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## **NEWS & UPDATES**

# What You Need to Know About Attest Services and Peer Review

Before accepting an engagement to provide attest services in Texas, licensed certified public accountants (CPAs) must ensure that they have met all of the licensing requirements under the *Public Accountancy Act* (the *Act*) and Board *Rules*. CPAs in Texas who provide attest services to the public are subject to several regulations under the *Act* and Board *Rules*. Attest services include audits, compilations, and reviews. The Texas Legislature has emphasized the importance of attest services in *Section 901.005(b)* of the *Act*. That provision states as follows:

"(b) The attest service is part of the practice of public accountancy. That service provides assurance to the public, especially the public markets, that the management of commercial entities has reasonably described the financial status of those entities. That assurance contributes to the strength of the economy and public markets of this state and to the soundness and reliability of the financial system. The strength of the financial system in this state is supported by the competence, integrity, and expertise of the persons who attest to financial statements in this state."

Under Section 901.460 of the Act, regarding performing attest services, a certificate holder may perform attest services only in a licensed certified public accountancy firm. Section 901.351 of the Act states that a firm may not provide attest services unless the firm holds a current firm license issued by the Board. Board **Rule, 22 TAC Section 501.81** also contains the same requirement. An individual CPA cannot issue attest services without having an individual and a firm license. Under the Act, a firm can be a sole proprietor, partnership, or any other business association allowed under Texas law.

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#### CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) SPONSORS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING REVIEW (as of January 22, 2020) Registration Status: A = Currently active E = Currently expired

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Sponsor	# Sponsor Name	Date of Next Review	Status		
003385	Amarillo Area Estate Planning Council	04/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	А		
000053	Armstrong Backus & Co, LLP	11/01/2021 - 10/31/2022	А		
010318	Aycock & Company, PC	02/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	А		
010144	BrooksWatson & Co., PLLC	01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	А		
010000	Buckeye Partners, LP	05/01/2022 - 04/30/2023	А		
007579	Capital Of Texas Enrolled Agents, Inc.	03/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	А		
008301	Chevron Services Co, A Division of Chevron USA, Inc.	04/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	А		
006103	Coleman Horton & Company, LLP	06/01/2022 - 05/31/2023	А		
009791	El Paso Area Chapter of Institute of Internal Auditors	01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	А		
004404	Entergy Services, Inc.	03/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	А		
003408	Exxon Mobil Corporation	04/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	А		
009471	Hilltop Securities Asset Management	03/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	А		
009406	Holtzman Partners, LLP	06/01/2022 - 05/31/2023	А		
003909	Huselton, Morgan & Maultsby, PC	01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	А		
000715	Institute Internal Auditors - FW Chapter	04/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	А		
010261	Institute of Internal Auditors - Brazos Valley Chapter	04/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	А		
000545	Institute of Management Accountants	02/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	А		
007252	KHA Accountants, PLLC	03/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	А		
010223	Leadera Ventures LLC dba Leadera Consulting Group	11/01/2021 - 10/31/2022	А		
009409	Lovvorn & Kieschnick, LLP	06/01/2022 - 05/31/2023	А		
009476	Malonebailey, LLP	04/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	А		
007537	Massey Itschner & Co., PC	01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	А		
005166	Maxwell Locke & Ritter, LLP	05/01/2022 - 04/30/2023	А		
002662	Milbern Ray and Company	02/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	А		
000431	Saville, Dodgen & Company, PLLC	01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	А		
000582	Shell Oil Company	02/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	А		
009106	South Texas Chapter of the HFMA	03/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	А		
009389	Tax Alliance Conference Inc.	04/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	А		
000466	Tax Executives Institute - Houston Chapter	01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	А		
000622	Texas Association of School Business Officials	02/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	А		
009398	Texas Bank and Trust	05/01/2022 - 04/30/2023	А		
008652	Texas Methodist Foundation	02/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	А		
009816	The University of Texas at Austin, The McComb's School of Business	03/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	А		
010247	Turtle Creek Financial Group	03/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	А		
008412	VirtualCFO, Inc.	01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	А		
000654	Werlein and Harris, PC	03/01/2022 - 02/28/2023	А		
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In addition to the licensing requirements under the *Act*, a firm that provides attest services

must also go through the peer review process with the Texas Society of CPAs or the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A firm must be peer reviewed if it performs an audit, review, compilation, examination, agreed-upon procedure, or any "special report" engagement performed under the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE), Government Auditing Standards (GAS), the Statements on Auditing Standards (SAS), or the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARS) as it applies to reviews and compilations (only). Firms are required to have their peer review administered by the National Peer Review Committee if they are required to be registered with and are subject to permanent inspection by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), or if they perform engagements under PCAOB standards. A firm that performs attest services is required to enroll in the applicable peer review programs of an approved sponsoring organization within 30 days from its initial licensing date or the performance of services that require a review. The firm must adopt the review due date assigned by the sponsoring organization and notify the board of the peer review due date within 30 days of its assignment. Refer to *Chapter 527* of the Board *Rules* for all of the Board's regulations concerning compliance with the peer review requirement.

The issuance of any attest service without meeting the licensing and firm requirements is a violation of the *Act* and of Board *Rules* that will subject the individual CPA, or CPA firm that issued the attest service, to sanctions by the Board. In addition, reports issued without meeting the licensing and peer review requirements violate professional standards and may place the client or clients for which they are issued in peril. Government entities, entities that provide grants, banks and other financial institutions require properly issued financial statements by licensed CPA firms in order to provide services. Financial statements issued by licensees without meeting the licensing and peer review requirements should not be relied upon.

Licensees must maintain their individual license, firm license, and meet the peer review requirements in order to be in compliance with the law and Board *Rules*. An out-of-state firm that was previously required to be licensed by the Texas Board must be in compliance with their home state's peer review requirements. Attestation reports issued by a non-licensed individual and/or firm are not valid and can lead to major issues for the licensee and the client.

#### **Fingerprinting Updates**

Imost 20,000 Texas CPAs have already completed the new fingerprinting requirement. As your renewal month approaches, you can check your individual fingerprint status by logging in to **Online Services** on the Board's website. You should see either of the following messages if you are **not** in a retired or disabled status:

"As of today your legislatively-mandated CPA License Fingerprint Status is: Need to be fingerprinted." -OR- "As of today your Fingerprint Status is: Fingerprinting complete! Thank you."

You can complete the fingerprinting process before your license is due for renewal. Just log in to **Online Services** and follow the instructions noted in the header. It may be helpful for you to refer to the Board's response to these two commonly asked questions:

#### My fingerprints were rejected. What do I do now?

When fingerprints are processed by IdentoGO they could be rejected for various reasons. You will need to be fingerprinted again to meet the requirement, but free of charge. IndentoGO will contact you by the method you selected (email/phone/ mail) with additional instructions. If you selected email, IdentoGO will send you a link to schedule another appointment. **Check your spam/junk mail folders if you don't receive the email**. Or you can call IndentoGO at 855-845-7434 for additional information. If your second set of fingerprints gets rejected, you will not need to take further action. The second rejection will allow the Board to request a name search to gather the required information from the FBI. It takes several days after a second failure to complete a name check search and to update your account at the Board. A rejected set of fingerprints will not hold up the current renewal process of your license.

#### Why did I have to get my photo taken when I was fingerprinted?

The Board must follow the rules of the Texas Department of Public Safety (*Section 411.0845 (e)* from *Chapter 411* of the *Government Code*), which articulates the purpose and authority to take your photo as part of the fingerprinting process. The specific *Section 411.0845 (e)* states:

"(e) A person entitled to receive criminal history record information under this section must provide the department with the following information regarding the person who is the subject of the criminal history record information requested:

- (1) the person's full name, date of birth, sex, and social security number, and the number assigned to any form of unexpired identification card issued by this state or another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States that includes the person's photograph;
- (2) a recent electronic digital image photograph of the person and a complete set of the person's fingerprints as required by the department; and
- (3) any other information required by the department."

The Board does not establish these rules but we are compelled to follow them. We appreciate your diligence to comply with the legislatively-mandated fingerprinting requirements. Please refer to the **complete FAQ** for additional information and contact the **TSBPA Licensing Division** if you have any additional questions.

### Swearing-In Ceremony, December 14, 2019 – Austin, TX

he biannual swearing-in ceremony took place on Saturday, December 14 at the Palmer Events Center in Austin, Texas. Around 210 CPAs were sworn-in and there was an attendance of about 1,400 people in the main auditorium.

Outstanding candidates who attended the ceremony were recognized for their high achievement on the Uniform CPA Exam. They included, from L-R, back row: Matthew Brooks, Minjae Kim, Ann Rau, and San Ngoc Ton. L-R, front row: Sooraj Bhakthavachalam, Catherine Samson, and Nicole Dempsey.



#### Board members who

welcomed the new CPAs to the profession were, **L-R:** Jamie D. Grant, Joyce A. Yannuzzi, Debra D. Seefeld, Manuel Cavazos IV, Dr. Roselyn Morris, Kevin J. Koch, and James D. Ingram IV.

Members of the Austin CPA Chapter who generously volunteered their time at the event were, L-R, back row: Ira Siegel, Dr. Roselyn Morris, Tony Ross, Christi Mondrik, Bryan Morgan, Kara Hamann, Traci McLeod, and Jan Keeling. L-R, front row:

Larry Stephens, Mei-Feng Lu, Nancy Foss, Jessica Lopez, Kate Rhoden, Lara Akinboye, Olivia Riley, Hedwig Wenninger, and Sheri Thomas.



### Fifty-Year Licensees from the December Ceremony



Fifty-year honorees who attended the December 14 ceremony. **L-R, back row:** Lemont E. Nodwell Sr., William F. Peck, Joseph Lawrence Myers, Benjamin David Rosenberg, Steven William Ritzwoller, and Will E. Shaver.

L-R, middle row: Robert Samuel Swinney, Thomas Allen Wallis, Jim Price Wise, David Marion Wood, Benny Bob Woolery, and John B. Wardlaw.

**L-R, front row:** Roy M. Benignus, Richard A. Boysen, Josue Gomez, William L. Havins, and Marvin Daniel King.

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#### **FIFTY-YEAR LICENSEES**

Robert Edward Fugua Dennis R. Gann Guadalupe R. Garcia Paul Frost Gardner Brian Herman Gips Josue Gomez Clyde Franklin Haggard Jr. George S. Harrington David Andrews Harris Walter Thomas Harrison Jr. William L. Havins James K. Heidebrecht Lewis Carl Hines David C. Holland James C. Hopkins Jr. David Benton Howells Dan Meredith Jacks D.A. James Lawrence Kalinec Louis W. Kastens III Michael D. Kelley Everet E. Kennemer Marvin Daniel King LeGrand Carney Kirby III J. Arnold Knoche Robert W. Lambert Robert William Law Gerald R. Mace

Alan May Jr. Franklin T. May Ina Adele Miller Millard Euclid Morris **Owen Bernard Moseley** Mark Christopher Mueller Joseph Lawrence Myers Joseph Robert Nemec Lemont E. Nodwell Sr. Gyles Richard Norwood Richard Andrew Nunn **Bvron Anderson Parker** Michael Lawner Patton William F. Peck Fred Gary Peden John G. Peterson George Charles Phalen Jerrold L. Phipps Jerry Lane Pittman Elliott Andrew Prater Robert Drury Pulliam Dean Ransom Sarah Auman Reed Samuel Carter Rice Steven William Ritzwoller Benjamin David Rosenberg Charles W. Russell Joseph Girard San Miguel

Gilbert Joseph Schorre Jr. William E. Shaver Cece Smith Steven I. Soffer Wilbron Wayne Stanteen David Starr Jr. James Terry Strange Robert Samuel Swinney **Robert Donald Trachta** James Bevis Trapp William Hartwell Vance Donnie R. Wade Howard C. Wadsworth III Lary R. Walker Thomas Allen Wallis John B. Wardlaw David Russell Webb Palmer Harrison Weyandt Carlton L. White Gerry W. Wiggins Jim Price Wise Thomas Edgar Wolfe David Marion Wood Gary Vernon Woods Benny Bob Woolery

## Ratified at the November 14, 2019 Board Meeting

#### AGREED CONSENT ORDERS BEHAVIORAL ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Investigation Nos.: 19-01-19L, 19-01-20L, 19-03-09L, & 19-03-10L Respondents: Bradley Patton Blessing & Bradley P. Blessing CPA PC Hometown: Georgetown, TX Certificate No.: 043732 Firm License No.: C08572 Rule Violations: 501.74(b), 501.90(12), 501.90(13), 501.93 Act Violations: 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondents entered into an agreed consent order (ACO) with the Board whereby Respondent's certificate and Respondent Firm's license were revoked.

Respondents prepared an incorrect tax return, failed to file an amended return despite misleading a client into believing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issues were resolved, failed to file a client's 2017 return in a timely manner, failed to respond to a client's inquiries, and failed to respond to Board communications.

## 2. Investigation Nos.: 19-04-01L & 19-04-02L

Respondents: Andrew McKinny Hopkins & A.M. Hopkins, CPA Hometown: Houston, TX Certificate No.: 084465 Firm License No.: R00734 Rule Violation: 501.90 Act Violations: 901.502(2), 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondents entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondents were reprimanded and placed on probated suspension. In addition, Respondent must pay a \$1,000 administrative penalty and \$264.95 in administrative costs. Respondent was suspended from practicing before the IRS indefinitely from November 14, 2018 for failure to file a tax return for 2015, 2016, and 2017. In addition, Respondent failed to notify the Board of the suspension.

3. Investigation No.: 19-03-06L Respondent: Gary Lee Pennington Hometown: Granbury, TX Certificate No.: 013008 Rule Violation: 501.90(5) Act Violations: 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondent entered into an ACO with the Board whereby the Board agreed to accept Respondent's involuntary surrender of his certificate in lieu of further disciplinary action.

Respondent pleaded guilty to a Driving While Intoxicated Second.

4. Investigation Nos.: 19-06-01L & 19-06-02L

Respondents: Jacob Joseph Roldan & Jacob Roldan, CPA Hometown: Orcutt, CA Certificate No.: 099210 Firm License No.: R00853 Rule Violations: 501.90(4), 501.90(5) Act Violations: 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondents entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent's certificate and Respondent Firm's license were revoked.

Respondent pleaded no contest to felony Oral Copulation with a Person Under 18, Lewd Act Upon a Child, and the misdemeanor offense of sexual battery.

#### TECHNICAL STANDARDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Investigation Nos.: 19-01-11L & 19-01-12L

Respondents: Paul J. Fitzgerald & Paul J. Fitzgerald, P.C. Hometown: San Antonio, TX Certificate No.: 030129 Firm License No.: C04941

#### Rule Violation: 501.60 Act Violations: 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondents entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondents were reprimanded and Respondents' certificate and firm license placed on limited scope until a petition for removal is approved by the Board. Respondents are ordered to pay \$6,500 in administrative penalties and \$382.38 in administrative costs within 30 days of the Board Order. Respondents are prohibited from performing audits of automobile finance companies.

Respondent Firm issued audit reports for automobile finance companies where Respondent and Respondent Firm failed to meet Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.

#### 2. Investigation No.: 06-06-10L Respondent: Amber Schatz Hometown: San Antonio, TX Certificate No.: 073038

Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of her certificate as a CPA and entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent's certificate was reinstated and placed on limited scope prohibiting her from performing audits, compilations, and reviews.

Respondent's certificate was revoked by a Board Order on November 9, 2006. Respondent issued audited financial statements for a company for which she lacked independence.

#### 3. Investigation No.: 16-05-01L Respondent: David Scott Hall Hometown: Lewisville, TX Certificate No.: 037991

Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of his certificate as a CPA and entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent's certificate was reinstated and placed on limited scope prohibiting him from performing audits, compilations, and reviews. Respondent's certificate and license had been previously revoked on May 18, 2017 for failing to obtain sufficient audit evidence and failing to exercise due professional care in connection with audited financial statements filed with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

4. Investigation Nos.: 18-12-08L & 18-12-09L

Respondents: Frederick R. Matthews & Frederick R. Matthews, L.L.C. Hometown: New Braunfels, TX Certificate No.: 012452 Firm License No.: C08878 Rule Violation: 501.81 Act Violations: 901.401, 901.502(6)

Respondent Matthews entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent Matthews was reprimanded and ordered to pay \$1,000 in administrative penalties and \$163.88 in administrative costs within 30 days of the Board Order. Respondent Firm was dissolved on January 10, 2019 and no action was taken against the firm.

Respondent erroneously issued reviewed financial statements through a previously dissolved firm.

5. Investigation Nos.: 19-03-01L & 19-03-02L Respondents: Gregory Lee Trlicek & Trlicek & Co., P.C. Hometown: La Grange, TX Certificate No.: 057479 Firm License No.: C07660 Rule Violation: 501.81 Act Violations: 901.401, 901.461, 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondents entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondents were reprimanded and ordered to pay \$1,000 in administrative penalties and \$218.50 in administrative costs within 30 days of the Board Order. Respondents issued audit reports for a school district when the license for the Respondent Firm was held expired for failing to finalize the Respondent Firm's peer review.

6. Investigation Nos.: 18-12-01L & 18-12-02L Respondents: Gilbert Del Bosque & Del Bosque & Park, PLLC Hometowns: Beeville & San Antonio, TX Certificate No.: 086913 Firm License No.: C06497 Rule Violation: 501.81 Act Violations: 901.401, 901.461, 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondents entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondents were reprimanded and ordered to pay \$5,000 in administrative penalties and \$163.88 in administrative costs in accordance with the payment schedule outlined in the ACO.

Respondents issued reviewed financial statements for a company which were submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation when the license for the Respondent was blocked and an administrative penalty was owed to the Board for failing to obtain the requisite continuing professional education hours necessary to maintain the license and the Respondent Firm's license was delinquent, expired.

7. Investigation No.: 19-04-17L Respondent: David Joseph Middendorf Hometown: Marietta, GA Certificate No.: 085311 Rule Violations: 501.90(1), 501.90(2) Act Violations: 901.502(6), 901.502(10), 901.502(11)

Respondent entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent surrendered his certificate in lieu of further disciplinary action. Respondent was convicted of one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and three counts of wire fraud in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

## Ratified at the January 16, 2020 Board Meeting

#### AGREED CONSENT ORDERS TECHNICAL STANDARDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Investigation No.: 19-04-18L Respondent: Mark J. Trappio Hometown: Katy, TX Certificate No.: 046074 Rule Violation: 501.81 Act Violations: 901.401, 901.460, 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondent entered into an agreed consent order (ACO) with the Board whereby Respondent was reprimanded and ordered to pay \$2,500 in administrative penalties and \$142.03 in administrative costs within 120 days of the Board Order.

Respondent issued compiled financial statements for a transportation company which were filed with the Texas Department of Transportation without a firm license.

2. Investigation No.: 19-09-15L Respondent: Alan M. Osenbaugh Hometown: Argyle, TX Certificate No.: 055765 Rule Violation: 501.81 Act Violations: 901.401, 901.460, 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondent entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent was reprimanded and ordered to pay \$14,000 in administrative penalties and \$333.33 in administrative costs within 30 days of the Board Order. Respondent issued compiled financial statements for 14 companies without a firm license. 3. Investigation No.: 19-07-11L Respondent: Mary Ann Button Hometown: Red Oak, TX Certificate No.: 114023 Rule Violation: 501.81 Act Violations: 901.401, 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondent entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent was reprimanded and ordered to pay \$1,000 in administrative penalties and \$1,016.76 in administrative costs within 30 days of the Board Order. Respondent issued audited financial statements for a career school which were filed with the Texas Workforce Commission Career Schools Division without a firm license.

4. Investigation Nos.: 19-07-06L and 19-07-07L Respondents: Jonathan Heath Hughes & Heath Hughes CPA Hometown: Big Spring, TX Certificate No.: 070146 Firm License No.: 070146 Firm License No.: T06334 Rule Violation: 527.4 Act Violations: 901.159, 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondents entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent's certificate and licenses were revoked; however, the revocation was stayed for a period of five years and Respondents were placed on probation. Respondents are ordered to pay \$50,000 in administrative penalties and \$1,138.78 in administrative costs within 30 days of the Board Order.

Respondents issued audits, compilations, and reviews without the Respondent Firm being enrolled in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants Peer Review Program since the Respondent Firm was licensed by the Board in 2001. 5. Investigation Nos.: 19-08-12L & 19-08-13L Respondents: Thomas Michael O'Neal & Thayer O'Neal, LLC Hometown: Sugar Land, TX Certificate No.: 018559 Firm License No.: C09097 Rule Violations: 501.60, 501.90(7) Act Violations: 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondents entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondents were reprimanded and ordered to pay \$5,000 in administrative penalties and \$1,138.78 in administrative costs within 30 days of the Board Order. Respondent O'Neal is prohibited from associating with a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) for a period of two years.

On August 19, 2019, an Order Instituting Disciplinary Proceedings, Making Findings, and Imposing Sanctions was issued by the PCAOB in PCAOB Release No. 105-2019-021; styled In the Matter of Thayer O'Neal Company, LLC and Thomas Michael O'Neal, CPA. Respondent O'Neal was censured and was barred from being an associated person of a registered public accounting firm. However, Respondent O'Neal is allowed, after two years, to petition the PCAOB for consent to associate with a registered public accounting firm. Respondent O'Neal is required to complete 40 hours of professional education directly related to audits of issuer and broker dealer financial statements under PCAOB standards. Respondent Firm was censured and ordered to pay a civil monetary penalty in the amount of \$15,000. The PCAOB found that Respondents had violated PCAOB and PCAOB Auditing Standards.

6. Investigation Nos.: 18-10-07L & 18-10-08L

Respondents: Wesley Frederic Crowley & Wesley F. Crowley Hometown: San Antonio, TX Certificate No.: 027387 Firm License No.: T04460 Rule Violations: 501.93, 527.4 Act Violations: 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondents entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondents' certificate and licenses were revoked. Respondents are ordered to pay \$1,000 in administrative penalties and \$240.82 in administrative costs within 30 days of the Board Order.

Respondent Firm was dropped from the AICPA peer review program and Respondent Crowley failed to respond to Board communications.

7. Investigation Nos.: 19-10-08L, 19-10-09L & 19-10-10L Respondent: Jay Brian Ledford, Jay B. Ledford, P.C. & Ledford & Associates, PLLC Hometown: Tyler, TX Certificate No.: 054334 Firm License Nos.: C08739 & C04489 Rule Violations: 501.90(4), 501.90(5) Act Violations: 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondents entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondents' certificates and licenses were revoked.

Respondent Ledford pled guilty to the charges of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, aggravated identity theft, and a money laundering transaction in excess of \$10,000 on June 6, 2019 in the U.S. District Court of Maryland. On October 29, 2019, Respondent Ledford was sentenced in the U.S. District Court of Maryland to serve 14 years in federal prison and ordered to pay \$189,000,000 in restitution.

#### **Continuing Professional Education Actions**

The respondents listed below were not in compliance with the Board's continuing professional education (CPE) requirements as of the date of the Board meeting. Each respondent was suspended for the earlier of a period of three years, or until the respondent complies with the licensing requirements of the *Act*. Additionally, a \$100 penalty was imposed for each year the respondent continues to be in non-compliance with the Board's CPE requirements. The respondents were found to be in violation of Board *Rule 523.111 (Required CPE Reporting)* and *501.94 (Mandatory Continuing Professional Education)*, as well as *Section 901.411* (CPE) of the *Act*.

#### **Board Date Respondent / Location** Omar Ahmed, Spring, TX 01/16/2020 01/16/2020 Jeffrey Altizer, McKinney, TX Bruno Almeida Andrade, Houston, TX 01/16/2020 Amir L. Ashy, Houston, TX 11/14/2019 11/14/2019 Andy Sam Atalis, Dallas, TX Lisa Renee Baker, Frisco, TX 01/16/2020 Thomas Alan Behnke, The Woodlands, TX 11/14/2019 01/16/2020 Joseph Paul Berno, Houston, TX Quinnesha Dechelle Bolden, Grand Prairie, TX 01/16/2020 John Brendhan Botkin, Austin, TX 01/16/2020 Loretta Ann Brock, Austin, TX 01/16/2020 James Joseph Brown Jr., Houston, TX 01/16/2020 James Edward Bush, Carrollton, TX 11/14/2019 Melissa Myer Butler, Austin, TX 11/14/2019 Spencer Frank Carlton, Austin, TX 01/16/2020 Zachary Graeme Clark, Fort Worth, TX 01/16/2020 Valerie Lynn Cleveland, Josephine, TX 01/16/2020 Lynn Jean Cole, Fort Worth, TX 01/16/2020 01/16/2020 Sandra Kay Maus Copeland, Plano, TX Foy Andrew Cox, Arlington, TX 01/16/2020 Kaela Aleeca Cruz, Richardson, TX 01/16/2020 01/16/2020 Janet Lee Curry, Houston, TX Christina Louise Daily, Spring, TX 01/16/2020 Linda Lanice Davis, Sugar Land, TX 11/14/2019 Carlos Ervey De Leon, El Paso, TX 01/16/2020 Jovan Dewaal, Glen Ellyn, IL 01/16/2020 01/16/2020 Julieta Dewberry, Houston, TX Dianne Dinh, Round Rock, TX 01/16/2020 11/14/2019 Tony Ngan Do, Spring, TX Katerina Dodbiba, Lincoln University, PA 01/16/2020 Lisa Michelle Dodson, Flower Mound, TX 11/14/2019 11/14/2019 Natalie Rae Drummond, Houston, TX Amy Katherine Dunagan, Waxhaw, NC 11/14/2019 Tina Lynn Eaton, Grapevine, TX 11/14/2019 01/16/2020 Enobong Etukudo Ekpro, San Diego, CA David Ausbon Estes, Rising Star, TX 01/16/2020 Wenya Fang, Plano, TX 01/16/2020 Ziad N. Fanous, Round Rock, TX 01/16/2020 Ronald Glenn Faubion, Benton, AR 11/14/2019 Steven Jay Fausett, Covington, LA 01/16/2020 William Fleenor, Magnolia, TX 01/16/2020 Brent Andrew Gafford, Dallas, TX 01/16/2020 Matthew Thomas Garvey, Dallas, TX 11/14/2019 Thomas Scott Gay, Whitehouse, TX 01/16/2020 11/14/2019 Breah Ann Goerlich, Katy, TX 11/14/2019 James E. Hajek, Richardson, TX Tracy Cohen Hale, Houston, TX 11/14/2019 James Bradford Hickman, Amarillo, TX 11/14/2019 11/14/2019 Charles Grant Holmes, Rockwall, TX Brandy Murrow Hoopaugh, Austin, TX 11/14/2019 Michael Allen Jacobson, Houston, TX 01/16/2020 Charles Elliott Jeter, Dallas, TX 01/16/2020 01/16/2020 Mary Jacob John, The Woodlands, TX 01/16/2020 Richard Corv Johnson, Dallas, TX 01/16/2020 Keith R. Jones, Rockwall, TX 11/14/2019 Scott Alexander Jones, Houston, TX Debra Diana Juarez, San Antonio, TX 11/14/2019

#### Respondent / Location

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01/16/2020 Melissa Lorraine Kasper-Mitcham, Austin, TX Stacey Ptomey Keene, Houston, TX 11/14/2019 Suzanne E. Kelinske, Farmers Branch, TX 01/16/2020 Deepa Laxmi Kurian, Austin, TX 11/14/2019 Nicholas Coleman Laguzza, New York, NY 01/16/2020 Steven Lance, Plano, TX 11/14/2019 Daniel Ross Leneveu, Katy, TX 01/16/2020 Rhonda C. Levene, Plano, TX 11/14/2019 Xutong Li, Houston, TX 01/16/2020 01/16/2020 Daniel J. Llerena, Houston, TX Ying Ma, Los Altos, CA 11/14/2019 Robert Wade Malone, Houston, TX 11/14/2019 Ryan John Markham, Arvada, CO 11/14/2019 Rodolfo R. Martinez Jr., Spring, TX 01/16/2020 Steven Kent McCann, Pearland, TX 01/16/2020 Robert Byron McDonald, Alexandria, VA 01/16/2020 James Burritt McElravy, Houston, TX 01/16/2020 Mark Allen McGuire, Arlington, TX 01/16/2020 01/16/2020 Martha Ann McGuire, Dallas, TX Jimmy Lee McKee Jr., Irving, TX 11/14/2019 Larissa Benskin McLean, Pittsburgh, PA 01/16/2020 Ryan Russell McMorris, San Antonio, TX 11/14/2019 Brennen Paul McMullin, Irving, TX 01/16/2020 Raul Castillo Mercado, Plano, TX 01/16/2020 Alexander Wade Mezey, Chicago, IL 01/16/2020 Kenneth David Mindell, Coppell, TX 11/14/2019 Rehman Z. Momin, Rosenberg, TX 11/14/2019 Eric James Neal Jr., Marshall, TX 11/14/2019 Vu Hong Nguyen, Sugar Land, TX 01/16/2020 Sarah Christine Nichols, Capo Beach, CA 01/16/2020 Kristen Michelle O'Leary, Tyler, TX 01/16/2020 Richard Scott Oechslin, Houston, TX 11/14/2019 James Albert Osterkamp, Twin Falls, ID 11/14/2019 Dhruven Sanjaybhai Panchal, Irving, TX 01/16/2020 Susan Joy Patti, Georgetown, TX 01/16/2020 Charles Richard Pattison, Deer Park, TX 11/14/2019 Richard Adair Peabody, Dallas, TX 01/16/2020 Donna Lies Pell, Miramar, FL 11/14/2019 11/14/2019 Jennifer Denise Pippin, Houston, TX Cheryl Lynn Plagens, Spring, TX 11/14/2019 Suzanne Purifoy, Richardson, TX 01/16/2020 Rohan Satish Ranadive, Dalworthington Gardens, TX 11/14/2019 Michael James Rapisand, Scottsdale, AZ 01/16/2020 Overton Martin Ray III, Houston, TX 01/16/2020 Thomas Gerald Romine, Dallas, TX 01/16/2020 Roger Ward Rozell, Spring, TX 01/16/2020 Sandra Lynn Sargent, Southlake, TX 11/14/2019 Elizabeth Naar Schroeder, Benton, LA 11/14/2019 Jonathan Worth Sellers, Tomball, TX 11/14/2019 Lesley Ann Setliff, Dallas, TX 11/14/2019 Peggy Jean Shaw, Austin, TX 01/16/2020 Ryan Kirk Smith, New York, NY 11/14/2019 Jennifer Rachelle Soles, McKinney, TX 01/16/2020 Kathy Ann Spears, Graham, TX 11/14/2019 Roger Dale Starnes, Plano, TX 01/16/2020 Patricia Gamez Stoll, Richardson, TX 01/16/2020 Cara Biersmith Strawbridge, Austin, TX 11/14/2019 Kelli Lynn Sumer, Southlake, TX 11/14/2019 Karima Sundrani, Houston, TX 01/16/2020 Pamela Renae Thornton, Spring, TX 01/16/2020 Jesse Torres, Houston, TX 11/14/2019 01/16/2020 Jennifer Watson Vicari, Arlington, TX Michael William Vint, Austin, TX 11/14/2019 Kenneth Franklin Weithers, Plano, TX 01/16/2020 Elizabeth Calvert Whitehead, Dallas, TX 11/14/2019 11/14/2019 Marc Cecil Williams, Houston, TX Trena Lynette Wiseman, San Antonio, TX 01/16/2020 Stephanie Hall Woodell, Fulshear, TX 01/16/2020 Larry Mason Yowell, Plano, TX 01/16/2020 Rick Allen Zachardy, Spring, TX 11/14/2019

#### **Three-Year Delinguent Actions**

The respondents listed below violated Section 901.502(4) of the Act when they failed to pay license fees for three consecutive license periods. The certificate of each respondent was revoked without prejudice as the respondent was not in compliance as of the Board meeting date. Each respondent may regain his or her certificate by paying all the required license fees and late fees and by otherwise coming into compliance with the Act.

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Respondent / Location	Board Date	Kenneth Eugene Harrison
John Perry Abbott, Arlington, TX	01/16/2020	John Charles Harvey, Car
Carol Sue Owens Allred, Harker Heights, TX	11/14/2019	Veva J. Hawkins, Friends
Romel A. Alnazer, Houston, TX	11/15/2019	Eric P. Hodnefield, Spring
Lynne Jerue Anderson, Olympia, WA	11/15/2019	Kelly Marie Hooper, Shaw
		Anthony Ray Horton, Dalla
Tina Marie Arenas, Dallas, TX	01/16/2020	Catherine Schamp Jackso
Mickey Dale Atkins, Leander, TX	11/15/2019	Rachel Eleanor Jackson,
Patricia Louise Austin, San Antonio, TX	01/16/2020	Sandra Johnson, Clouder
Mohamed Ahmed Badawy, Abu Dhabi, UAE	11/15/2019	Adil Jumambayev, San Fr
Jermaine Nahshon Badie, Frisco, TX	11/15/2019	
Walter Lowry Barfield Jr., Houston, TX	11/14/2019	Aubrey Harold Keene, Ric
Marian Batchelor, Marble Falls, TX	01/16/2020	James Michael Kendrigan
Jeffrey Irvin Beason, Houston, TX	11/15/2019	David Michael Kirsten, Ch
Michael Edward Bernard, Omaha, NE	11/15/2019	Mary Ann Krone, Cypress
Weston Ray Bert, Dallas, TX	11/14/2019	Michael W. Kyle, Tulsa, O
Larry Joe Billa, Katy, TX	01/16/2020	Kenneth Scott Lamb, Dall
Ty Morland Bollinger, Portland, TN	01/16/2020	Sara Elizabeth Trusty Lan
Ben Bernie Boyd, Houston, TX	11/15/2019	Andrea Nicole Leete, Dall
	11/15/2019	Jerry David Levey, Bellaire
Gage Everett Brackin, Waxahachie, TX		Florence Elizabeth Lightfo
Paul Michael Brennan, The Woodlands, TX	11/14/2019	Carla Manley Longhofer, I
Patsy Lee Carden Bridgman, Tyler, TX	01/16/2020	Louis Lupinacci Jr., Katy,
Chrissa Dee Brinley, Denton, TX	01/16/2020	Gregory V. Mabry, Housto
Christopher Lee Bruner, Philadelphia, PA	01/16/2020	Mark Egon Mackenzie, Ne
Thomas Davis Bruton, Arlington, TX	11/15/2019	David C. Maddy, Graham,
Dorothy Guild Bryant, Austin, TX	01/16/2020	
Julie D. Bui, Carlsbad, CA	01/16/2020	Michael Alan Manders, Sa
Mark Andrew Burton, San Mateo, CA	01/16/2020	David Rankin Mann, Hous
Belle Ann Butler, Phoenix, AZ	01/16/2020	Stephen Charles Martin, S
Phillip Jewell Butrum, San Antonio, TX	01/16/2020	Cynthia Thompson McDor
Mary Ellen Campbell, McKinney, TX	01/16/2020	Brenda Maureen McMulle
Roy Sampey Carley, Midway, UT	11/15/2019	Dana Lee McRimmon, El
Karen S. Carrel, Carrollton, TX	11/14/2019	Jeffery Wayne McWhorter
Allison Grace Chabot, Dallas, TX	01/16/2020	Terry Miller, Murphy, TX
Sarah Myles Chandler, San Antonio, TX	11/14/2019	Kelly Beth Jones Mitchell,
Melanie Kay Chaney, San Antonio, TX	01/16/2020	Teresa Clark Mitchell, Mid
Billy Kenneth Cheek, Dallas, TX	01/16/2020	Kenneth Kyle Monroe, Sp
	11/14/2019	Ahryun Moon, San Francis
Kuo Chan Chen, Stamford, CT	11/14/2019	Thomas Michael Motter, H
Sarah Renee Chewning, Texarkana, TX		Lisa Ann Murphy, Van Alst
Bertha Chuiwan Chiu, San Jose, CA	01/16/2020	Nicole Marie Murray, Balti
Emily Grace Christen, Dallas, TX	11/14/2019	Deborah Kai-Su Nelson, N
Brett Ashley Christiansen, Irving, TX	11/14/2019	Carole Yvonne Norred, Ma
Jennifer Joyce Collins, Houston, TX	01/16/2020	Enrique Nowogrodzki, Per
Melville Dwight Connet III, Pescadero, CA	11/14/2019	Paul Raymond Olsen, Hig
Jacqueline Allison Cook, Pearland, TX	01/16/2020	David Morgan Orton, Prov
Kameron Larie Cook, Conifer, CO	01/16/2020	Ralph Irvan Parman, Hous
Ronald Wayne Coulson, Saginaw, TX	11/14/2019	
Patti Simmons Cox, Amarillo, TX	01/16/2020	Russi Jehangir Patel, Hou
Carolyn Kay Cross, Cedar Hill, TX	01/16/2020	Julia P. Pitre, Mobile, AL
Kris Shane Cummins, Lindsay, OK	01/16/2020	Nicholas Peter Postolos, I
Gary Lee Cutter, Grapevine, TX	01/16/2020	Emily Jo Ray, Dallas, TX
Donna Williams Davis, Missouri City, TX	01/16/2020	Jimmie Carol Ray, Tyler, T
Don Charles Day, Pilot Point, TX	01/16/2020	Carlos Agustin Reyes-Gar
		Tara Dawn Richards, San
Tandy Jay Day, Austin, TX	01/16/2020	Celina Garza Ridge, Hous
Emile Victor Denke, Fort Worth, TX	01/16/2020	Homer Glen Rowe, Nashv
John Thomas Dimmick, Plainfield, IN	11/15/2019	Daren O. Rubink, The Wo
Shirley McAfee Dorr, The Woodlands, TX	11/15/2019	Elizabeth Irene Russell, D
Jennifer Dudley, Shreveport, LA	01/16/2020	Michael William Samson,
Stevi A. Ebert, Denton, TX	11/14/2019	Ronald Robert Schwenk,
William Jonathon Erie, Texarkana, TX	11/15/2019	Priti Dipen Shah, Plano, T
Nahom Gebeto Essaw, Wylie, TX	01/16/2020	
Jill Marie Foster, Kingwood, TX	01/16/2020	Haseeb H. Shaikh, Abu D
Jennifer Elaine Gilliam, New York, NY	01/16/2020	Donald Robert Shaw, John
		Beverly Rae Kinard Shear

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Bruce Edward Short, Glen Allen, VA Apostolos Sotiriades, Houston, TX Michael Alan Stacey, The Colony, TX Martha Elizabeth Stephens, Las Vegas, NV Trevor Park Sterling, Fort Collins, CO Robert Howard Strawser, Bryan, TX Rajesh Suri, Sugar Land, TX Jeremy Adam Sweek, Houston, TX David Thomas Sweet, Dallas, TX Dennis Michael Thies, Houston, TX Atticus Haygood Thomas Jr., Dallas, TX Timothy Theodor Timmerman, Austin, TX Micki Van, Austin, TX Mallory Nicole Vasquez, New York, NY Deborah Law Pevey Weiher, Sugar Land, TX Wooyon Whang, Dallas, TX Gerald Lee Whelply, Spring, TX Jennifer Vaught Wilson, Houston, TX Beverly Ann Winters, Austin, TX Susan Elizabeth Wright, Dallas, TX Bolat Yermagambetov, Houston, TX Di-Wei David Zhu, Houston, TX

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Failure to Renew Actions

The respondents listed below failed to complete their license renewal notices in accordance with Board *Rule 515.3*. The certificates of the Respondents were revoked for failing to complete their license renewal applications until such time as the Respondents come into compliance with the *Rules* and the *Act*.

Respondent / Location	Board Date
Colin Andrew Baker, Houston, TX	11/14/2019
Kirsten Leigh Barringer, Kingwood, TX	01/16/2020
David Ian Campbell, Leander, TX	01/16/2020
Thuy T. Lam Do, Dallas, TX	01/16/2020
Michael Girard Gaffney, San Antonio, TX	11/14/2019
Adefunke Sharon Kasali, Pearland, TX	01/16/2020
Shanna Brown Mattson, Waco, TX	01/16/2020
Kevin Ross Pringle, New York, NY	01/16/2020
Terry Lee Purchal, Dallas, TX	01/16/2020
Rogers Adair Roberts, Houston, TX	11/14/2019
Melissa Ann Strength, Fort Dix, NJ	01/16/2020
Elizabeth Wright, Houston, TX	01/16/2020

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