

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear President Carinci and members of the ARIDO Board of Directors,

As conveyed in prior communications with President Carinci and Executive Director Sharon Portelli, CIDQ governance stipulates that as a condition of membership in the Council, jurisdictional boards are required to endorse the NCIDQ Examination as the qualifying examination for registrants. Additionally, consideration for membership includes an assessment of whether the jurisdictional board's activities and standards support the best interests of the Council.

As noted in CIDQ's 2/29 Statement on Alternative Assessment, multiple competency assessment methods introduce uncertainty as to equivalency, undermine public confidence in board mission, and inhibit practitioners' ability to easily move or expand their practice to other jurisdictions with a different set of requirements.

CIDQ, its members, and the public have a vested interest in an understood and certain regulatory framework. That framework includes the use of the NCIDQ Exam as the widely acknowledged competency assessment standard. Developing an alternative assessment that positions the NCIDQ Exam as simply an option, weakens that regulatory framework and places ARIDO in conflict with CIDQ's membership criteria. As an unfortunate result, in the absence of any change in ARIDO activity regarding the Examination Alternative Project (EAP), the CIDQ Board of Directors will terminate ARIDO's membership in CIDQ, effective June 19, 2024.

The Board acknowledges and values ARIDO's long-standing membership and valuable contributions to CIDQ, and we regret that we are left with no other alternative. If at any time, you wish to align with our bylaws and membership criteria, CIDQ would be happy to reconsider ARIDO's membership in CIDQ.

Sincerely,



Erin Jennings  
CIDQ President