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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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