



## North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

### NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND AGREEMENT TO CEASE AND DESIST

Notice is hereby given that the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners has taken the following action against **RONALD ERIC MARDEN** for violation of the North Carolina Accountancy Law (North Carolina General Statute 93).

The information contained in this notification is derived from the official records of the Board and is being provided to the media and other interested persons and organizations in the public interest. The Board has authorized its use for the purpose of issuing news releases and/or other notifications to the public.

An independent agency of the State of North Carolina, the Board is responsible for the examination, licensure, and regulation of CPAs. It is not affiliated with the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants (NCACPA), a voluntary professional organization, or its local chapters.

**NAME:** Ronald Eric Marden

**BUSINESS NAME** Appalachian State University

**ADDRESS:** Boone, NC 28608

**VIOLATION(S):** Unauthorized Use of CPA Title (see attached)

**DATE NOTIFICATION ISSUED:** 04/02/2015

**BY:**   
Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director

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**THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS**

IN THE MATTER OF:  
Ronald Errico Marden  
Respondent File #C2015020

NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION &  
AGREEMENT TO CEASE AND DESIST

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners ("Board") is authorized by N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12 (16) to enforce the provisions of the North Carolina Certified Public Accountant Act ("Act") through actions for injunctive relief regarding "a single violation" of this Chapter; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-1, "A 'certified public accountant' is a person who holds a certificate as a certified public accountant issued to him under the provisions of this Chapter."

WHEREAS, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-3, "It shall be unlawful for any person who has not received a certificate of qualification or not been granted a practice privilege under N.C.G.S. §93-10 admitting the person to practice as a certified public accountant to assume or use such a title, or to use any words, letters, abbreviations, symbols or other means of identification to indicate that the person using same has been admitted to practice as a certified public accountant."

WHEREAS, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-6, "It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the public practice of accountancy in this State who is not a holder of a certificate as a certified public accountant issued by the Board, unless such person uses the term 'accountant' and only the term 'accountant' in connection with his name on all reports, letters of transmittal, or advice, and on all stationery and documents used in connection with his services as an accountant, and refrains from the use in any manner of any other title or designation in such practice."

WHEREAS, Respondent Ronald Errico Marden (hereinafter "Respondent") is not actively licensed as a certified public accountant in North Carolina or otherwise authorized by the Board to use the CPA title in this state, but his principal place of business is in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Respondent, in February of 2009, applied for, and was granted, "inactive" status for his North Carolina CPA license. As part of that application, Respondent agreed that "I certify under oath that I will not identify myself as a CPA to any person in any manner ... as long as I remain on inactive status...."

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WHEREAS, subsequent to choosing inactive status, Respondent identified himself as a "Certified Public Accountant (Currently Inactive)" while engaged in accounting education in the State of North Carolina.

THEREFORE, Respondent and the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners hereby agree that Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from offering or using in any manner the title "CPA" or "Certified Public Accountant" in North Carolina unless and until licensed as a CPA by the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners.

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BY: Robert N. Brooks DATE: 02/25/2015  
Robert N. Brooks  
Executive Director

In lieu of civil proceedings authorized by N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(16), the Board will accept Respondent's consent to this Agreement.

Consented to: Ronald E. Marden DATE: 2/27/15  
BY: Ronald Errico Marden  
North Carolina State Watauga County

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this day by Ronald E. Marden.  
[I have personal knowledge of the identity of the principal(s)] [I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a NC Driver's License] [a credible witness has sworn to the identity of the principals Ronald Errico Marden.]



Rita K. Wells  
Notary Public Signature  
Rita K. Wells  
Notary Public Printed Name  
February 27, 2015  
Date

September 5, 2015  
My Commission Expires

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