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Governor Easley Appoints Maria M. Lynch to State Board of Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Examiners

Raleigh – Governor Michael F. Easley has appointed Maria M. Lynch of Raleigh, to the State Board of CPA Examiners for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2010. Lynch, a partner in the law firm of Lynch & Eatman, LLP, will serve as one of the Board's two public members.

Lynch, who was a member of the Order of the Coif and Research Editor of the *Law Review*, graduated with honors from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law in 1979 and was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1979. Following a clerkship with the Honorable J. Dickson Phillips, Jr., US Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, she went into private practice.

A Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Lynch is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning and Probate Law. She served as a North Carolina State Bar Councilor from 1993 to 2001 and is a past member of the North Carolina Bar Association Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section Council and former chair of its Ethics Committee.

Lynch is a past Chair of the Estate Planning and Probate Law Specialty Committee of the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization and is a member of the Wake County Bar Association. An adjunct professor of law at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law, she is also a senior lecturing fellow at the Duke University School of Law.

In 2006, the North Carolina Bar awarded Lynch the Sarah H. Davis Excellence Award for excellence in her daily work as an attorney and her service as a model for other lawyers.

Established by Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the State Board of CPA Examiners is an occupational licensing board that grants certificates of qualification as certified public accountants (CPAs) to those individuals who meet the legal requirements. The Board also adopts and enforces the rules of professional ethics and conduct to be observed by CPAs in this State.

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