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California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC) Sets the Standard for Interior Designers Statewide

“Public Protection Through Examination and Certification” Is CCIDC Credo

The California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC), based in San Marcos, California, was established in January of 1992 as the organization responsible for administering the requirements of the Certified Interior Designers Law.

This law, under Chapter 3.9, Section 5800 of the California Business and Professions code, came as a result of several years of legislative efforts by interior design groups. In effect beginning January 1, 1991, it outlines the parameters and responsibilities of work that an interior designer can perform. Along with these guidelines, the listing of “Certified Interior Designer” was added to the California Business and Professions Code, providing an official designation for interior designers who meet the educational, experience and examination requirements as outlined by the CCIDC.

Under the Certified Interior Designers Law, Certified Interior Designers are qualified by the CCIDC upon evidence of a combination of educational and/or experience and, beginning in Spring of 2009, passing a single examination, the IDEX California. Only the CCIDC can determine eligibility to be a Certified Interior Designer in the State of California. Designers who meet the educational, experience and examination criteria of the CCIDC Board are allowed to use the “Certified Interior Designer” title and are recognized in the State of California.

Upon qualification, the Certified Interior Designer will be identified by an individual number, which will appear on a certificate, a stamp with which to identify interior design drawings and documents and an identification card.

Certified Interior Designers, as mandated by the State of California, have met high standards of qualification and have agreed to uphold a strict code of ethics and conduct. The CCIDC backs these standards by providing consumers with detailed information on why to hire a certified interior designer, available in brochure or online formats. In addition, the CCIDC accepts complaints about Certified Interior Designers and works with the consumer and the designer towards swift resolution. There are currently over 3,000 Certified Interior Designers in the State of California.

Executive Vice President Doug Stead, original Board Member during the organization's inception, has directed the CCIDC for the past 10 years. The CCIDC Board of Directors, consisting of seven Certified Interior Designers and four public members, are appointed every three years. Public Board Meetings are held three times a year in alternating areas of the state. The CCIDC is a private non-profit organization that reports to the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions & Consumer Protection.

The California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC) is located at 1605 Grand Avenue, Suite 4, San Marcos, CA 92078, phone 760.761.4734. For more information on the CCIDC, visit www.ccidc.org.

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