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To protect the health, life safety and welfare of the public by establishing standards of competence in the practice of interior design.

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Have a common NCIDQ myth you'd like dispelled?

Greetings!

Welcome to the October edition of the QLetter, your electronic source for NCIDQ news and updates, industry announcements and calls to action.

Florida Legislative Update

We have been keeping our active Certificate holders abreast of the developments in Florida regarding their legislative challenge.

The case is now at the appellate level and oral arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit are scheduled for 9 a.m. November 2 at the federal courthouse in Montgomery, AL.

NCIDQ supports its member boards in their defense of the laws of their jurisdiction. In June, NCIDQ filed an *amicus curiae* ("friend of the court") brief to support the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design. [You can read NCIDQ's brief here.](#)

You can [read Federal District Judge Robert L. Hinkle's order in this case](#) on the Florida Board's Web site.

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[Creating Sustainable Interiors](#)

Choices that affect environmental sustainability are integrated into every aspect of interior design. Author Penny Bonda, an expert on sustainability in interior design, separates fact from hype to help you meet your responsibility to know and understand the environmental impact of your design decisions.

[Structures in Interior Design](#)

This popular title provides a practical, non-technical understanding of structural systems and relates it to the work of interior designers with these systems. Kimberly A. Marks, a frequent instructor on building codes and MEPS issues, lends her extensive experience working with structural systems and the codes that govern them.

[Culturally Sensitive Design for Long-Term Care Facilities](#)

With creative design ideas you'll find nowhere else, this monograph is a must-have for every healthcare designer. DAK Kopec, Ph.D., an expert on environmental psychology and design, explains key elements of cultural and social diversity, common health issues in elderly populations and the various types of long-term care facilities, followed by proven strategies for applying this insight to long-term care facility design.

[ADA Guidelines](#)

With nearly 50 million Americans living with at least one disability, interior design professionals practicing in the United States need to keep abreast of federal requirements for accessibility that may affect their work. This monograph by codes expert Sharon Koomen Harmon provides an overview of the ADA and a detailed discussion of various versions of ADA Guidelines for interior design.

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Monday, October 11

Happy Thanksgiving to our Canadian friends on October 11!

That Monday is also the observed U.S. Columbus Day holiday, and the NCIDQ office will be closed. We will reopen on Tuesday. You can always access your *MyNCIDQ* account or our QShop at any time.



NCIDQ Video Outlines Application Process

Do you know someone who has questions about applying to take the NCIDQ Exam? The application deadline for first-time takers is December 1 for the Spring 2011 exam! We have prepared a short video that walks applicants through the entire process.



Let your employees know that this valuable resource is available on our [Web site](#) and from our [Facebook](#) page. It seems like a long time from now, but we recommend future Certificate holders start now so that we have time to reconcile any problems with applications.

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