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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Katrina L. Salazar, CPA President

One of my top priorities for this year is to increase the outreach and communication efforts of the California Board of Accountancy (CBA). The CBA has always had an eye toward outreach, but this year I want to increase our efforts to reach out to our stakeholders.

Outreach is a vital component of the CBA's mission to protect consumers. By reaching out to consumers, we ensure they know that the CBA is here to assist them and protect their interests. By reaching out to licensees, we ensure they are aware of the laws and rules governing how they conduct themselves as

professionals that are set in place to protect consumers. And by reaching out to prospective licensees, we ensure they know what is required to become a properly qualified licensee, which protects consumers as well.

This past May, the CBA unveiled its new website (*www.cba.ca.gov*), which has enhanced consumer resources, including easier access to public enforcement documents, a simplified E-News subscription form, and consolidated information regarding how to select a CPA. This new design will also make it easier for all the CBA's stakeholders to find specific information they are looking for.

So far this year, the CBA has participated in numerous outreach opportunities. In January, I spoke to the leadership of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA) in Sacramento regarding the CBA's objectives and priorities for 2016. This group of approximately 150 CPAs gathered in Sacramento as a part of CalCPA's annual Legislative Day.

The CBA's Enforcement Chief was able to attend the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy Legal Conference, where he presented information regarding how the CBA conducts investigations.

Vice President Alicia Berhow and staff went to the University of Southern California and California State University (CSU), Fullerton, to present information on the examination and licensure process to accounting students. They also provided an overview to the CSU, Fullerton, faculty of the educational requirements and information on the next version of the Uniform CPA Examination.

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In April, the CBA hosted a booth at a Financial Literacy Fair on the steps of the State Capitol. The booth was set up to allow consumers to check their CPA's license online, follow CBA's social media accounts, and subscribe to E-News. We also discussed our mission of consumer protection and handed out informational materials.

At May's Accounting Day 2016 event in San Diego, CBA Vice President Berhow had the opportunity to speak about the CBA's license renewal process and continuing education requirements.

But these are just the beginning of our outreach efforts. Later this year, the CBA will send a speaker to Golden Gate University to participate in the Braden Leadership Speaker Series. This is a 15-week speaker series on business leadership in which various leaders

share advice and expertise with students, alumni, and the San Francisco-Bay Area community at large.

The CBA will also collaborate with CalCPA to put on an event titled, "So You Want to be a CPA?" Tentatively scheduled for September, the event will be held at the University of California, Davis. This presentation will also be live webcast to students throughout California.

Finally, the CBA continues its efforts to increase its presence on social media. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to follow the CBA on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter, where you will receive information from the CBA about issues such as mobility, license renewals, and more.

Katrina L. Salazar, CPA
President

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In an effort to reduce waste and lessen its environmental impact, the CBA is in the midst of transitioning to electronic tablets during CBA meetings. This effort coincides with the CBA's 2016–18 Strategic Plan, which includes an objective to "seek authorization to purchase mobile devices for members to view CBA meeting materials, which will reduce paper consumption and lessen the environmental impact."

The tablets—Microsoft Surface Pro 3s—will enable CBA members and staff to view meeting materials electronically during CBA meetings and include the capability to make notes directly on the electronic documents.

By transitioning to the tablets, the CBA will realize significant savings.

This is an exciting project, and the CBA is one of the first boards at the Department of Consumer Affairs to roll out tablet devices in an effort to save money and the environment.

Patti Bowers

Executive Officer



NEXT VERSION OF THE CPA EXAM

On April 4, 2016, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) released details regarding the next version of the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination (CPA Exam) that will launch on April 1, 2017.

The next version of the CPA Exam is based on a practice analysis, an extensive research project overseen by the AICPA's Board of Examiners that included input from key stakeholders across the accounting profession. The result maintains the strong commitment of the profession to protect the public interest, and the next CPA Exam remains current, relevant, reliable, and legally defensible. The CPA Exam meets the needs of boards of accountancy by providing reasonable assurance that individuals who pass have the technical knowledge and skills necessary for licensure.

Among the changes to the next version of the CPA Exam:

- Increased assessment of higher-order cognitive skills that include, but are not limited to, critical-thinking, problem-solving, and analytical ability.
- Additional task-based simulations will be included, which are an effective way to assess higher-order skills.
- New exam blueprints containing approximately 600 representative tasks across all four CPA Exam sections will replace the Content Specification Outline (CSO) and Skill Specification Outline (SSO). These blueprints are more robust than the CSO and SSO, identifying content knowledge linked directly to representative tasks performed by newly licensed CPAs.
- Total CPA Exam testing time will increase from 14 to 16 hours—four sections of four hours each.

The CPA Exam will remain composed of the four existing sections: Auditing and Attestation (AUD), Business Environment and Concepts (BEC), Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR), and Regulation (REG).

To increase candidate convenience, there will be a 10-day extension of the testing window each quarter into the usual nontesting months of March, June, September, and December. The 10-day extension will not be available during the initial launch testing window in June 2017, as additional time will be required to analyze exam results and set new passing scores. In addition, administration of the new exam will include a 15-minute standardized break during each section that will not count against a candidate's testing time. Any combination of passing current CPA Exam sections and passing next CPA Exam sections (within the 18-month window following passing one section) will count toward licensure.

For more information on the next version of the CPA Exam, visit the CBA website to view "Next Version of the Uniform CPA Examination: Core Message Points" (www.dca. ca.gov/cba/applicants/next-exam-message.pdf). A listing of frequently asked questions may also be found on the CBA website at www.dca.ca.gov/cba/applicants/next-exam-faqs.pdf.





CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY Newsletter



DON'T LET AN UNPAID CBA CITATION CREATE A DISAPPOINTING TAX RETURN

Do you have an unpaid CBA citation? If so, you may find a change in your tax return this year. The CBA has begun participating in the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) Interagency Intercept Collection Program. This program was created in 1975 to enable State agencies to collect delinquent debts owed by California residents to State agencies by intercepting State payments from personal income tax refunds, unclaimed property claim payments, or California State Lottery winnings. This program offsets these funds and transfers them to pay debts owed to agencies and colleges. Over the past two decades, the program has redirected more than \$3 billion to various State agencies, cities, and counties. To date, more than \$276,000 in outstanding balances have been referred from the CBA to the FTB for collection.

The CBA works diligently to help licensees stay in compliance and avoid citations. If you receive a citation, you must respond within the timeframe listed on the citation to avoid being referred to the FTB's Interagency Intercept Collection Program. If you cannot afford to pay the citation, contact the CBA to discuss the possibility of a payment plan.

HOW MANY CPAS ARE THERE IN THE UNITED STATES?

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) and the various state boards of accountancy, there are now 51 jurisdictions sending licensee data to CPAverify. CPAverify is an online tool that allows consumers to look up the status of any CPA licensed in the participating jurisdictions.

A new CPA population statistic that represents the total number of individual CPAs that are considered to be in an "active" status is now possible, thanks to CPAverify. As of April 2016, there are 664,532 actively licensed CPAs in the 51 participating jurisdictions, which include California. NASBA will continue to publish this new statistic, updated quarterly, on its website.

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INTERVIEW WITH FORMER CBA MEMBER SALLY ANDERSON



Sally Anderson, CPA

First of all, can you start out by telling us a little about your career as a licensee of the CBA?

I attended school in Massachusetts, and after the required three years of experience, I received my Massachusetts CPA license in 1976. I started my career as an auditor with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell at their Boston office,

but later moved to their office in Newport Beach. I received my California CPA license in June 1979.

I then spent a few years in private industry as a controller before joining E&Y [Ernst and Young] in 1984 where I spent the remainder of my career. I retired from Ernst and Young in 2008. I still keep my license current as I am the audit committee chair for two public companies. The Securities Exchange Commission requires that at least one board person qualify as a "financial expert" on every public company, and I feel that being a California-licensed CPA demonstrates that expertise.

Why did you want to be a member of the CBA?

Actually, when my firm suggested that I apply for a position on the CBA, I didn't know much about it. As a part of one of the large firms, we had a lot of support structure for CPAs in place. As I researched the CBA, I discovered that the smaller firms didn't have this and relied on the excellent information provided by the CBA. I thought it would be interesting and a chance to learn; in addition, I wanted to give back to a career that had treated me so well.

When did you begin your first term?

I was appointed to the CBA by Governor Schwarzenegger in May 2007.

Were you surprised by anything when you began working with the CBA, or did everything work as you expected?

Well, I didn't know what to expect. Most of my time initially was spent on figuring out what my responsibilities were. At first, I was overwhelmed by the amount of materials that were produced for each meeting, and I certainly didn't realize how much time I would be spending on enforcement matters.

What did you enjoy most about serving on the CBA?

The people. I really enjoyed meeting all of the other members. It was a joy to serve with them all. I was particularly impressed with the public members who were so willing to give their time and intellect to a profession that was not their own. The CBA staff was a pleasure to work with as well.

You served in CBA Leadership, including a year as the CBA President; what prompted you to seek a leadership position?

I saw it as a great opportunity to see behind the scenes, learn how the staff functions, and how the whole process works. As I said earlier, it was a chance to learn.

Of all the accomplishments during your time on the CBA, of what are you most proud?

There are two things, actually. First, I was proud to be a part of the development of the new educational requirements for licensure. The bulk of that work was accomplished during 2011 when I was the President of the CBA. That was a major undertaking that set the direction of licensure in California for years to come. I am honored that such important work took place while I was President.

Second, I was a part of the subcommittee tasked with hiring a new Executive Officer in 2008. I am very proud that I played such a large role in the selection of Patti Bowers as our Executive Officer. She was the perfect choice as she is calm, controlled, and always prepared.





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Describe your time on the CBA.

It was very fulfilling to give back to my profession in that way. There were always interesting topics being discussed, and it was satisfying to learn something new every day.

What qualities make an excellent CBA member?

An excellent CBA member must be willing to listen, but also be willing to speak their own opinions. As a corollary to that, they must come prepared for every meeting; this is the only way to be prepared to hear and speak.

CBA EXAMINES EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN AUDIT PERFORMANCE

In May 2015, the United States Department of Labor (DOL) Employee Benefit Security Administration published a report titled "Assessing the Quality of Employee Benefit Plan Audits." In the report, the DOL found that 39 percent of these audits contained major deficiencies with respect to one or more relevant generally accepted auditing standards requirements. At the CBA's January and March 2016 meeting, the CBA heard presentations regarding this topic from Jim Brackens, Vice-President of Ethics and Practice Quality, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Maria Caldwell, Chief Legal Officer and Director of Compliance Services, National Association of State Boards of Accountancy; and Ian Dingwall, Chief Accountant, DOL. The CBA will continue to have discussions to determine whether any changes need to be made to ensure consumer protection in the area of employee benefit plan audits.

The full DOL report can be found at www.dol.gov/ebsa/pdf/2014AuditReport.pdf.

MOBILITY LAW: CBA WORKING TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC

Although California's no-notice, no-fee mobility law has been in place for two years, it will continue to be reviewed by the CBA and the Legislature for some time to ensure it is consistent with the CBA's duty to protect the public.

To assist in this process, the Mobility Stakeholder Group (MSG) has been meeting regularly to give its recommendations to the CBA. The CBA is required by law to review the enforcement practices of other state boards of accountancy to determine whether allowing licensees from a given state to practice in California violates the CBA's duty to protect consumers. The CBA continues to collaborate with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy in conducting the research that will assist the CBA in making these determinations. A final report will be issued to the Legislature on January 1, 2018.

The MSG membership consists of the following:

Jose A. Campos, CPA, Chair and CBA Member

Joseph P. Petito, Esq., Vice Chair and Accounting Profession Representative

Don Driftmier, CPA, Accounting Profession Representative

Dominic Franzella, CBA Enforcement Division Chief

Edward Howard, Esq., Consumer Representative

Michael M. Savoy, CPA, CBA Member

Stuart Waldman, Esq., Consumer Representative



UNDER THE DOME

The second half of the legislative year is upon us, and the CBA is already active in the legislative process. Here are a few bills the CBA has taken positions on and that may be of interest to licensees and other stakeholders: Assembly Bill 2560, Senate Bill 1479, SB 1155, and SB 1348.

AB 2560 (Obernolte) relates to the CBA's practice privilege program, which allows for out-of-state licensees to practice in California without giving notice or paying a fee. If the CBA determines that allowing individuals from a particular state to practice in California under a no-notice, no-fee practice privilege violates its duty to protect the public, it shall require, by regulation, out-of-state individuals licensed from that state, to file the notification form and pay the fees as required under the notice and fee practice privilege program. AB 2560 would grant the CBA the legislative authority to adopt emergency regulations to expedite the rulemaking process related to removing states from the practice privilege program in order to best protect consumers. The CBA is the sponsor of this bill.

SB 1479, the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee's annual omnibus bill, includes a proposal that would add flexibility to the ethics study requirements by changing it from a specific title requirement to a subject requirement. This change does not expand the disciplines in which the ethics education can be earned. Many of California's colleges and

universities have made changes to their course titles to assist their students in complying with the existing ethics requirement, which became effective on January 1, 2014. However, the requirement of specific terms in the course title may be too restrictive for applicants who received their college education outside of California or prior to the law becoming effective. The CBA took a Support position on this bill.

SB 1155 (Morrell) and SB 1348 (Cannella) both relate to assisting military personnel.

SB 1155 would add a new section to the Business and Professions Code requiring the Department of Consumer Affairs to establish and maintain a program that grants a fee waiver for the application for and issuance of a license to an individual who is an honorably discharged veteran. SB 1348 would require each board, with a governing law authorizing veterans to apply military experience and training toward licensure requirements, to post information on the board's website about the ability of veteran applicants to apply their military experience and training toward licensure requirements. The CBA

took a Support position on both bills as they are in line with the CBA's stance on offering assistance to military personnel.

For a complete list of all the legislation

the CBA is following, visit the "Pending Legislation" section on the CBA website, www.dca.ca.gov/cba/about-cba/
pending-legislation.shtml.





PRESIDENTS OF THE CBA

Since the inception of the CBA in 1901, 26 members have served as CBA President. In 1907, the CBA determined that it would elect a President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer at its annual meeting, and the officers would hold office until their successor was appointed or elected. Today, the CBA President is elected for a one-year term and may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Mr. Prentiss Maslin, CPA, served as the first CBA President until 1906, though his exact date of appointment was destroyed in the great San Francisco fire. Mr. John F. Forbes, CPA, served as President for more than 30 years from 1914 until 1945. In 1992, the CBA appointed the first woman President, Janice Wilson, CPA. Here is a list of the CBA Presidents and their terms:

PRESIDENT	TERM OF OFFICE
Prentiss Maslin, CPA	Unknown-6/23/1906
Alfred G. Platt, CPA	6/23/1906-4/20/1907
John Hoesch, CPA	4/20/1907-8/15/1908
Prentiss Maslin, CPA	8/15/1908-12/31/1914
John F. Forbes, CPA	12/31/1914-12/6/1945
James E. Hammond, CPA	12/6/1945-2/9/1950
Ira N. Frisbee, CPA	2/9/1950-1/29/1953
Francis P. Farquhar	1/29/1953-1/28/1955
George O. Carlson	1/28/1955-2/3/1958
Hilliard R. Giffen, CPA	2/3/1958-2/9/1959
George Gibbs, CPA	2/9/1959-3/17/1960
Rudolph A. Phillips	3/17/1960-1/20/1961
DeWitt Alexander	1/20/1961-1/19/1962
Charles W. Lamden, CPA	1/19/1962-1/19/1963
Carl Dechow Jr. , CPA	1/19/1963-2/01/1964
Andrew P. Marincovich, CPA	2/1/1964-1/23/1965
Joseph F. Spilberg, CPA	1/23/1965-1/29/1966
James Logan Smith, CPA	1/29/1966-1/28/1967
Carl Dechow Jr. , CPA	1/28/1967-1/27/1968
Andrew P. Marincovich, CPA	1/27/1968-1/24/1969
Joseph F. Spilberg, CPA	1/24/1969–1/31/1970
Harry Magill	1/31/1970-1/30/1971
Robert Whyte	1/30/1971-8/31/1971 (Resigned)

PRESIDENT	TERM OF OFFICE
Brenton B. Bradford, CPA	10/1/1971-1/27/1973
Robert A. Mellin, CPA	1/27/1973-2/2/1974
Anthony Guntermann, CPA	2/2/1974-2/1/1975
Brenton B. Bradford, CPA	2/1/1975–1/31/1976
C. Richard Spriggs, CPA	1/31/1976-1/29/1977
Robert A. Mellin, CPA	1/29/1977-6/2/1979
Morton Levy, CPA	6/2/1979-4/26/1980
Gilbert Vasquez, CPA	4/26/1980-12/3/1980
Robert E. Billings, CPA	12/5/1980-1/1/1983
Thomas Lino, CPA	1/29/1983-2/2/1985
James J. Sullos Jr., CPA	2/2/1985-1/31/1987
Sam Yellen, CPA	1/31/1987–1/28/1989
Jack Kazanjian, CPA	1/28/1989-2/2/1991
Ira Landis, CPA	2/2/1991–11/14/1992
Janice Wilson, CPA	11/14/1992-12/4/1993
Avedick Poladian, CPA	12/4/1993-11/18/1995
Robert J. Shackleton, CPA	11/18/1995-11/21/1997
Diane Rubin, CPA	11/21/1997-11/20/1998
H.E. "Mik" Mikkelsen, CPA	11/20/1998-11/19/1999
Baxter Rice	11/19/1999-11/17/2000
Donna McCluskey, CPA	11/17/2000-11/16/2001
Navid Sharafatian, Esq.	11/16/2001-11/15/2002
Wendy Perez, CPA	11/15/2002-11/14/2003
Ian Thomas	11/14/2003-11/19/2004
Renata Sos, Esq.	11/19/2004-11/18/2005
Ronald Blanc, Esq.	11/18/2005-12/1/2006
David Swartz, CPA	12/1/2006-11/16/2007
Donald Driftmier, CPA	11/16/2007-11/21/2008
Robert Petersen, CPA	11/21/2008-11/19/2009
Manuel Ramirez, CPA	11/19/2009-11/18/2010
Sarah (Sally) Anderson, CPA	11/18/2010-11/18/2011
Marshal Oldman, Esq.	11/18/2011-11/16/2012
Leslie LaManna, CPA	11/16/2012-11/22/2013
Michael M. Savoy, CPA	11/22/2013-11/21/2014
Jose A. Campos, CPA	11/21/2014-11/19/2015
Katrina L. Salazar, CPA	11/19/2015-Present



FUTURE MEETINGS

JULY 7, 2016

Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting

Doubletree by Hilton Sacramento 2001 Point West Way Sacramento, California 95815 (916) 929-8855

JULY 21, 2016

Mobility Stakeholder Group Meeting

Hilton Los Angeles Airport 5711 West Century Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90045 (310) 410-4000

JULY 21-22, 2016

CBA and Committee Meetings

Hilton Los Angeles Airport 5711 West Century Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90045 (310) 410-4000

JULY 27, 2016

Qualifications Committee Meeting

Hilton Los Angeles Airport 5711 West Century Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90045 (310) 410-4000

AUGUST 19, 2016

Peer Review Oversight Committee Meeting

California Board of Accountancy 2000 Evergreen Street, Suite 250 Sacramento, California 95843 (916) 263-3680

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

Mobility Stakeholder Group Meeting

Hilton Los Angeles Airport 5711 West Century Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90045 (310) 410-4000

SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2016

CBA and Committee Meetings

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CBA and committee meetings are open to the public. Consumers, licensees, and all interested persons are encouraged to attend. As meeting locations become known, they will be posted on the CBA website at *www.cba.ca.gov* and will also be available by calling the CBA office at (916) 263-3680. Public notices and agendas are posted to the website at least 10 days prior to meetings. All CBA meetings are available to the public via live webcast at *www.cba.ca.gov*.

ANNUAL REPORTS PUBLISHED BY THE CBA

The following reports are now available on the CBA website:

Mobility Stakeholder Group 2015 Annual Report: www.dca.ca.gov/cba/communications-and-outreach/msg-rpt-2015.pdf

Peer Review Oversight Committee 2015 Annual Report: www.dca. ca.gov/cba/communications-and-outreach/proc_rpt_2015.pdf







ATTEST STUDY RESULTS ARE IN!

In 2013, the CBA began examining California's experience requirement for CPA licensure. As part of this examination, in 2014, the CBA initiated a study to gather feedback from stakeholders regarding whether the present 500-hour attest experience requirement was necessary and sufficient to support the CBA mission to protect consumers by ensuring only qualified licensees practice public accountancy in accordance with professional standards.

The development and implementation of the study for both California licensees and licensees nationwide took place in 2014 and 2015.

At its March 17–18, 2016, meeting, the CBA discussed the results of the study. The third-party consultant, CPS HR Consulting, which was selected to assist with facilitation of the study, reported on detailed data from the California-specific survey. The CBA also heard details regarding the national survey performed by staff.

The California-specific survey results showed that the majority of respondents in most stakeholder groups wanted to maintain the existing attest experience requirement. The only exception to this was the pending applicants for licensure who did not complete the attest experience requirement; the majority of that group wanted to eliminate the attest experience requirement.

The national survey result showed that only five of the 35 responding states currently maintain an attest experience requirement. One of the five is considering elimination of its attest experience requirement. However, of the 30 states that do not currently maintain an attest experience requirement, two reported that they are considering reinstating their attest experience requirement, with one state reporting that it had experienced a significant increase in issues related to the failure to follow professional standards.

As a result of its discussion, the CBA concluded that the 500-hour attest experience requirement is sufficient to ensure a minimum level of competency for entry into the profession. Additionally, the CBA concurred that it would (1) increase outreach efforts in educating stakeholders regarding the difference between CPA licensure obtained with "general" versus "attest" experience, (2) periodically evaluate the experience requirement for necessary changes, if any, and (3) watch for changes in other states' attest experience requirements that may impact California.

The complete report of the CBA's Report of the Attest Experience Requirement Survey 2015 is available for viewing on the CBA website at www.dca.ca.gov/cba/communications-and-outreach/attest-study.pdf.

POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The California Board of Accountancy does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or in the admission and access to its program and activities.

An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator has been designated to coordinate and carry out this agency's compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title II of the ADA. Information concerning the provisions of the ADA, and the rights provided thereunder, is available from:

ADA Coordinator California Board of Accountancy 2000 Evergreen Street, Suite 250 Sacramento, CA 95815-3832



CBA LAUNCHES REDESIGNED WEBSITE

Have you seen the CBA's new website? It has been completely redesigned to better serve our stakeholders. Our home page now displays current announcements and upcoming events. Check it out at www.cba.ca.gov.

On the website, you can also subscribe to E-news, the CBA's e-mail subscription lists. You can choose which topics interest you and sign up to receive an e-mail when the CBA has new information on those topics.

And while you are on the website, you can also follow us on social media. Pick your favorite, or follow us on all of them. The social media services that are used by the CBA can be found on our home page along with links directly to the CBA on those platforms.

CBA FEES RETURNING TO 2014 LEVELS

The CBA's second year of a two-year fee reduction ended on June 30, 2016. Beginning on July 1, 2016, fees reverted to the levels at which they were on June 30, 2014.

The following table highlights the affected fees.

FEE CATEGORY	FEE PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2016	FEE AS OF JULY 1, 2016
License Renewal	\$50	\$120
Initial Licensure	\$50	\$120
Examination Application (First-time sitter)	\$50	\$100
Examination Application (Repeat sitter)	\$25	\$50
Application for CPA Licensure	\$50	\$250
Application for Firm Licensure	\$30	\$150

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

The CBA regularly posts useful

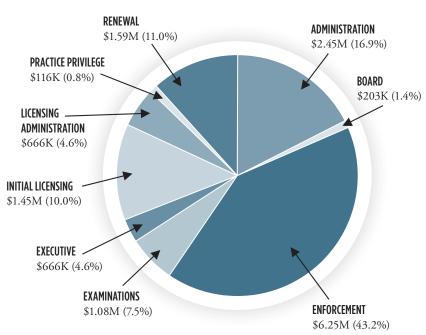
information and tips.

Every year, the CBA is appropriated a maximum amount of funding to carry out its mission of consumer protection. These amounts are based on the prior year's budget and are then adjusted to account for any program changes and administrative adjustments approved or ordered by the Department of Finance. The CBA's total budget is set at \$14,469,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015–16.

The CBA allocates its budget to various organizational units to best attain its consumer protection goals while also striving to provide the best customer service to its stakeholders. The chart on the right depicts all of the organizational units comprising the CBA and their associated funding levels for FY 2015–16.

CBA 2015–16 ALLOCATIONS

NET TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET: \$14,469,000







ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

When the CBA receives a complaint, an investigation is conducted. Information regarding a complaint generally is gathered by enforcement staff, often accompanied by a licensee's appearance before the CBA Enforcement Advisory Committee.

Following this investigation, a recommendation is made to either (1) close the case with no violation of the Accountancy Act or CBA Regulations; (2) require the licensee to take prescribed continuing education; (3) issue a citation and fine; or (4) refer the case to the Attorney General's Office for review and possible preparation of an accusation against the licensee or a statement of issues relating to the applicant.

If charges are filed against a licensee, a hearing may be held before an independent administrative law judge who submits a proposed decision to be considered by the CBA, or the matter may be settled. The CBA may either accept the proposed decision or decide the matter itself. Please note that CBA actions reported here may not be final. After the effective date of the CBA's decision, the licensee may obtain judicial review of its decision. On occasion, a court will order a stay of the CBA's decision or return the decision to the CBA for reconsideration.

Copies of the accusations, decisions, and settlements regarding any of these disciplinary and/or enforcement actions are available on the CBA website, *www.cba.ca.gov*, or by sending a written request to:

California Board of Accountancy Attention: Disciplinary/Enforcement Actions 2000 Evergreen Street, Suite 250 Sacramento, CA 95815-3832

Please state the licensee's name and license number, and allow 10 days for each request.

STANDARD TERMS OF PROBATION

The CBA may revoke, suspend, or impose probation on a license for violation of applicable statutes or regulations. In addition to any case-specific terms of probation, the standard probationary terms include:

- Obey all Federal, California, other state, and local laws, including those rules relating to the practice of public accountancy in California.
- Submit, within 10 days of completion of the quarter, written reports to the CBA on a form obtained from the CBA. The respondent shall submit, under penalty of perjury, such other written reports, declarations, and verification of actions as are required. These declarations shall contain statements relative to respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the CBA or its representatives.
- During the period of probation, appear in person at interviews or meetings as directed by the CBA or its designated representative, provided such notification is accomplished in a timely manner.
- Comply with the terms and conditions of the probation imposed by the CBA, and cooperate fully with representatives of the CBA in its monitoring and investigation of the respondent's compliance with probation terms and conditions.
- Be subject to and permit a "practice investigation" of the respondent's professional practice. Such "practice investigation" shall be conducted by representatives of the CBA, provided notification of such review is accomplished in a timely manner.
- Comply with all final orders resulting from citations issued by the CBA.
- In the event respondent should leave California to reside or practice outside this State, respondent must notify the CBA in writing of the dates of departure and



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return. Periods of non-California residency or practice outside the State shall not apply to reduction of the probationary period, or of any suspension. No obligation imposed herein, including requirements to file written reports, reimburse the CBA costs, or make restitution to consumers, shall be suspended or otherwise affected by such periods of out-of-state residency or practice, except at the written direction of the CBA.

- If respondent violates probation in any respect, the CBA, after giving respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary and/or enforcement order that was stayed. If an accusation or a petition to revoke probation is filed against respondent during probation, the CBA shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's license will be fully restored.

ENFORCEMENT DEFINITIONS

Accusation

A formal document that charges violation(s) of the California Accountancy Act and/or CBA Regulations by a licensee. The charges in the accusation are allegations. Allegations are not a final determination of wrongdoing and are subject to adjudication and final review by the CBA pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Cost Recovery

The licensee is ordered to pay the CBA certain costs of investigation and prosecution including, but not limited to, attorney's fees.

Default Decision

The licensee failed to file a Notice of Defense or has otherwise failed to request a hearing, object, or otherwise contest the accusation. The CBA takes action without a hearing based on the accusation and documentary evidence on file.

Effective Date

The date the disciplinary decision becomes operative.

Probation

The licensee may continue to engage in activities for which licensure is required, under specific terms and conditions.

Reinstatement

A revoked license that is restored, not sooner than one year from the date of revocation, to a clear or inactive status after petition to and approval by the CBA. Reinstatement may include probation and/or terms and conditions.

Revocation

The individual, partnership, or corporation no longer is licensed as a result of a disciplinary action.

Stayed

The action does not immediately take place and may not take place if the licensee complies with other conditions (such as a probation term).

Stipulation

The matter is negotiated and settled without going to hearing.

Surrendered

The licensee has surrendered the license. The individual, partnership, or corporation no longer is licensed. The CBA, however, may impose discipline against a surrendered license in certain circumstances. Surrender also may require certain conditions be met should the former licensee ever choose to reapply for licensure.

Suspension

The licensee is prohibited for a specific period of time from engaging in activities for which licensure is required.





ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

CPA REVOCATIONS THROUGH APRIL 24, 2016

ADAMS, JAMES T.

Manhattan Beach, CA (CPA 85924)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation of CPA License, via default decision.

Effective April 24, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-77 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Adams is subject to disciplinary action in that Respondent was disciplined by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

On or about May 20, 2014, pursuant to an Order Instituting Public Administrative and Cease-And-Desist Proceedings, pursuant to Sections 4C and 21C of the SEC Act of 1934 and Rule 102(e) of the SEC's Rules of Practice, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions and a Cease-And-Desist Order, Release No. 72198, in a disciplinary action entitled In the Matter of

James T. Adams, CPA, Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-15876, the SEC ordered Mr. Adams to cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Rule 2-02(b)(1) of Regulation S-X and Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 13a-1 promulgated thereunder and denied the privilege of appearing or practicing before the SEC as an accountant.

Mr. Adams is subject to disciplinary action in that he committed dishonest acts.

Mr. Adams is subject to disciplinary action in that he received a suspension or revocation of the right to practice before any governmental body or agency.

Mr. Adams is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to notify the CBA within 30 days of the SEC's Order.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5063, 5100 (c), (h), and (l).

ANDRADE, ANTHONY LEE

Salinas, CA (CPA 94526)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation of CPA License, via default decision.

Effective April 24, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-100 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Andrade is subject to disciplinary action because he engaged in the practice of public accountancy

without a valid permit. After Mr. Andrade failed to renew his certificate, he represented several clients, completed tax returns, and completed an attest engagement.

Mr. Andrade is subject to disciplinary action because he willfully violated a rule promulgated by the CBA by failing to participate in a peer review program within the required time frame. Mr. Andrade failed to have a peer review report accepted by a Board-recognized peer review provider within 18 months of completing the attest engagement.

Mr. Andrade is subject to disciplinary action because he willfully violated a rule promulgated by the CBA by



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failing to enroll his firm with a Board-recognized peer review program provider.

Mr. Andrade is subject to disciplinary action because he willfully violated a rule promulgated by the CBA by failing to respond to a CBA inquiry.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5050, 5051, and 5100 (g). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, §§ 39, 40, 41, and 52.

HARNER, EDWARD LAI

Newport Beach, CA (CPA 94570)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation of CPA License, via default decision.

Effective April 24, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2016-47 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Harner is subject to disciplinary action in that he was convicted of a crime substantially related to the

qualifications, functions, and duties of a certified public accountant or a public accountant. On September 11, 2013, Mr. Harner was convicted on his plea of guilty of violating Penal Code Section 261.5(c).

Mr. Harner is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to report his September 11, 2013, felony conviction.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 1.5, Chapter 2, § 490; Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5063 (a)(1)(A), and 5100 (a).

KIES, DANIEL R. A.K.A. DANIEL ROY KIES

San Francisco, CA (CPA 104152)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation of CPA License, via decision.

In the event Mr. Kies applies for a new license or petitions for reinstatement and the license is issued, he shall reimburse the CBA \$4,169.14 for its reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement.

Effective February 27, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-29 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Kies is subject to disciplinary action in that he was convicted of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee.

On or about September 30, 2010, Mr. Kies was convicted after a jury trial of violating Penal Code (PC) section 273.5(a) (inflicting corporal injury upon a spouse), a felony. The jury also convicted Mr. Kies of three misdemeanors: two violations of PC section 240 (assault), and one violation of PC section 243(e)(1) (battery on a spouse).

Mr. Kies is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to report in writing to the CBA within 30 days following his conviction.

Mr. Kies is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to comply with a citation issued to him in 2011 for failing to respond to a CBA inquiry.





Mr. Kies is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to respond to an inquiry by the CBA and/or failed to provide true and accurate information in response to the CBA's request for information.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 1.5, Chapter 2, § 490 (a); Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5063 (a)(1)(A), (a)(1) (B) and 5100 (a) and (g). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, §§ 52 (a) and (d) and 95.4.

MEDLEN JR., DANIEL LEE MEDLEN & ASSOCIATES, LLP

La Mesa, CA (CPA 96426; PAR 7362)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation of CPA License, via default decision.

Effective April 24, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-37 contains the following allegations:

Respondents are subject to disciplinary action in that Respondents committed acts of gross negligence when they caused client C.E. to be assessed a penalty by the United States Internal Revenue Service.

Respondents are subject to disciplinary action in that during the period from September 1, 2012, to February 28, 2013, Respondents practiced public accountancy by holding themselves out to the public as a CPA and CPA firm, while their licenses were invalid.

Respondents are subject to disciplinary action in that they misled the public in believing that their licenses were valid from September 1, 2012, to February 26, 2013.

Respondents are subject to disciplinary action in that Medlen & Associates, LLP, was not validly registered from September 1, 2012, when its only licensed partner's individual license expired and was not renewed until April 21, 2015.

Respondents are subject to disciplinary action in that Medlen & Associates, LLP, did not qualify as a registered firm with the CBA from September 1, 2012, when its only licensed partner's individual license expired and was not renewed until April 21, 2015.

Respondents are subject to disciplinary action in that Respondents failed to respond to the CBA's request for information regarding C.E.'s allegations and questions regarding their practice.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5051, 5060, 5072, 5100 (c) and (g), and 5101. California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, § 52.



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TAYLOR, LLOYD

San Francisco, CA (CPA 15170)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation of CPA License, via default decision.

Effective April 24, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-98 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Taylor is subject to disciplinary action in that he was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a certified public accountant or a public accountant. On or about June 30, 2014, in the case entitled United States of America v. Lloyd Taylor, United States District Court, Southern District of California, case number 13CR1390, a jury found Mr. Taylor guilty of multiple crimes. Those crimes were substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a certified public accountant, including Title 18, United States Code, section 1542 (False Statement on United States Passport Application-three counts); Title 26, United States Code, sections 7212(a) (Corrupt Endeavor to Obstruct and Impede the Due Administration of the Internal Revenue Laws-one count), 7201 (Tax Evasion-two counts); Title 18, United States Code, sections 1014 (False Statements to a Federally Insured Financial Institution-seven counts), and 1028A (Aggravated Identity Theft-six counts).

Mr. Taylor is subject to disciplinary action in that he engaged in conduct constituting dishonesty and fraud resulting in violations of applicable professional standards that indicate a lack of competency in the practice of public accountancy or in the performance of the bookkeeping operations described in Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 5052.

Mr. Taylor is subject to disciplinary action in that he willfully violated rules and regulations promulgated by the CBA under the authority granted under the BPC.

Mr. Taylor is subject to disciplinary action in that he committed fiscal dishonesty.

Mr. Taylor is subject to disciplinary action in that he knowingly prepared, publicized, or disseminated false, fraudulent, or materially misleading financial statements, reports, and information.

Mr. Taylor is subject to disciplinary action in that he engaged in conduct constituting embezzlement, theft, misappropriation of funds or property, or obtained money, property, or other valuable consideration by fraudulent means or false pretenses.

Mr. Taylor is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to report his convictions to the CBA.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, \$\\$ 5063, 5100 (a), (c), (g), (i), (j), and (k).





TOMLINSON, BRUCE WILLIAM

Los Altos, CA

(CPA 50589)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation of CPA License, via default decision.

Effective February 27, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2016-20 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Tomlinson is subject to disciplinary action in that he was disciplined in June 2013 by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SEC suspended Mr. Tomlinson's right to practice as an accountant before the SEC based on a SEC civil judgment. The complaint SEC Civil Case alleged that Mr. Tomlinson engaged in insider trading by tipping a friend and former business associate to material nonpublic information in advance of an announcement regarding the approval of certain pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Tomlinson is subject to disciplinary action in that his right to practice before a governmental body was suspended.

Mr. Tomlinson is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to report the SEC discipline to the CBA in writing within 30 days.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5063; 5100 (g), (h) and (l).

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BOITANO, STEVEN F.

San Jose, CA (CPA 49589)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Mr. Boitano's certified public accountant certificate No. CPA 49589 is suspended for 90 days.

Mr. Boitano shall reimburse the CBA \$10,170.76 for its investigation and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made within 30 days of the date the CBA's decision is final.

Mr. Boitano shall complete four hours of continuing education (CE) in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 12 months of the date the CBA's decision is final and are in addition to the CE hours required for relicensing.

Mr. Boitano shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The hours shall be completed within 12 months of the date the CBA's decision is final and are in addition to the CE hours required for relicensing.

Mr. Boitano shall comply with procedures provided by the CBA regarding notification to, and management of, clients.

Mr. Boitano shall maintain an active license status.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective February 27, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

First Amended Accusation No. AC-2014-57 contains the following allegations:



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Mr. Boitano is subject to disciplinary action in that he was convicted of crimes that are substantially related to the duties, function, or qualifications of a certified public accountant.

On or about August 9, 2013, Mr. Boitano plead guilty to three misdemeanor charges of violating 26 USC Section 7203 for failing to file a required tax return for the calendar years 2005, 2006, and 2007, a misdemeanor.

Mr. Boitano is subject to disciplinary action in that he knowingly prepared, published, or disseminated false,

fraudulent, or materially misleading financial statement, reports, or information. Mr. Boitano prepared and signed tax returns for calendar years' 2001, 2002, and 2003, which contained false, fraudulent, or materially misleading information. The tax returns contained estimated tax payments that were not actually made. Mr. Boitano gave those tax returns to an IRS agent who was auditing him.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 1.5, Chapter 2, § 490; Division 3, Chapter 1, § 5100 (a) and (j).

CHISOLM, KERI MARIE

Costa Mesa, CA (CPA 118994)

CBA ACTIONS

In accordance with the CBA's 2013 Order, Ms. Chisolm's license is revoked, via stipulated settlement. However, the revocation previously stayed pursuant to the CBA's 2013 Order shall remain stayed and Ms. Chisolm shall remain on probation for an additional year, until April 28, 2019, with the following terms and conditions, which shall supersede those in the CBA's 2013 order:

Ms. Chisolm shall successfully complete a rehabilitation program for chemical dependence approved by the CBA and shall have reports submitted by the program. In addition, Ms. Chisolm must attend support groups as directed by the CBA.

Ms. Chisolm shall completely abstain from the personal use of all psychotropic drugs, including alcohol, in any form except when lawfully prescribed.

When requested, Ms. Chisolm shall submit to biological fluid testing.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective February 27, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Petition to Revoke Probation No. D1-2013-9 contains the following allegations:

Ms. Chisolm's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to comply with her probation condition number 12 (biological fluid testing) by failing to cooperate with the CBA and its designee, Pharmatech, by failing to login, without excuse, into the testing system to indicate her availability for random biological fluid testing on 47 days from October 2013 through September 2015.

Ms. Chisolm's probation is subject to revocation because her quarterly report, due April 10, 2015, was not received until April 18, 2015, and the report due January 10, 2015, was not received until January 12, 2015.





CHOI, CHRIS

San Jose, CA (CPA 84515)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Mr. Choi's certified public accountant certificate is suspended for 30 days.

Mr. Choi shall reimburse the CBA \$1,500 for its investigation and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made in quarterly payments due with the quarterly written reports. The final payment is due one year before the probation is scheduled to terminate.

Mr. Choi shall complete four hours of continuing education (CE) in ethics. The hours shall be completed during the 30-day time period when his license is suspended and are in addition to the CE hours required for relicensing. Mr. Choi shall not resume practice until the hours are completed, he provides proof to the CBA, and has been notified by the CBA that he may resume practice. Mr. Choi must complete the course no later than 180 days after the effective date of the decision and order.

Mr. Choi shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The hours shall be completed during the 30-day time period when his license is suspended and are in addition to the CE hours required for relicensing. Mr. Choi shall not resume practice until the hours are completed, he provides proof to the CBA, and has been notified by the CBA that he may resume practice. Mr. Choi must complete the course no later than 180 days after the effective date of the decision and order.

Mr. Choi shall maintain an active license status.

Mr. Choi shall comply with procedures provided by the CBA regarding notification to, and management of, clients.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective February 27, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-88 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Choi is subject to disciplinary action in that on or about June 3, 2014, he was suspended from appearing or practicing before the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an accountant.

The conduct underlying Mr. Choi's violations occurred between approximately 2009 and 2010, when he worked at Nvidia Corporation (Nvidia). The SEC complaint alleged that, during this time period, Mr. Choi obtained nonpublic information about Nvidia's financial results and relayed the information to his friend. The friend later provided the information to an analyst working for a trust company in return for payment. Mr. Choi breached a fiduciary duty or obligation arising from a similar relationship of trust and confidence by disclosing the nonpublic information to the individual.

Mr. Choi failed to report in writing to the CBA within 30 days of his suspension to practice as a certified public accountant before the SEC.

VIOLATIONS(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5100 (h) and (l) and 5063.



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DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Los Angeles, CA (PAR 6515)

CBA ACTIONS

30-day suspension stayed with 20 months probation, via stipulated settlement.

Deloitte & Touche LLP shall comply with all requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) Order and report such compliance in its quarterly written reports submitted to the CBA.

Maintain an active license.

Within 15 days of the effective date of the order, Deloitte & Touche LLP shall disseminate the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order to all of its professional personnel officed in California, and shall confirm such dissemination in writing to the CBA.

Deloitte & Touche LLP shall pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$300,000. Payment shall be made to the CBA within 60 days of the effective date of the order.

Deloitte & Touche LLP shall reimburse the CBA a sum not to exceed \$100,000 for its investigation and prosecution costs, including those costs associated with probation monitoring. The CBA will periodically present Deloitte & Touche LLP with a certified statement of costs to date, including additional costs incurred during probation, and Deloitte & Touche LLP shall pay those costs to the CBA within 30 days thereafter. If costs are billed after the completion of the probationary period, the obligation to pay the costs shall continue, but the probation shall not be extended thereby.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective February 27, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

First Amended Accusation No. AC-2014-66 contains the following allegations:

Deloitte & Touche LLP is subject to disciplinary action in that on or about October 22, 2013, the PCAOB imposed sanctions against Deloitte & Touche LLP. Specifically, the PCAOB ordered, in pertinent part, that Deloitte & Touche LLP was censured. Additionally, the PCAOB imposed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$2,000,000.

The PCAOB entered an order and imposed sanctions on Deloitte & Touche LLP based on findings of violation including a finding that Deloitte & Touche LLP violated PCAOB rules by permitting a former partner of Deloitte & Touche LLP, who was subject to a PCAOB suspension order, to become an associated person of Deloitte during his period of suspension. On three occasions during the suspension year, the PCAOB found that the former partner responded to questions from engagement team members seeking guidance on the interpretation of firmwide policies and procedures and the applicability of PCAOB audit standards concerning subjects falling within the former partner's areas of expertise, including, for example, the use of specialists and journal-entry testing in performing audits of the financial statements of issuer clients. Specifically, during the suspension year the former partner provided advice in connection with Deloitte & Touch LLP's audits of the fiscal year-end 2009 financial statements of three issuers, each of which the former partner knew, at the time, was an issuer audit client of Deloitte & Touch LLP. The PCAOB found that the former partner performed services related to the audit of a public company located in California and performed by CPAs located in California.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, § 5100 (I).





EBERT, CARAN LEE

Topanga, CA (CPA 69777)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Ms. Ebert shall reimburse the CBA \$10,000 for its investigation and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made in 10 quarterly payments, due with the quarterly written reports.

Ms. Ebert shall complete four hours of continuing education (CE) in ethics. The course hours shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the decision and order and are in addition to the CE hours required for relicensing.

Ms. Ebert shall complete and provide proper documentation of 24 hours of professional education courses in the subject matter of taxation every year she is on probation. The courses shall be completed by March 31 of each year, and are in addition to the CE requirement for relicensing.

Ms. Ebert shall maintain an active license status.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective February 27, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2013-54 contains the following allegations:

Ms. Ebert is subject to disciplinary action in that she was grossly negligent and committed repeated acts of negligence in connection with the income tax preparation services that she performed for her clients, husband and wife, D.T. and K.T.

Ms. Ebert is subject to disciplinary action on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that she violated regulations promulgated by the CBA that require certified public accountants to comply with all applicable professional standards.

Ms. Ebert is subject to disciplinary action on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that in responses to both the CBA's inquiries and questions at the investigative hearing, she gave inconsistent, inaccurate, and conflicting information.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, § 5100 (c) and (g). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, §§ 52 (d) and 58.

HICKEY, JAMES EDMOND JR.

Long Beach, CA (CPA 38579)

CBA ACTIONS

Surrender of CPA license, via stipulated settlement.

Mr. Hickey shall pay the CBA \$5,551.35 for its investigation and enforcement costs prior to the issuance of a new or reinstated license.

Effective April 24, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2016-5 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Hickey is subject to disciplinary action in that he secured his license by fraud, deceit, knowing misrepresentation of fact, or by knowingly omitting to stated a material fact. On or about August 30, 2013, Mr. Hickey signed under penalty of perjury and submitted a completed Certified Public Accountant/ Public Accountant License Renewal Application to the



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CBA. Mr. Hickey misrepresented that he had attained 82 hours of CE by completing the following courses: Rental Real Estate Deductions, Real Estate Accounting, Family Tax Planning, Ethics for California CPA, and Fraud Auditing and Forensic Accounting, when, in fact, he did not complete any CE during the renewal period.

Mr. Hickey is subject to disciplinary action in that he willfully made false and misleading statements regarding his continuing education.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 1.5, Chapter 2, § 498; Division 3, Chapter 1, § 5100 (b) and (g). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, § 89.

JASPER, CARL W.

San Jose, CA (CPA 49304)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Mr. Jasper's certified public accountant certificate is suspended for 90 days.

Mr. Jasper shall reimburse the CBA \$4,323.61 for its costs of investigation and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made within 30 days of the date the CBA's decision becomes final.

Mr. Jasper shall complete four hours of continuing education (CE) in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 12 months of the date the CBA's decision becomes final, and are in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Mr. Jasper shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course shall be completed within 12 months of the date the CBA's decision becomes final, and are in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Mr. Jasper shall maintain an active license status.

Mr. Jasper shall comply with the CBA's procedure for providing notice to clients regarding cessation or suspension of practice. Other standard terms of probation.

Effective April 24, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2016-16 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Jasper is subject to disciplinary action in that he was disciplined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in 2011 following a civil judgment that was entered against him by the United States District Court in a matter entitled "SEC v Jasper," U.S. District Case No. 07-6122JC (N.D. Cal.) (SEC Civil Case).

Mr. Jasper is subject to disciplinary action in that his right to practice before a governmental body was suspended.

Mr. Jasper is subject to disciplinary action in that he willfully violated section 5063 by failing to report the SEC discipline to the CBA in writing within 30 days.

VIOLATIONS(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5063 and 5100 (g), (h), and (l).





JERASSY-ETZION, YANIV

Agoura Hills, CA (CPA 98057)

CBA ACTIONS

Surrender of CPA license, via stipulated settlement.

Mr. Jerassy-Etzion shall pay the CBA for its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$4,076.88 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

Effective April 24, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-96 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Jerassy-Etzion is subject to disciplinary action in that he was disciplined by the Nevada State Board of Accountancy (Nevada Board).

Mr. Jerassy-Etzion is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to report to the CBA that he had been disciplined by the Nevada Board.

Mr. Jerassy-Etzion is subject to disciplinary action in that during an investigation, several sources were discovered, including his company website, his Curriculum Vitae, and a CPA directory, that showed that he continues to hold himself out as a California licensed Certified Public Accountant, when in fact, his license expired on January 31, 2011.

Mr. Jerassy-Etzion is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to report to the CBA that he had been disciplined by the Nevada Board and that his Nevada Certified Public Accountant's Certificate was placed on probation for five years.

Mr. Jerassy-Etzion is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to respond to CBA inquiries sent on November 25, 2014, January 8, 2015, and February 17, 2015.

Mr. Jerassy-Etzion is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to notify the CBA of a change in his address of record within 30 days after the change.

Mr. Jerassy-Etzion is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to comply with a citation containing an assessment of an administrative fine.

VIOLATIONS(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5050 (a), 5063, and 5100 (d) and (g). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, §§ 3 (a), 52 (a), and 95.4.

JUNG, SEOK YOUNG

Los Angeles, CA (CPA 118428)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Ms. Jung shall reimburse the CBA \$9,852 for its investigation and prosecution costs. Payments shall be made on a quarterly basis, due at the same time as the

quarterly written reports. The final payment is due six months before the probation is scheduled to terminate.

Ms. Jung shall complete four hours of continuing education (CE) in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Ms. Jung shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the CBA's decision



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and order and is in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Ms. Jung shall complete eight hours of CE in Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Circular 230 requirements and eight hours of CE in Individual Federal and California State Tax Return Preparation. The hours shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Ms. Jung shall maintain an active license status.

Ms. Jung shall pay to the CBA an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000. The payment shall be made within 90 days of the date the CBA's decision is final.

Other standard terms of probation.

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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-21 contains the following allegations:

Ms. Jung is subject to disciplinary action in that she failed to file or pay her federal or state taxes for tax

years 2010, 2011, and 2012, until August 2013, just days after the CBA requested copies of her tax returns.

Ms. Jung is subject to disciplinary action in that she failed to comply with the following professional standards relating to her obligation to file her tax returns for tax years 2010, 2011, and 2012, until August 2013: 26 U.S. Code section 7201; Title 31 IRS Circular 230 section 10.51; IRS Publication 17; California Revenue and Taxation Code – Failure to Report-section 40186; American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Code of Professional Conduct .01 Rule 501.88 501-7; and AICPA Code of Professional Conduct section 54 Article III.

Ms. Jung is subject to disciplinary action in that she made false statements to the CBA during its investigation.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, \$\\$ 5100 and 5100 (g). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, \$\\$ 52 (d) and 58.

MEADOWS, NORMAN LEMONT

Colbert, WA (CPA 28757)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Mr. Meadows shall reimburse the CBA \$2,500 for its investigation and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made in quarterly payments (due with the quarterly written reports); the final payment being due one year before probation is scheduled to terminate.

Mr. Meadows shall complete four hours of continuing education (CE) in ethics. The hours shall be completed

within 12 months of the date the CBA's decision is final and are in addition to the CE hours required for relicensing.

Mr. Meadows shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The hours shall be completed within 12 months of the date the CBA's decision is final and are in addition to the CE hours required for relicensing.

Mr. Meadows shall pay to the CBA an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. The payment shall be made within 90 days of the date of the CBA's decision.

Mr. Meadows shall maintain an active license status.





Mr. Meadows shall not engage in and shall be restricted from performing audits, reviews, compilations, or attestation services.

After the completion of probation, Mr. Meadows shall be permanently restricted from engaging in and performing any audits, reviews, compilations, or attestation services. This condition shall continue until such time, if ever, that he successfully petitions the CBA for the reinstatement of the ability to perform audits, reviews, compilations, or attestation services.

Other standard terms of probation.

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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-70 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Meadows is subject to disciplinary action in that he engaged in the practice of public accountancy when his permit to practice public accountancy was expired during the period of August 31, 2011, to December 19, 2013.

Mr. Meadows is subject to disciplinary action in that he performed an audit of the Sterling Group, Inc. 401(k) Plan (The Plan) for the year ended December 31, 2011,

and issued an auditor's report, but failed to maintain audit documentation as required.

Mr. Meadows is subject to disciplinary action in that he performed an audit of the Sterling Group, Inc. 401(k) Plan (The Plan) for the year ended December 31, 2011, and issued an auditor's report. However, Mr. Meadows failed to have a peer review of his accounting and auditing practice accepted by a Board-recognized peer review program.

Mr. Meadows is subject to disciplinary action in that he engaged in the practice of public accountancy in Montana by performing attest services for The Sterling Group, Inc., which has its home office in Montana, when his firm was not registered with the Montana Board of Public Accountants.

Mr. Meadows is subject to disciplinary action in that he willfully violated the Accountancy Act, rules and/or regulations promulgated by the CBA.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5050, 5076, 5097, 5100 (e), (g), and (m). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, §§ 68.1 and 68.3.

MENDOZA, HENRY

San Clemente, CA (CPA 49798)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Mr. Mendoza's certified public accountant certificate is suspended for 30 days.

Mr. Mendoza shall reimburse the CBA \$2,050.32 for its investigation and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made in quarterly payments due with the quarterly

written reports. The final payment is due one year before the probation is scheduled to terminate.

Mr. Mendoza shall complete four hours of continuing education (CE) in ethics. The hours must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the Order and shall be in addition to the requirements for relicensing.

Mr. Mendoza shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the Order and shall be in addition to the requirements for relicensing.



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Mr. Mendoza shall maintain an active license status.

Mr. Mendoza shall comply with procedures by the CBA or its designee regarding notification to, and management of, clients.

Other standard terms of probation.

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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-102 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Mendoza is subject to disciplinary action in that his right to practice before a governmental body or agency was suspended or revoked.

On or about May 6, 2014, the Public Company
Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) censured
Mr. Mendoza and barred him from being an associated
person of a registered accounting firm for failing to
comply with the PCAOB's rules and auditing standards.
According to the PCAOB order, Mr. Mendoza failed to

comply with PCAOB's auditing standards by failing to cooperate with the investigation of the PCAOB by improperly altering, adding to, and backdating, or directing others to improperly alter, add to, and backdate, work papers in advance of the PCAOB's inspection and provided misleading work papers to PCAOB inspectors. In addition, the misleading work papers that were provided to the PCAOB inspectors did not indicate that information was added to the work papers, the names of the persons who prepared the additional documentation, and the reasons for adding the additional information to the work papers months after the relevant documentation completion date.

Mr. Mendoza is subject to disciplinary action in that he was disciplined by the PCAOB.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, § 5100 (h) and (l).

MOE, ROBERT EMIL

Lake Forest, CA (CPA 61321)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Mr. Moe shall reimburse the CBA \$7,938.13 for its investigation and prosecution costs. Payments shall be made on a quarterly basis, due at the same time as the quarterly written reports. The final payment is due 12 months before the probation is scheduled to terminate.

Mr. Moe shall complete four hours of continuing education (CE) in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Mr. Moe shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and is in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Mr. Moe shall complete 24 hours of CE in accounting and auditing. The hours shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Mr. Moe shall maintain an active license status.

Mr. Moe shall pay to the CBA an administrative penalty





in the amount of \$2,500. The payment shall be made within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order.

During the period of probation, Mr. Moe shall not engage in and shall be prohibited from performing any audit services, but may still perform compilations, reviews, and other attestation services.

After the completion of probation, Mr. Moe shall be permanently prohibited from engaging in and performing any audit services. This condition shall continue until such time, if ever, that he successfully petitions the CBA for the reinstatement of the ability to perform audit services.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective April 24, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-44 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Moe is subject to disciplinary action in that he engaged in gross negligence and/or repeated acts of negligence evidencing a violation of applicable professional standards and indicating a lack of competency in the practice of public accountancy or in

the performance of bookkeeping operations.

Mr. Moe is subject to disciplinary action in that he issued reports with an unqualified opinion, which was unsupported by audit documentation and which failed to conform to professional standards upon completion of a compilation, review, or audit of financial statements.

Mr. Moe is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to maintain audit documentation sufficient to enable a reviewer with relevant knowledge and experience, having no previous connection with the audit engagement, to understand the nature, timing, extent, and results of the auditing or other procedures performed, evidence obtained and conclusions reached, and to determine the identity of the persons who performed and reviewed the work.

Mr. Moe is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to enroll in and obtain a peer review as required.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5062, 5076 (a), 5097, 5100 (c), (e), and (g). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, §§ 41, 45, 58, and 68.2.

NIXON, JIMMIE FATE

Sonora, CA (CPA 96493)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Mr. Nixon's certified public accountant certificate No. CPA 96493 is suspended for four months.

Mr. Nixon shall reimburse the CBA \$4,179 for its investigation and prosecution costs. Payments shall be

made on a quarterly basis, due at the same time as the quarterly written reports. The final payment is due six months before the probation is scheduled to terminate.

Mr. Nixon shall complete four hours of continuing education (CE) in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Mr. Nixon shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course shall be completed within



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12 months of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order.

Mr. Nixon shall comply with procedures by the CBA or its designee regarding notification to, and management, of clients.

Mr. Nixon shall undergo and continue treatment by a licensed psychotherapist of Respondent's choice and approved by the CBA or its designee until the treating psychotherapist certifies in writing in a report to the CBA or its designee that treatment is no longer necessary. Mr. Nixon shall have the treating psychotherapist submit reports to the CBA at intervals determined by the CBA or its designee. Mr. Nixon is responsible for costs of treatment and reports.

Mr. Nixon shall maintain an active license status.

Other standard terms of probation.

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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-53 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Nixon is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct in that he was convicted of crimes substantially related to the duties, responsibilities, and qualifications of a certified public accountant. On or about March 14, 2013, Mr. Nixon pled guilty to three misdemeanor counts of violating Penal Code Section 314(1).

Mr. Nixon is subject to disciplinary action in that he willfully violated Business and Professions Code section 5063 by failing to report his arrest and conviction to the CBA within 30 days of his conviction on March 14, 2013.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 1.5, Chapter 2, § 490; Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5063, 5100 (a) and (g).

OBERLY, FRANKLIN LOUIS

Oklahoma City, OK (CPA 56010)

CBA ACTIONS

Surrender of CPA license, via stipulated settlement.

In a prior disciplinary action titled In the Matter of the Accusation Against Franklin L. Oberly, before the CBA as Case No. AC-2013-10, that became effective on or about November 2, 2013, Mr. Oberly stipulated and agreed to reimburse the CBA \$5,254.68 for its costs of investigation and prosecution. Mr. Oberly has reimbursed the CBA \$2,627.54, and shall pay the CBA the balance of \$2,627.14 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Petition to Revoke Probation No. D1-2013-10 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Oberly's probation is subject to revocation in that he failed to submit quarterly reports due April 10, 2015; July 10, 2015; and October 10, 2015.

Mr. Oberly's probation is subject to revocation in that he has failed to renew his expired CPA license.

Mr. Oberly's probation is subject to revocation in that he has failed to comply with the CBA's probation terms.





RANSBARGER, GEORGE R. AKA GEORGE RONALD RANSBARGER

Oroville, CA (CPA 50165)

CBA ACTIONS

Surrender of CPA license, via stipulated settlement.

Mr. Ransbarger shall pay the CBA \$3,151.70 for its investigation and enforcement costs prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-67 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Ransbarger is subject to disciplinary action in that on or about June 11, 2014, he was convicted on his plea of no contest of violating Penal Code (PC) 273a, subdivision (a) (child endangerment), a felony, a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a certified public accountant.

On October 1, 2014, Mr. Ransbarger was sentenced to four years in state prison. Mr. Ransbarger was also ordered to pay restitution to the victim(s), in an amount to be determined, and to register as a sex offender (following his release from prison) per Penal Code section 290.

Mr. Ransbarger is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to report his felony conviction to the CBA within 30 days of the conviction.

Mr. Ransbarger is subject to disciplinary action in that he failed to provide a written explanation or any information pertaining to the facts underlying his conviction.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5063, 5100 (a) and (g). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, § 52.

RIVERA, CHARLES JOSEPH RIVERA & COMPANY

Northridge and Oxnard, CA (CPA 37618; FNP 1615)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Respondent shall reimburse the CBA \$9,610.11 for its investigation and prosecution costs. Payments shall be made on a quarterly basis, due at the same time as the quarterly written reports. The final payment is due six months before the probation is scheduled to terminate.

Respondent Rivera shall complete four hours of continuing education (CE) in ethics. The hours shall be completed within six months of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order, and are in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Respondent Rivera shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course shall be completed within six months of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order, and is in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

During the period of probation, all review and compilation reports and work papers shall be subject to peer review by a Board-recognized peer review



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program provider. The specific engagements to be reviewed shall be at the discretion of the peer reviewer. The peer review shall be completed within a period of time designated and specified in writing by the CBA or its designee, which time frame shall be incorporated as a condition of this probation. Within 45 days of the peer review report being accepted by a Board-recognized peer review program provider, Respondent shall submit to the CBA a copy of the peer review report.

Respondent shall maintain an active license status.

Respondent shall not engage in and shall be prohibited from performing any audit services.

Respondent shall pay to the CBA an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. The payment shall be made within 90 days of the effective date of the decision and order.

During probation, Mr. Rivera and Rivera & Company shall not engage in and shall be prohibited from performing any audit services.

After the completion of probation, Respondent shall be permanently restricted from engaging in and performing any audits services. This condition shall continue until such time, if ever, that Respondent successfully petitions the CBA for the reinstatement of the ability to perform audits, reviews, compilations, or attestation services.

Other standard terms of probation.

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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2014-41 contains the following allegations:

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action in that Respondent failed to submit to the CBA a completed Peer Review Reporting Form and failed to complete a peer review by an accepted Board-recognized peer review program within 18 months of completing accounting and/or auditing services.

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action in that Respondent failed to completely respond to an inquiry by the CBA and/or its appointed representatives within 30 days and/or failed to provide true and accurate information in response to questions and/or other requests for information from the CBA.

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action in that Respondent failed to notify the CBA of a change of address within 30 days of the change.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5100 (g) and 5076 (a). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, §§ 3, 40 (c), 41, 45 (c), and 52.

ROEMMICH, DUANE CLAYTON ROEMMICH ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

Walnut Creek, CA (CPA 23056; COR 1419)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocations stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Mr. Roemmich and Roemmich Accountancy Corporation shall reimburse the CBA \$11,041.57 for its investigation and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made in quarterly payments due with the quarterly written reports. The final payment is due within six months of the termination of probation.

Mr. Roemmich and Roemmich Accountancy Corporation shall be prohibited from providing all





audit, review, compilation, and attestation services until they provide proof that a peer review has been accepted by a Board-recognized peer review program provider.

Mr. Rommeich shall complete four hours of continuing education in ethics. The hours must be completed within six months of the effective date of the decision and order and shall be in addition to the requirements for relicensing.

Mr. Roemmich shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course must be completed within six months of the effective date of the decision and order and shall be in addition to the requirements for relicensing.

Mr. Roemmich and Roemmich Accountancy
Corporation shall undergo and complete a peer review
by June 30, 2016. During the period of probation, all
audit, review, compilation, and attestation reports
and work papers shall be subject to peer review by
a CBA-recognized peer review program provider at
Respondents' expense.

Mr. Roemmich shall complete 16 hours of CE in subject matter on Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARS). The hours must be completed within six months of the effective date of the decision and order and shall be in addition to the requirements for relicensing.

During the period of probation, if the Mr. Roemmich and Roemmich Accountancy Corporation undertake an audit, review, or compilation engagement, they shall submit to the CBA as an attachment to the required quarterly report a listing of the same. The CBA or its designee may select one or more from each category and the resulting report and financial statement and all related working papers must be submitted to the CBA or its designee upon request.

Mr. Roemmich and Roemmich Accountancy Corporation shall pay to the CBA an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. The payment shall be made within 90 days of the effective date of the Decision and Order.

Mr. Roemmich and Roemmich Accountancy Corporation shall maintain an active license.

Other standard terms of probation.

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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-104 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Roemmich and Roemmich Accountancy
Corporation are subject to disciplinary action by Mr.
Roemmich making false statements on his renewal
application for the August 31, 2013, renewal of his
individual license by signing his application without
having a peer review, and claiming that he was not
subject to the accounting and auditing requirement.

Mr. Roemmich and Roemmich Accountancy Corporation subjected their certificates to disciplinary action for gross negligence and repeated acts of negligence in that they failed to comply with the SSARS in the preparation of six compilation reports for the years ending 2010 and 2011.

Mr. Roemmich and Roemmich Accountancy Corporation subjected their certificates to disciplinary action by failing to comply with professional standards when issuing compilation reports and financial statements.

Mr. Roemmich and Roemmich Accountancy Corporation subjected their certificates to disciplinary action by failing to participate in the peer review process as required by law.



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Mr. Roemmich and Roemmich Accountancy Corporation subjected their certificates to disciplinary action by failing to provide true and accurate responses to the CBA for peer review reporting.

Mr. Roemmich and Roemmich Accountancy Corporation subject their certificates to disciplinary action based on their willful violation of professional standards, failure to enroll in and complete a peer review, and failing to correctly complete the renewal licensure application.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5062, 5076 (a), and 5100 (b), (c), and (g). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, §§ 40, 41, 52 (d), and 58.

SANBORN, KELLY MAX SANBORN AND SANBORN ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

Reedley, CA (CPA 23329; COR 2421)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Respondents shall reimburse the CBA \$10,350.48 for its investigation and prosecution costs. Payments shall be made on a quarterly basis, due at the same time as the quarterly written reports. The final payment is due six months before the probation is scheduled to terminate.

Respondent Sanborn shall complete four hours of continuing education (CE) in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Respondent Sanborn shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and is in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Respondents shall provide the CBA with documentation to the satisfaction of the CBA that they have enrolled with a Board-approved peer review program provider. The documentation shall be provided within 30 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order. Respondents shall undergo and complete a peer review by July 31, 2016.

Respondent Sanborn shall complete 16 hours of CE in accounting and auditing. The hours shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Respondents shall maintain an active license status.

Respondents shall pay to the CBA an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. The payment shall be made within 90 days of the effective date of the decision and order.

During the period of probation, Respondents shall submit a listing of any audit, review, or compilation performed and submit to the CBA as an attachment to the required quarterly report.

Other standard terms of probation.

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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-83 contains the following allegations:

Respondent Kelly Max Sanborn (Respondent Sanborn) and Sanborn Accountancy Corporation (Respondent





Corporation) is subject to disciplinary action in that Respondent practiced public accountancy and/or held itself out as an accountancy corporation while its sole shareholder, Respondent Sanborn's individual CPA license was expired and invalid.

Respondent Sanborn is subject to disciplinary action in that Respondent practiced public accountancy by holding himself out to the public as a CPA, while his license was expired and invalid.

Respondents are subject to disciplinary action in that Respondents failed to submit to the CBA a copy of the failed Peer Review Report within 45 days from the date the report was accepted by the peer review program provider.

Respondents are subject to disciplinary action in that Respondents failed to notify the CBA that they had been expelled or terminated from CalCPA's Peer Review Program effective January 17, 2014.

Respondent Sanborn is subject to disciplinary action in that Respondent Sanborn failed to respond to Investigative CPA M.W.'s request for information dated May 21, 2014.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5050 (a), 5076 (e), 5100 (g), and 5154. California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, §§ 44, 46 (a), and 52.

STOLLER, JOHN DAVID JOHN D. STOLLER, CPA, Inc.

Marina del Rey, CA and Encino, CA (CPA 39286; COR 4177)

CBA ACTIONS

Surrender of CPA license, via stipulated settlement.

Respondents shall pay the CBA for its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$12,091.18 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

Effective April 24, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2015-49 contains the following allegations:

Respondents are subject to disciplinary action in that on or about June 19, 2013, and November 26, 2013, Respondents willfully practiced public accountancy and Respondent Stoller held himself out as a CPA without a valid license.

Respondents are subject to disciplinary action in that Respondent Corporation license expired on June 1, 2011; however, Respondent Corporation continued to operate the firm of John D. Stoller, CPA, INC., as evidenced by Respondent Stoller's and Respondent Corporation's website, correspondence to the CBA, and tax returns. From at least June 19, 2013, and thereafter, Respondents knowingly and willingly practiced under the name of John D. Stoller, CPA, INC., while the firm was in a delinquent status with the CBA.

Respondent Stoller is subject to disciplinary action in that Respondent Stoller was issued a citation order for failing to complete the requisite continuing education (CE) hours for an active license. Respondent Stoller paid the administrative fine; however, he has yet to submit to the CBA any of the requisite CE.

Respondent Stoller is subject to disciplinary action in that Respondent Stoller on and after June 19, 2013, advertised or used other forms of solicitation that were false, fraudulent, or misleading, by using and



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advertising of John D. Stoller, CPA, INC., while in a delinquent status and holding himself out as a CPA.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1,

§§ 5050 (a), 5051, 5055, 5060, 5063, and 5100 (g). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, §§ 63 and 95.4.

THIBAULT, ROBERT H.

Blaine, WA (CPA 56568)

CBA ACTIONS

Surrender of CPA license, via stipulated settlement.

Mr. Thibault shall pay the CBA \$3,771.66 for its investigation and enforcement costs prior to the issuance of a new or reinstated license.

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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2014-20 contains the following allegations:

Mr. Thibault is subject to disciplinary action in that on or about February 8, 2012, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) imposed disciplinary sanctions against him.

On or about February 8, 2012, the PCAOB entered its Order Making Findings and Imposing Sanctions (Order) against Mr. Thibault as a result of his Offer of Settlement, which was accepted by the PCAOB. Mr. Thibault consented to entry of the Order without

admitting or denying the findings therein, except as to jurisdiction, which he admitted.

In its Order, the PCAOB determined that Mr. Thibault had violated certain PCAOB rules and auditing standards in regard to its audit of the financial statements of Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation. According to the PCAOB's Order, Mr. Thibault failed to properly evaluate a material component of the Company's financial statements, namely, its sales returns reserve. Overall, the PCAOB found that Mr. Thibault's approach to evaluating the Company's sales returns reserve methodology and estimate was inconsistent with his obligations to exercise professional skepticism as the Company's independent auditor.

Mr. Thibault is subject to disciplinary action in that on or about February 8, 2012, the PCAOB imposed disciplinary sanctions against him, including barring him from being an "associated person of a registered public accounting firm" thereby suspending him from practice before the PCAOB.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, § 5100 (h) and (l).





TREMELLING, RICHARD CLAUDE TREMELLING AND ASSOCIATES

San Rafael, CA (CPA 41427; FNP 2566)

CBA ACTIONS

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Respondent shall reimburse the CBA \$15,000 for its investigation and prosecution costs. Payments shall be made on a quarterly basis, due at the same time as the quarterly written reports. The final payment is due 12 months before the probation is scheduled to terminate.

Respondent shall submit to the CBA or its designee for its prior approval a plan of practice that shall be monitored by another CPA or PA who provides periodic reports to the CBA or its designee.

Respondent shall pay all costs for such monitoring. The plan shall be submitted within 30 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order.

Respondent shall complete four hours of CE in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Respondent shall complete a CBA-approved
Regulatory Review course. The course shall be
completed within 12 months of the effective date of the
CBA's decision and order and is in addition to the CE
requirements for relicensing.

During the period of probation, all audit, review, and compilation reports and work papers shall be subject to peer review by a Board-recognized peer review program provider. The specific engagements to be reviewed shall be at the discretion of the peer reviewer. The peer review shall be completed within a period of time designated and specified in writing by the CBA or its designee, which time frame shall be incorporated as a condition of this probation. Within 45 days of

the peer review report being accepted by a Board-recognized peer review program provider, Respondent shall submit to the CBA a copy of the peer review report.

Respondent shall complete 16 hours of CE in accounting and auditing each year Respondent is on probation. The hours shall be completed by June 30 of each year of probation and are in addition to the CE requirements for relicensing.

Respondent shall maintain an active license status.

During the period of probation, if the Respondent undertakes an audit, review, or compilation engagement, the Respondent shall submit to the CBA as an attachment to the required quarterly report a listing of the same.

Respondent shall pay to the CBA an administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500. The payment shall be made within 90 days of the date the effective date of the CBA's decision and order.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective April 24, 2016

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Accusation No. AC-2014-51 contains the following allegations:

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for gross negligence in that Respondent performed audits for Holiday 102 (HOL) and Sycamore Lane Apartments (SYC) that contained numerous extreme departures from professional standards, including departures from generally accepted auditing standards.

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for repeated negligent acts in that Respondent performed audits for HOL and SYC that contained numerous extreme departures from professional standards, including departures from generally accepted auditing standards.

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OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS THROUGH APRIL 24, 2016

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for willfully failing to provide information in audit documentation. Respondent's audit documentation did not include dates of preparation, conclusions, or preparer and reviewer information.

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for willfully failing to issue a report that conforms to professional standards upon completion of an audit of financial statements. Respondent's HOL and SYC audit documentation does not support his unqualified opinions in the audit.

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for willfully failing to comply with professional standards, including departures from generally accepted auditing standards. Also Respondent's HOL and SYC audit documentation does not support his unqualified opinions in the audit.

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for willfully failing to provide certificates of completion of continuing education courses.

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for failing to comply with peer review requirements.

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for willfully practicing under a name not registered with the CBA.

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for willfully practicing public accountancy without a valid permit.

VIOLATION(S) CHARGED

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, \$\\$ 5050 (a), 5060 (c), 5062, 5097, and 5100 (c) and (g). California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 1, \$\\$ 40 (a), 41, 45, 46 (b), 58, 68.2 (b) and (c), 80 (b), and 89.

ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

A separate address change notice must be submitted for each license type.

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