

WHAT HAS AIA FLORIDA DONE FOR YOU LATELY?

Passing effective legislation is an investment of time, resources, and capital. Countless hours of work are put into advocating for AIA Florida members. Each piece of legislation represents many weeks, if not years, of dedication from a team of association members, staff, lobbyists, and legal representatives. Here is a brief overview of strides AIA Florida has made over the years.



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2020

LICENSE PROTECTED

AIA Florida successfully removed architects from “sunset” of all Florida licenses bill, stopped the State University System’s attempt to carve themselves out of CCNA, and negotiated an increase in CCNA continuing contracts thresholds to \$4 million.

2019

UPDATE PROCESS CLARIFIED

After 2018’s rule challenge and subsequent appeal, AIA Florida championed legislation that clarifies the triennial Florida Building Code update process removing the Florida-specific requirement for amendments brought down from the International Code Council.

2018

RULE CHALLENGE ISSUED

AIA Florida issued a rule challenge on behalf of members who would be affected by the Florida Building Commission’s (FBC) proposed rule changes to the Florida Building Code. Legislation that further defines the starting date of the 10-year Statute of Repose was signed into law by the governor.

2017

STATUTE OF REPOSE

AIA Florida backed legislation to define precisely when the clock starts on completion of contract in the Statute of Repose was passed. This protects design professionals from a previous court precedent giving indefinite liability by not “starting the clock” until final payment by owners.

2016

ARCHITECTS WITH A VOICE

After back and forth debate, legislators passed a bill giving architects a seat on panels that review and interpret changes to the Florida Building Code. Additionally, legislation was passed to protect architecture firms from predatory lawsuits.

2015

RESOLUTION

In an initiative supported by AIA Florida, legislation was passed resolving construction defect claims through a negotiated settlement and shifting the burden of proof to the plaintiff. This bill was signed into law by the governor.

2014

SOLUTIONS

AIA Florida allied industries attempted to open Fla. Stat. 287.055, Florida’s qualifications-based selection process, for the sole purpose of changing the act’s name. Eventually, based on AIA Florida’s insistence, it was agreed by all parties that opening the statute would create an irresistible opportunity for adversaries to eradicate the statute.

2013

MORANSIS V. HEATHMAN

After years of hard-fought battles, legislation passes allowing firms to exclude employees or agents from individual negligence for professional services.

2012

PROTECTING CCNA

Once again, legislators attempted to deconstruct CCNA by short-listing design firms by lowest contract price. AIA Florida’s lobbying team successfully defeated opposition.