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To promote the exchange of ideas and to educate its members in the related disciplines of design firm management.

MINIMIZE YOUR FIRM'S EXPOSURE TO LEGAL CLAIMS Thursday, August 16, 2007

Presented by:
Michael M. Edwards, Byron & Edwards, APC

Hosted by:
**Newschool of Architecture & Design
1249 F Street, San Diego, 92101**

Professional liability/construction law attorney, Michael Edwards, will address document retention policies design firms should institute to protect themselves and their clients in the face of litigation, including the methods of preserving documents. He will also address the essential contract provisions design firms should attempt to negotiate as part of its typical professional services agreement and how it should represent its claims history to a prospective client when the information is requested.

Special Note: AIA CEU's will be provided.

Date:	Thursday, August 16, 2007
Time:	12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Meeting
	Questions? Jamie Shirey 760.445.4959 - or - Chris Riley 858.569.3434
Location:	Newschool of Architecture & Design, 1249 F Street, San Diego 92101
Cost:	Free to Members; Member Firms \$15; Non-Members \$30; Late Registrations \$40
RSVP by:	5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 9, 2007 Fax this form to: Leslie Gurney @ 858-459-1148 or email reservation to: lgurney@islandarch.com
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Because our meals are catered, 24 hours' notice is required for all cancellations.

No shows will be billed

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Michael M. Edwards was born in Pensacola, Florida, on April 22, 1947, and educated at San Diego State University (B.A., cum laude, 1969) and Hastings College of Law, University of California (J.D. 1972). He was admitted to the California Bar and the Federal District Court for the District of Southern California in 1972.

At San Diego State University, he was a member of Phi Alpha Theta and National Honorary History Society. At the University of California, he was a member of the Order of the Coif and also elected to the Thurston Society for his superior academic achievement in the study of law. Mr. Edwards is a member of the State Bar of California, the San Diego County Bar Association, the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, the San Diego Defense Lawyers Association and The Association of Trial Lawyers of America and holds an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

He is an arbitrator for the Superior Court of the County of San Diego (1980-Present) and an Arbitrator on the panel of arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association. Additionally, he has acted as Judge Pro Tem for the San Diego Superior Court (1986-Present). Mr. Edwards is also a member of the San Diego County Planning Commission (1992-Present) and local counsel to the AIA and ASHRAE in San Diego.

His areas of concentration are in contracts, construction litigation, professional liability (specializing in defense of architects and engineers) real estate, employment law, insurance coverage and bad faith litigation. Mr. Edwards is a frequent speaker at construction seminars and at professional meetings, and is the author of numerous papers, including "Liability for Innovative but Unproven Designs," Cushman/Hedemann, Architecture and Engineer Liability: Claims Against Design Professionals (Second Ed. 1995).

He has also served as counsel of record for several important cases including Farmy v. Scope, Del Mar Beach Club v. Imperial Contracting, Merino v. Boy Scouts of America and Pardee v. ICW and has handled hundreds of cases against designers for professional malpractice.