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Credit for Engineering Work Design Competition (adapted from NSPE Case No. 92-1)

Year

1999

Description

An engineer fails to credit another engineer for design work when he enters a competition for bridge design.

Body

Amory, an engineer, is retained by the City to design a bridge as part of an elevated highway system. Amory retains the services of Carroll, a structural engineer, with expertise in horizontal geometry, superstructure design and elevations, to design certain parts of the bridge. Carroll drafts plans for the bridge's three curved welded-plate girder spans, a critical part of the bridge's design.

Months later, Amory enters the bridge design into a national organization's bridge-design competition, and it wins first prize. The entry, however, fails to credit Carroll for his part in the bridge design.

What, if anything, should Carroll do?

[NSPE Code of Ethics](#) An earlier version may have been used in this case.

Notes

See the original NSPE case at: [Credit for Engineering Work Design Competition - Case No. 92-1.](#)

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