



North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

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MARIA M. LYNCH, ESQ., APPOINTED TO STATE BOARD OF CPA EXAMINERS

RALEIGH--The State Board of CPA Examiners is pleased to announce that Governor Cooper appointed Maria M. Lynch, Esq., to the Board for a term expiring on June 30, 2024. Lynch, who previously served on the Board from 2007 to 2013, is one of two public members of the Board.

A partner in the Raleigh law firm Lynch & Eatman, LLP, Lynch is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and is a North Carolina State Bar Certified Specialist in Estate Planning and Probate Law. In 2018, she served as president of the Tenth Judicial District Bar. The Tenth Judicial District Bar members elected her to three consecutive terms as a North Carolina State Bar Councilor.

Lynch is a past member of the North Carolina Bar Association Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section Council and the past chair of its Ethics Committee. She is a past Chair of the Estate Planning and Probate Law Specialty Committee, North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization.

In 2017, Lynch received the *Joseph Branch Professionalism Award* from the Wake County Bar Association, and in 2012, she received the North Carolina State Bar's *John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award*. The North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization awarded Lynch the *Sarah H. Davis Excellence Award* in 2006.

About the Board

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 CPAs to those individuals who meet the statutory requirements. The Board also adopts and enforces the rules of professional ethics and conduct to be observed by CPAs in North Carolina. An independent State agency, the Board is composed of seven members appointed by the Governor. Five members must be holders of valid and unrevoked NC CPA certificates as issued by the Board in accordance with the NC General Statutes. The remaining two members, who are not CPAs, represent the interests of the public at large.