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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There is a lot going on since the passage of Act 144, and the Board of Architecture is currently planning to break the new regulations up into 3 packages:

1. The first draft package will be available later this month and regulates the CEUs that are now required for registration.
2. The next package will initiate the registration process for CIDs and set up associated fees and requirements.
3. The last package will spell out how CIDs use their certification and which documents should be signed with their CID #.

There will be public comment periods for each regulation package when released prior to adoption, make sure you are receiving our emails and we will keep you up to date as they are released. If you haven't already, check out our YouTube channel where we're post the Town Hall. Currently, its in 4 parts but we are planning to post a non-segmented video as soon as our time limit restrictions are lifted.

Check out the
Town Hall
Recordings here!



UPCOMING: (Allentown)

Pumpkin Painting + Trunk-or-Treat Event
October 22nd, 2025

Come chat with us at this event! There will be food, free ice cream for those who play Trunk-or-Treat bingo, pumpkin painting, trick-or-treating and fun! RSVP to marketing@interiorworkplace.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

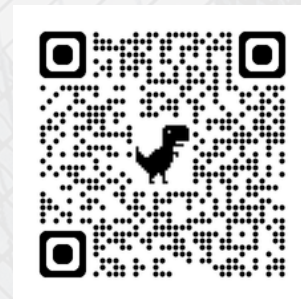


I recently had the opportunity to speak to students in Jefferson University's Interior Architecture program about the recent legislation and coming changes in PA! It always gives me a boost to see the future of our profession "get" why it's important to understand the impact of professional licensure laws on their ability to practice

and their future opportunities. Their energy is infectious and even on a day when they had just had their midterm crits, they asked great questions and really gave me their attention and feedback on the coalition's goals and direction in the coming regulations. I emphasized to them the reason we are advocating for Interior Designers applies to them and their future. I know they are ready to step in and carry on advocating for the profession and they will make us proud.

Loyally, Sarah Henle

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LETTERS TO EMERGING DESIGNERS *BY MISS KIMBERLY*

Dear Miss Kimberly,

I'm finding it challenging to understand what advice is best to take as I move forward in my interior design career. Some of the advice I've received recently has conflicted with other guidance. How do I know which advice to take?

– Stuck on Decisions

Dear Stuck on Decisions,

I'm so glad you brought this question forward. It's something I've spent time asking myself as well, and over the years, I've come to an understanding: not all advice is equal. And that is perfectly okay.

The best way to distinguish between “good” advice and guidance that may not serve you is to consider two things:

- Is the advice specific to your needs? Does it speak to you, your goals, your stage, and your vision for your career?
- Who is giving the advice? Ideally, they are living the life and career you aspire to or have current, firsthand knowledge of that path.

Advice from someone who hasn't walked the steps you're trying to take is best taken with a grain of salt. Those in your niche, people who have done what you are doing or are moving in that direction, often provide the most relevant guidance.

It also helps to pause and understand yourself—your goals, your priorities, and what you truly want in your career and life. There are so many ways to navigate the interior design industry.

And that is why I say this so plainly: Decision fatigue is real.

Decision-making in design careers can feel overwhelming: Who should I work for? Which part of the industry should I focus on? When should I take the NCIDQ exams? How should I prepare? Should I take them in stages or all at once? Should I go back to school? Should I network more? Should I join organizations in the industry?

These questions are valid. And at the end of the day, there will always be decisions to make. That is inevitable. The key is to use your understanding of yourself to guide those choices. Once you do, recognizing helpful advice becomes easier, and your decisions will come with confidence and strength over time.

Career growth isn't a straight path, but thoughtful understanding and intentional choices make the journey meaningful and manageable.

Yours in advocacy,

Miss Kimberly

Write in with your questions or topic suggestions to kelterlifestyle@gmail.com

Miss Kimberly is an interior designer and recent graduate with a master's in Interior Architecture, writing to support and encourage the next generation of designers.