



## AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

### Why an AIA Architect?

Like doctors and lawyers, architects are licensed professionals. The title "Architect" may be used only by an individual who possesses a state license to practice architecture. They are the only professionals in the construction industry who are ethically bound to represent you, the building owner.

Professional qualifications generally include:

- College degree from an accredited school of architecture, requiring five or more years of professional studies
- Three years of internship under the supervision of licensed architects
- Passage of a rigorous five-day examination

Only those professionals, who have fulfilled these requirements, or other requirements as stipulated by each individual state, may legally call themselves architects and practice architecture in the jurisdiction granting the license. Individuals may be registered, or licensed, in more than one state by means of reciprocal licensing agreements among the states.

### **Get the real thing-- look for "AIA"**

Look for the AIA initials after the name of any architect you consider for your project. AIA architects remain current with professional standards through continuing education and subscribe to a code of ethics and professional conduct that assure clients, the public and colleagues of their dedication to high standards in professional practice.

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