

**[PRC BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
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CODE OF ETHICS FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Pursuant to Section 10, Article III of Republic Act No. 9053, known as "Philippine Landscape Architecture Act of 2000", the Board of Landscape Architecture, subject to approval by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), hereby resolved to adopt and promulgate the following Code of Ethics for Landscape Architects as prescribed by the Integrated National Organization of Landscape Architects, the Philippine Association of Landscape Architects, Inc. (PALA) to govern the conduct of registered and certified/certificated Landscape Architects in the practice of their profession.

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 1. Landscape Architect - A natural person registered and certified/certificated, and authorized by the Board of Landscape Architecture (Board) and Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to practice Landscape Architecture in the Philippines pursuant to R.A. No. 9053.

SECTION 2. Engagement - Professional work rendered by a Landscape Architect to a client for a fee, onerous or gratuitous.

SECTION 3. The Philippine Association of Landscape Architects, Inc. (PALA). An Integrated National Organization of Landscape Architects accredited and recognized by the Board and the PRC.

ARTICLE 2. PROMOTING AND PROTECTING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

SECTION 4. Conduct of the Professional. The Landscape Architects shall always practice their profession in a manner which brings honor and credit to Landscape Architecture. They shall not participate in the commission of any fraudulent and deceitful crime involving moral turpitude; nor abet any act which violated R.A. No. 9053, Res. No. 01, series of 2002, this Code, and other policies or issuances.

SECTION 5. Advocacy. When two (2) members of the profession express contradicting opinions which involve matters thereon the Philippine Association of Landscape Architect, inc. (PALA) or any of its chapters, shall not hesitate to mediate and correct any undue bias, whether publicly or in private; and shall advocate or adequately present a position or clarification thereon.

ARTICLE 3. PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND PROMOTING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

SECTION 6. Promoting the Public Interest. In the practice of the profession, the Landscape Architects shall subordinate their personal interest, as well as the interest of their clients, to the larger public interest. In the performance of their contractual obligation, they shall endeavor to perform their work in a manner which enhances the environment, protect the public interest, and promote the judicious use of resources.

SECTION 7. Social Development. As part of their folio of works, the Landscape Architects shall include professional engagements which highlights the positive impacts of landscape planning and design on improving the quality of life, enhancing the environment, and addressing social development concerns of the underprivileged, minority, and marginalized sectors of society.

SECTION 8. Renewal of Professional Identification Card. The Landscape Architects shall pay their annual registration fees to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC). They may voluntarily submit Continuing Professional Education/Continuing Professional Development (CPE/CPD) units when they apply for the said renewal.

ARTICLE 4. RESPONSIBILITY TO THE CLIENT OR EMPLOYER

SECTION 9. Professional Commitment. The Landscape Architects are faithful agents or trustees of their employers or clients, providing them the full benefit of an objective professional opinion unaffected by other personal or financial considerations.

SECTION 10. Confidentiality of Information. The Landscape Architects shall protect any agreement they have entered into with their clients or employers for they have been engaged in. No information shall be volunteered or released by the Landscape Architects without their employer's or client's prior permission nor shall any condition be revealed, within the bounds of law, which may unjustly prejudice their client's/employer's interest in the work for which they are engaged in.

SECTION 11. Conflict of Interest. The Landscape Architects shall not engage in acts which constitute a conflict of interest, such as, but not limited to, using a salaried position or a position of privilege for financial gain, engaging in work other than that for the practice of their profession or transgressing, or securing additional or other work for financial gain without the prior permission of their client/employer.

SECTION 12. Fair Remuneration . The Landscape Architects shall bill for and receive their remuneration solely from their stated charges for services rendered to their clients. They shall not demand extra or additional remuneration from commercial or speculative profit from materials or services provided to their clients by others.

ARTICLE 5. RESPONSIBILITY TO THE INTEGRATED NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS