that only one architect is a member of the firm, the identity of the architect shall be shown on the firm letterhead and any website. If the firm title indicates that the firm contains two or more architects, at least two architects shall be identified as such on the firm letterhead and any website.

Allowed	Not Allowed
Smith and Jones, Architects (if Smith and Jones are both licensed by the board to practice architecture in Louisiana)	Smith and Jones, Architects (if Jones is not licensed by the board)

**§1511. Use of "AIA"**

A. The use of "AIA," in and of itself, is not an acceptable substitution for the title "architect" on any listing, publication, announcement, letterhead, business card, website or sign used by an individual practicing architecture in connection with his practice where such title is required.

Allowed	Not Allowed
John Smith, Architect	<del>John Smith, AIA,</del> (if the title "architect" is required)
John Smith, Architect, AIA	

**§1513. Use of the Term "Associate"**

A. An architect may only use the word "associate" in the firm title to describe a full time officer or employee of the firm. The plural form may be used only when justified by the number of associates who are full time firm employees. An architectural firm which loses an associate or associates so that it may no longer use the plural form is required to change its name as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible, which change shall occur no later than one year from the departure of the associate or associates. Identification of the associates in the firm title, listing, publication, letterhead, or announcement is not required.

Allowed	Not Allowed
<del>John Smith &amp; Associates, Architects</del> (if John Smith is licensed by the board and the firm employs two or more associates as defined herein)	<del>John Smith and Associates, Architects</del> (if the firm employs only one associate as defined herein)

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

A. The firm name of any form of individual, partnership, corporate, limited liability company, group, or associate practice must comply with all of the rules set forth in this Chapter.

Allowed	Not Allowed
John Smith, Architect	
John Smith, AIA, Architect	
John Smith, Architect, AIA	
John Smith and Associates, Architect (if John Smith is licensed by the board to practice architecture in Louisiana and the firm employs two or more associates as defined in the rules)	Smith and Jones, Architects and Engineers (if either Smith or Jones is not licensed by the board to practice architecture in Louisiana)
	Smith and Jones, Architects

Smith and Jones, Architect and Engineer (if John Smith is licensed by the board to practice architecture in Louisiana)	(if either Smith or Jones is not licensed by the board to practice architecture in Louisiana)
Smith and Jones, Architects and Engineer (if Smith and Jones are both licensed by the board to practice architecture in Louisiana)	

**§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.

<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Not Allowed</b>
Smith and Jones, A Professional Architectural Corporation	Smith and Jones, Inc.
Smith and Jones, APAC	Smith and Jones, A Professional Interior Architectural Corporation
Smith and Jones, Architects, A Professional Architectural Corporation	
Smith and Jones, Architects, APAC	
Heritage Architects, A Professional Architectural Corporation	
Heritage Architects, APC	

**§1519. Architectural-Engineering Corporation**

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

<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Not Allowed</b>
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Smith and Jones, An Architectural Engineering Corporation	Smith and Jones
Smith and Jones, Inc.	
Heritage Architects, Ltd.	

**§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.

<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Not Allowed</b>
<del>Heritage Architecture John Smith, Architect</del>	Heritage Architecture
<del>Architectural Design John Smith, Architect</del>	Architectural Design
<del>Architectural Design Consultants John Smith, Architect Jack Jones, Architect</del>	Architectural Design Consultants John Smith, Architect
<del>Heritage Architects, A Professional Corporation</del>	

**§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.

<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Not Allowed</b>
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Smith and Jones, Architect and Engineer John Smith, Architect	Smith and Jones, Architect and Engineer (if neither Smith nor Jones is an architect licensed by the board)
Smith and Jones, Architects and Engineers John Smith, Architect Jack Jones, Architect	

**§1525. Deceased or Retired Member Predecessor Firms**

A. An architect may include in the firm name the real name or names of one or more living, deceased, or retired members of the firm, or the name of a predecessor firm in a continuing line of succession. The status of any deceased or retired member must be clearly shown on the firm letterhead and website by use of the words "retired" or "deceased" or by showing the years of the member's birth and death. Upon the retirement or death of a firm member, the firm letterhead and website should be changed as soon as reasonably possible, which change shall occur no later than one year following the retirement or death.

**§1527. Unlicensed Persons**

A. Unlicensed persons cannot ~~used~~ 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 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.

Allowed	Not Allowed
Designer	Architectural Designer
Draftsman	Architectural Draftsman
Building Designer Products	Architectural Building Designer

**§1529. Intern Architect**

A.1. A person who:

a. has completed the education requirements set forth in ~~NCARB Circular of Information No. 1~~ an approved educational program;

b. is participating in or who has successfully completed ~~the Intern Development Program ("IDP")~~ 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 ~~himself~~ themselves as an "intern architect,"; provided such business card also includes the name of the architectural firm employing such person.

**§1531. Business Cards**

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

**§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.".

Allowed	Not Allowed
<del>Smith and Jones, Architects, Limited Liability Company (if Smith and Jones are both licensed architects)</del>	Smith and Jones, Architects (if the entity is a limited liability company)
<del>Smith and Jones, Architects, Professional Limited Liability Company (if Smith and Jones are both licensed architects)</del>	
<del>Smith and Jones, Architects, L.L.C. (if Smith and Jones are both licensed architects)</del>	
<del>Smith and Jones, Architects, P.L.L.C. (if Smith and Jones are both licensed architects)</del>	

Smith and Jones, Architects, L.C (if Smith and Jones are both licensed architects)	
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**1535. Non-Resident Firms**

A. A non-resident corporation, ~~or~~ 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 ~~obtaining a certificate of registration~~ 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.

~~B. A non-resident 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 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.~~

**§1537. Exemptions**

A. If an architect or architectural firm believes that the requirements of this Chapter are unduly burdensome or impractical because of the large number of architects employed, or for any other reason, it shall request in writing an exemption from the board.

B. The request for an exemption shall be made before any name ~~which~~ that does not fully comply with the requirements of these rules is used, and it shall fully explain why the architect or architectural firm believes that the requirements of this Chapter are unduly burdensome or impractical.

**§1539. Architect Emeritus**

A. An architect who has received emeritus status from the board pursuant to §1105.E should use the title “architect emeritus Architect Emeritus.”

<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Not Allowed</b>
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<p>John Smith, Architect Emeritus (if John Smith has received emeritus status from the board pursuant to Rule §1105.E §725)</p>	<p>John Smith, Architect (if John Smith has received emeritus status from the board pursuant to Rule §1105.E §725)</p>
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