

**193A—13.2(542) Rules applicable to all CPAs and LPAs.**

**13.2(1) Cooperation with board inquiry.** A CPA or an LPA will, when requested, respond to communications from the board within 30 days.

**13.2(2) Reporting convictions, judgments, and disciplinary actions.** In addition to any other reporting obligations in Iowa Code chapter 542 or these rules, a CPA or an LPA needs to notify the board within 30 days of:

*a.* Imposition upon the CPA or LPA of discipline including, but not limited to, censure, reprimand, sanction, probation, civil penalty, fine, consent decree or order, or suspension, revocation or modification of a license, certificate, permit or practice rights by:

- (1) The SEC, PCAOB, or IRS (by the Director of Practice); or
- (2) Another state board of accountancy for cause other than failure to pay a professional fee by the due date or failure to complete continuing education obligations by another state board of accountancy; or
- (3) Any other federal or state agency regarding the CPA's or LPA's conduct while rendering professional services; or
- (4) Any foreign authority or credentialing body that regulates the practice of accountancy;

*b.* Occurrence of any matter reportable by the CPA or LPA to the PCAOB pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Section 102(b)(2)(f) as amended to December 29, 2022, and PCAOB rules and forms adopted pursuant thereto;

*c.* Any judgment, award or settlement of a civil action or arbitration proceeding in which the CPA or LPA was a party if the matter included allegations of gross negligence, violation of specific standards of practice, fraud, or misappropriation of funds in the practice of accounting; provided, however, licensed firms will notify the board regarding civil judgments, settlements or arbitration awards directly involving the firm's practice of public accounting in this state; or

*d.* Criminal charges, deferred prosecution or conviction or plea of no contest to which the CPA or LPA is a defendant if the crime is:

- (1) Any felony under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States or any foreign jurisdiction; or
- (2) Any crime, including a misdemeanor, if an essential element of the offense is dishonesty, deceit or fraud, as more fully described in Iowa Code section 542.5(2).

**13.2(3) Firm's duty to report.** Each firm will designate a CPA or an LPA as responsible for firm licensure or office registration and responsible for reporting any matter reportable under this rule.

**13.2(4) Solicitation or disclosure of CPA examination questions and answers.** A CPA or an LPA who solicits or knowingly discloses a Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination question(s) or answer(s) without the written authorization of the AICPA has committed an act discreditable to the profession.

**13.2(5) Falsely reporting continuing professional education (CPE).** A CPA or an LPA has committed an act discreditable to the profession when the CPA or LPA falsely reports CPE credits to the board.

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