

Letter of Interest

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Dear AIA Virginia,

My name is Heather Casey, AIA, NCIDQ and I would like to add my name to the list of candidates who are interested in the State Licensing Advisor volunteer position.

I want to be of service to help architecture students, licensure candidates, and architects. I look forward to supporting individual pathways to further them within the architecture profession. Being supportive and resourceful is important, but I also look forward to getting to know each individual on a personal level.

My personal experience with licensure will be invaluable to connect with the audience – I just completed the AREs (August 2023) after studying for around 3 years (even though my testing journey started in the early 2000s) and I also have a non-traditional pathway to licensure that would assist me in helping those candidates seeking a non-traditional pathway. I am also currently finishing up my Education Alternative pathway with NCARB to obtain my NCARB Certificate.

I completely understand the amount of time and effort that this role takes each month – as stated online – approximately 12-16 hours per month, but I look forward to being a part of a community of people supporting licensure and reciprocity. I have volunteered with DCNOMA – so far once a year since last year – to bring to the table my experiences of how I studied and finally passed my AREs. I think being an advisor on a larger scale will help me to reach more people in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of interest and all my application documents.

Sincerely,

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Heather Casey, AIA, NCIDQ, CDT

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AIA Virginia Nominations Committee

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July 30, 2025

Dear Members of the Nominations Committee,

It is with great enthusiasm that I nominate Heather Casey, AIA, for the position of *State Licensing Advisor* with AIA Virginia. Heather's professional achievements, volunteer leadership, and personal licensure journey exemplify the insight, empathy, and initiative that this position demands.

Heather's firsthand experience navigating a non-traditional licensure path, having achieved architectural licensure in 2023 through NCARB's Education Alternative, gives her a unique and relatable perspective for aspiring architects across Virginia. She brings a rare combination of lived experience and a deep understanding of the licensure process, including AXP, the ARE, and certification requirements. Currently licensed in Maryland, Virginia, and Wisconsin, Heather continues to demonstrate a personal commitment to growth and professional excellence.

In addition to her licensure accomplishments, Heather has actively leveraged her experience to support and guide others in the profession. She is currently volunteering as a two-year NCARB Architect Licensing Advisor and was most recently a guest advisor for DCNOMA's "Navigating the ARE: Study Community Roundtable." Her participation in several of these events at NCARB reflects her continued engagement with both local and national conversations on equitable pathways to licensure.

In short, Heather Casey is an ideal candidate to serve as State Licensing Advisor. She brings a blend of technical knowledge, advocacy for licensure access, and a passion for empowering the next generation of architects. Her voice is one of encouragement and her dedication to the architectural community in Virginia is solid.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,



Meagan W Jancy, AIA

Date: July 30, 2025

Re: Heather Casey, AIA
Virginia AIA - State Licensing Advisor
Letter of Recommendation

To All Concerned,

Heather Casey has been an excellent architectural professional and project manager to work with since I met her in 2020, through both her past firm MTFA and her current firm SCI, where she is the architectural studio leader. She manages her projects well, is proficient and effective, is detail oriented, and takes the initiative to bring teams together and manage them consistently through to project completion. She is above all an excellent communicator.

Of particular importance for this appointment, she has also been involved as an advisor with DCNOMA, NCARB, and AIA NoVA Women in Architecture (WIA).

I feel confident that Heather will make an excellent State Licensing Advisor for the Virginia AIA.

Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,



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Attention: Paul R. Battaglia, AIA, Executive Vice President

Reference: State Licensing Advisor

Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Battaglia,

Heather Casey, AIA, NCIDQ, CDT, is a Senior Architect and Interior Designer with Summer Consultants, Inc. She is a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and is actively involved in the AIA Northern Virginia chapter, especially with the Women in Architecture (WIA) committee.

Summer Consultants, Inc. supports Heather in her candidacy to become a State Licensing Advisor for AIA Virginia. And if selected, Summer Consultants will continue to support her in fulfilling the role's obligations throughout the two-year term.

Sincerely,
Summer Consultants, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James P. Hoffman".

James P. Hoffman, PE, LEED AP O+M, CEM, FACEC
President
hoffman@summerconsultants.com

Resume

Heather Casey, AIA, NCIDQ, CDT

Education:

- Bachelor of Environmental Design in Architecture (BEDA)
 - North Carolina State University (NCSU) in Raleigh, North Carolina
- Continuing Education Classes (in AutoCAD)
 - Wake County Community College in Raleigh, North Carolina
- Architecture Class
 - University of Virginia (UVA) in Charlottesville, Virginia

Work Experience:

- Senior Architect and Interior Designer, Project Manager, Studio Leader
 - Summer Consultants, Inc. – started November 2023 to current
- Project Manager
 - MTFA Architecture, Inc. in Arlington, Virginia – Oct 2015 to Aug 2023 (7 years 11 months)
- Assistant Project Manager
 - Architecture, Inc. in Reston, Virginia (~4 years)
- Architectural Designer
 - Grimm + Parker Architects in McLean, Virginia (~4 years)
- Architectural Staff
 - Zavos Architecture + Design (ZA+D) in Frederick, Maryland (~4 years)
- Architectural Staff
 - dBF Associates, Architects, Inc. in Charlottesville, Virginia (~4 years)
- Architectural Staff
 - Architects Tolson & Associates, Inc. (~1.5 years)
- High School Intern
 - Planning & Design Associates, PA in Raleigh, North Carolina

Licensures:

- Registered Architect in Maryland - 2023
- Registered Architect in Virginia - 2023
- Registered Architect in Wisconsin - 2023
- Registered Interior Designer (RID) in Washington, DC - 2024

Certificates:

- NCIDQ Certification - 2024
- Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) Certification - July 2025-June 2028
- AutoCAD 2012 Certified Associate

Volunteer Positions:

- NCARB Architect Licensing Advisor – 2-year term – started October 2024
- AIA Northern Virginia Women in Architecture (WIA) Secretary – 2025

Professional Associations:

- AIA – member and an active participant with AIA NoVA Chapter/Women in Architecture (WIA)
- ASID – member, but a passive participant
- CSI – member, but a passive participant
- DCNOMA – member, but a passive participant

My Account

Profile Transcript



Ms. Heather Casey, AIA

AIA number: 30I55308

Education and CES

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Education

North Carolina State University
Bachelor degree (other)



My member info

Membership type
Architect

Expiration date
December 31, 2025

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NCARB Record

Heather Casey, AIA

Record Number: 78893

Record Expires: 11/30/25

Overview Education Experience Exams Licenses

Licenses



Keep your license information up-to-date!

Some state boards and other jurisdictions do not report licensure information to NCARB. Be sure to keep your license information up-to-date.

LICENSES					+ Add License
Maryland Active	Type: Architect License Number: 21738	Issued: 10/25/2023 Expiration: 10/25/2025	Required CE Hours: 24 hours every 2 years	Required HSW Hours: 16 hours	
Virginia Active	Type: Architect License Number: 0401020386	Issued: 11/1/2023 Expiration: 11/30/2025	Required CE Hours: 16 hours every 2 years	Required HSW Hours: None	
Wisconsin Active	Type: Architect License Number: 15079-5	Issued: 9/18/2023 Expiration: 7/31/2026	Required CE Hours: 24 hours every 2 years	Required HSW Hours: 16 hours	