



# CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY



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## FROM THE INCOMING CHAIR

It is with great honor and excitement that I begin my service as chair of the Connecticut State Board of Accountancy. I want to extend sincere thanks to John Schuyler for his many years of thoughtful leadership as chair and for his willingness to continue contributing his expertise as a member of the Board. As we enter a new year, I want to share the Board's vision and priorities for Connecticut's CPA community.

The accounting profession is in a period of rapid change, as advances in technology and data – particularly artificial intelligence – are reshaping the skill sets CPAs need to analyze information, exercise professional judgment, and deliver high-quality services in an increasingly complex environment. At the same time, firms and organizations continue to confront CPA pipeline issues and mobility challenges. The way we define initial licensure, manage continuing education, and recognize credentials across state lines is evolving to meet the needs of a mobile, technology-driven workforce. Our goal as a Board is to make these changes transparent, practical, and aligned with what you face in every day practice, while continuing to protect the public through our enforcement process.

Over the past several years, the Board has focused on supporting CPA candidates while preserving the rigor of the Uniform CPA Examination. Connecticut implemented a longer, 30-month rolling window for candidates to pass all four exam sections, and has also approved exam credit extensions for candidates affected by the pandemic, testing limitations, and delayed score releases into 2024 and 2025. These changes are designed to reduce unnecessary attrition in the pipeline and acknowledge real-world disruptions without lowering the high standards expected of future CPAs.

As you will see discussed within this newsletter, Connecticut has also acted to modernize CPA licensure and mobility laws to reflect the way the profession practices today. Recent legislation introduces expanded pathways to licensure and an automatic or enhanced mobility model that allows qualified out-of-state CPAs in good standing to serve clients in Connecticut with fewer administrative barriers, while remaining fully subject to our state's laws and oversight. These updates align Connecticut with efforts in many other jurisdictions to maintain interstate practice privileges and help firms respond to client needs across state lines.

## From the Incoming Chair continued

Across all of these initiatives, the Board's goal is clear: to strengthen the pipeline of future CPAs while maintaining strong, effective regulation that protects the public interest. By extending exam credit timelines, updating pathways to licensure, and enhancing mobility, Connecticut is working to keep the profession attractive and accessible, yet firmly grounded in robust educational, ethical, and practice standards.

We invite all licensees, candidates, and stakeholders to attend our Board meetings, which are open to the public. Your engagement and input are both welcome and important as we address issues impacting the profession in Connecticut. Visit our website for meeting dates and agendas.

On behalf of the Board and our colleagues in the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection (DCP), I thank you for all that you do every day to uphold the integrity of the profession and to serve the people and businesses of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Timothy F. Egan, CPA



## LEGAL & REGULATORY UPDATES

The Connecticut General Assembly passed a number of laws that affect Certified Public Accountants in the state:

### New Pathways to CPA Licensure

Effective October 1, 2025, Public Act 25-36 introduced fundamental changes to CPA licensure in Connecticut. The revised law for pathways to CPA licensure replaces the long-standing "150 credit hour" rule with expanded pathway options, including one with a broader role for professional experience.

Under the revised law, requirements for a CPA certificate are as follows:

- A baccalaureate degree or its equivalent with an accounting concentration or its equivalent + 2 years of experience;
- A baccalaureate degree and an additional 30 semester hours of college education with an accounting concentration or its equivalent + 1 year of experience; or
- A post-baccalaureate degree with an accounting concentration + 1 year of experience. (Public Act 25-36)

At a September 25, 2025 special meeting, the Board approved draft regulations outlining new educational requirements that qualify as an accounting concentration to be coursework that includes:

- At least 27 credits in Accounting education (which may include the basic or introductory course), and
- At least 24 credits in Economics and Business Administration education other than Accounting.

These draft regulations will serve as guidelines to be used by DCP until new regulations are finalized.

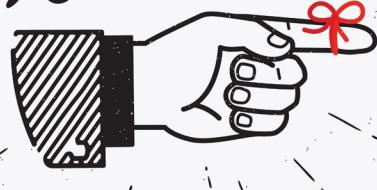
The Uniform CPA Examination requirement remains the same for all pathways.

### CPA Mobility & Practice Privileges

Practice privileges allow CPAs to serve clients in other jurisdictions without having to obtain multiple licenses. With the trend towards additional pathways to CPA licensure, mobility will be determined based on the individual and not the state.

In addition to the expanded pathways discussed above, Public Act 25-36 also introduced fundamental changes to practice privilege for CPAs licensed in other states to work in Connecticut without separate application. Effective October 1, 2025, an out-of-state CPA would qualify for a practice privilege without having to obtain a Connecticut license only if he or she (A) holds another state's CPA license that is in good standing, and (B) meets the Connecticut education, experience, and examination requirements. In addition, a person who passed the Uniform CPA Exam by September 30, 2025 and holds a CPA license in good standing on that date also qualifies for practice privileges.

# Reminder



## REMINDERS

Click [here](#) for forms and information for CPA certification/licensing.



## IMPORTANT DATES

March 3, 2026 - Next Board Meeting

## 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

March 3  
May 5  
July 14  
September 1  
November 3

Board meetings are open to the public, and your participation is valued and encouraged. All 2026 Board meetings will be held virtually. Board members and staff will only attend virtually through Microsoft Teams. You can visit the Board page [here](#) and click the next meeting date to find the agenda and meeting link when available."

Meetings start at 10:00 a.m.  
We hope you can join us!

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## Legal & Regulatory Updates

### CPA Mobility & Practice Privileges Continued

The Board would like to caution you about practicing across jurisdiction lines. Each jurisdiction's Board has its own rules and laws. You will want to verify with any jurisdiction you plan on performing services within if you qualify for practice privileges prior to providing services.

It's better to be safe than sorry. You do not want to unintentionally get on the wrong side of another jurisdiction's requirements.

[Click here](#) to view additional information on recent changes to the general statutes of Connecticut.

## CPA LICENSURE MATTERS: FAQS, COMMON MISTAKES/ERRORS AND GOOD THINGS TO KNOW



### CPA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- If I move out of state, do I need to maintain my Connecticut license?
  - Residency is not a consideration in Connecticut licensing requirements. A Connecticut CPA license is required if you have an office located in Connecticut. If your principal place of business is outside of Connecticut, a current CPA license issued by another state will give you the practice privilege to perform services to Connecticut clients from beyond the state border, except that a Connecticut CPA firm permit is required if you perform attest or compilation services for any entity whose home office is in Connecticut.
- Where can I get a license verification?
  - The Connecticut State Board of Accountancy primarily uses an online system for the verification of credential status. To access this service, you may visit the DCP's online licensing website at [www.elicense.ct.gov](http://www.elicense.ct.gov) to print the current status and important information regarding your CPA credential. The online system will display all current records including inactive credentials. There is no fee to use this online system.
  - A licensee can request a license verification form from another state to be completed by sending an email attached with the out-of-state form to [DCP.LicenseCPA@ct.gov](mailto:DCP.LicenseCPA@ct.gov). The request may take up to 4-6 weeks for processing, and you will be notified by email once this request has been completed.
- How can I inactivate my license?
  - To place your CPA license in an "inactive" status, you may either not renew by the deadline of December 31st (your CPA license will automatically be inactivated for "non-renewal") or submit a completed "Inactivation Request Form – Individual License" form (available on DCP's website) to [DCP.LicenseCPA@ct.gov](mailto:DCP.LicenseCPA@ct.gov).

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# CPA Licensure Matters: FAQs, Common Mistakes/Errors and Good Things to Know

## CPA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Continued

- Where can I get information?
  - All important information, including licensing and reporting requirements, are on DCP's website: <https://portal.ct.gov/dcp>
- Where can I ask for more help?
  - Inquiries concerning licensing matter should be directed to: [DCP.LicenseCPA@ct.gov](mailto:DCP.LicenseCPA@ct.gov)
  - Inquiries concerning CPEs should be directed to: [DCP.ContinuingEducation@ct.gov](mailto:DCP.ContinuingEducation@ct.gov)
  - Complaints can be filed online or by mail, email or fax, instructions and information can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/dcp/file-a-complaint>
  - All other inquiries (including enforcement matters, peer review, extension requests, etc.) should be directed to: [DCP.Accounting@ct.gov](mailto:DCP.Accounting@ct.gov)

## Common Mistakes or Errors

- Failure to obtain a CPA firm permit - Every practicing CPA (including solo practitioners) needs a firm permit. Connecticut has no firm mobility.
- Failure of notification requirements - CPAs and CPA firms are required to notify the Board/DCP within 30 days of changes including but not limited to:
  - Any change of address, email address, or change of employment or any other information provided on the last renewal application
  - Any firm changes: firm name; formation of a new firm/termination of old firm; new offices in the state; changes in partners, members, managers, shareholders (new firm permit might be required); changes in partners' percentages of ownership; changes in legal form of firm; changes in management of any office
  - First time that the firm issues a financial statement or audit report
  - Any disciplinary actions or convictions
  - Any individual name changes
- Failure to submit peer review waiver requests
  - Every firm is subject to the peer review requirement. If a firm does not undergo peer review, it must upload a Peer Review Waiver request form every year at the time the firm applies for renewal of its firm permit. In that form, the firm must affirm that (A) it does not engage in financial reporting or attest areas of practice, including audits, compilations and reviews, (B) it does not intend to engage in such a practice during the following year, and (C) it will immediately notify the board if it engages in such practice. Any firm which has been granted a waiver must immediately notify the board if it engages in the financial reporting or attest areas of practice and must undergo a quality review during the first calendar year after its initial acceptance of such an engagement.
- Failure to return clients documents – CPAs are required to return a client's original records to the client or former client upon the client's request and reasonable notice. "Client's original records" include any documents or data that the client provides or grants access to the CPA. "Reasonable notice" is determined on a case-by-case basis but generally should not be longer than two (2) weeks.
- Failure to respond to the Board/DCP's request - Failure to respond to Board or DCP's correspondence or requests during investigations is a violation of R.C.S.A.20-280-15c. Most requests have a 30-day deadline, but simple requests may contain shorter timeframe.

## Good Things to Know

- Retiree Status - Available for persons 65 years or older
  - One-time \$20 application fee; no annual renewal or CPE requirements
  - No CPE required to reinstate a license from Retiree Status
  - Must certify that the licensee shall not practice or offer to practice public accountancy in any state
  - Using the CPA designation is allowed, as long as the designation is accompanied by "(Retired)" (i.e., "CPA (Retired)")
  - Providing services on a voluntary basis (including serving on non-profit boards, performing accounting, tax services) is allowed, as long as the licensee does not receive any fees or compensation of any kind for such services
  - Important: This status can be obtained only from "Active" status
- CPA firms require name change – A CPA firm name must be changed after two years of becoming a solo firm to remove the names of all past partners or owners
- CPA name changes - To report a name change, send an email to [DCP.LicenseCPA@ct.gov](mailto:DCP.LicenseCPA@ct.gov) with CPA License/Registration number, the current name, the new name, and attach a copy of an official court document reflecting the legal name change (marriage certificate, divorce decree) or a copy of a driver's license reflecting the name change.

# Congratulations!

NEW CPAs - JANUARY 1, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2025

MICHAEL ABRAHAMIAN  
 PIYUSH AGARWAL  
 RHEA LIZ ALABA  
 JADA AMATUZZI  
 DOMINIC ANKAMAH  
 SPENCER ANTHONY  
 DANIEL ARAYA  
 CURTIS ARCARI  
 CAMELLIA ARDALAN  
 RASHMIKA MARIA ARUN  
 JOHN AYVAS  
 WAEL AZAB  
 BERNARDA SARI BARRETO  
 KELLY BARRY  
 JUSTIN BASILONE  
 GANI BEBRI  
 ADAM BECKETT  
 JORDAN BLEVINS  
 JESSICA BELLAI  
 HAYLEY BOBOK  
 LISA BORGIALLI  
 DOMINIC BOUTOT  
 ELISE BOWMAN  
 LILLIANNE BRAUNGARDT  
 RACHAEL BRAZIEL  
 JOSEPH BREEN  
 NICOLAS BRIGADA  
 MATTHEW BROAS  
 ROLLA BRYANT  
 KAITLYN CALHOUN  
 FRANK CAMERA  
 BRIANA CAMP  
 DAVID CAMPBELL  
 TIMOTHY CARDAROPOLI  
 BENJAMIN CARLSON  
 JOHN CATY  
 DEMETRI CHAMBERS  
 JACKIE CHEN  
 CHRISTIAN CHLEBOWSKI  
 MILENA CIACCIA  
 ANNE CONGLETON  
 KEVIN CONNELL  
 BRETT CONNOLE  
 KRISTIN CONNOLY  
 PAIGE CONTENTA  
 DENNIS COSME

CAROLINE COUGHLIN  
 ALLISON CROSS  
 JUSTIN DALY  
 MICHAEL D'AMBROSIO  
 NICHOLAS DATOR  
 JAMSHED DAVAR  
 AUSTIN DAVIS  
 DANIELLE DAVIS  
 STACEY DAVIS  
 TIANXIANG DENG  
 EVAN DEPERSIA  
 STEPHEN DESMOND  
 DAVID DEWEY  
 NATALIE DIDOMENICO  
 MICHAEL DIMARCO  
 PATRICIA DOBSON  
 SETH DONALD  
 CAROLINE DONOVAN  
 BENJAMIN DREW  
 ROBERT DUDLEY  
 WILLIAM EMERY  
 PAUL CONRAD ESTARES  
 TAYLOR FANELLI  
 SARAH FEDE  
 CAROLINE FERRARA  
 RALPH FESTA  
 THOMAS FINCH  
 LAUREN FISCH  
 SAMUEL FONTILUS  
 PHILIP FORDE  
 DOMINIC FRASCA  
 NATALIE GALLO  
 JOHN GARDNER  
 THOMAS GANNON  
 EDWARD GARCIA  
 THOMAS GENTILE  
 DANIEL GLASS  
 TYLER GOMES  
 MICHAEL GORDON  
 CONNOR GOZ  
 BINYAMIN GREENWALD  
 MICHAEL GREENWALD  
 SHANICE GRIESER  
 SONU GUPTA  
 LYDIA HANLON  
 JARED HELLER

ELIAS HOPONICK  
 STEVEN HOPPE  
 HELEN HRONCICH  
 DAHIANYA IBARRA  
 EWA JASINSKA  
 JESSICA JENNINGS  
 NATHAN JENNINGS  
 ALEXANDER JOAO  
 ERIN JOSE  
 JANET JOSEY  
 GURKIRAT KANG  
 CAROLINE KELLY  
 AMANDA KEMP  
 IJAZ KHALID  
 SHAHZAD KHAWAJA  
 MEGAN KIKOSICKI  
 JOSEPH KIWANIS  
 JAMES KNAPIK  
 MATTHEW KOZON  
 ALEX KRAUS  
 DANIEL KRAWIC  
 SEAN KULP  
 MATTHEW LANDRY  
 ERIN LANZARONE  
 KIERAN LARNEY  
 PAULA LATHROP  
 JUSTIN LAVIGNE  
 BENJAMIN LAXTON  
 EISA LEE  
 ROBERT LEONARD  
 FRANCES LEPORE  
 STEPHEN LEWIS  
 BRIAN LIEBERT  
 JINPING LIN  
 EVAN LINDSEY  
 MARK LOCKWOOD  
 NORBERTO LUCERO  
 ALEXANDER LULGJURAJ  
 STEPHEN MACHNICZ  
 THOMAS MACKEN  
 FRANK MAGNERI  
 ANTHONY MAISANO  
 CONOR MALADY  
 DILLON MANFREDI  
 PROGRESS MARIKOMO

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## New CPAs - January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025 *Continued*

JARED MATTINSON	KATHLEEN POTONIEC	JUANPABLO SULLIVAN
ROBERT MAZAIR II	MEGAN POWELL	ROBERT SWENSON
OWEN MCCARTHY	MICHAEL POWELL	YINGPENG TAO
SARA MCDONALD	SHANNON POWELL	TATIANA TATE
NANCY MIELE	MARISSA QUIMBY	BLAINE THOMPSON
KEVIN MITCHELL	EMILY REIDY	QUANG KINH LUAN TRAN
ERIC MODICA	EMANUEL REYES	KACIE TRAPP
KEVIN MORRIS	KERONA RICHARDS	KRISTEN TRUGLIO
AQIB MOUGHAL	KATHERINE RISSOLO	JENNA TUMILLO
MUSTAFA MUFTI	RAEKWON ROBINSON	CHRISTOPHER TUMIO
DAVID MURLJACIC	JACOB RODMAN	JOE ULLMAN
JOHN MURRAY	ALICJA ROG	LEE DEL VALLE
NICOLA MYRIE	CHRISTIAN MATTHEW RUBIO	GREGORY WADINGER
JOSEPH LLOYD NAGUIT	HAYDEN RUBLEWSKI	ROBERT WARREN
BHAVESH NARAN	STEPHEN RUCHALSKI	MATTHEW WARD
JACOB NATALIZIA	RYAN RUSSELL	MEGAN WICANDER
BRIANNA NEDJOIKA	ALYSON SAMPSON	DANIEL WIENER
NICHOLAS NELSON	LUKE SANFORD	STEPHANIE WILLIAMS
RACHEL NELSON	RIVKA SAPIR	NICHOLAS WINIARSKI
PHAT NGUYEN	KELSEY SAVAGE	KIRK WYNTER
CHRISTOPHER NICHOLSON	TAYLOR SCHINTO	ZACHARY YAHNE
IFEANYI OGALA	ASHLEY SCHLEMMER	JIAXIN YANG
DANIELLE ORR	SHREYA SENGUPTA	QINGCHU YANG
JOSEPH OSBURN	JOSEPH SERIGNESE	NICOLE ZALINGER
JESSICA OSWALD	LUIZ PAULO JACQUES SILVA	MEGAN ZEBROWSKI
NOUR EL OUAFI	MICHAEL SIMEONE	MASIMBA ZENGENI
KIERNEY PALAZZO	ALLYONNA SOLER	SEAN ZENTNER
VINCENT PALAZZO	CHRISTIN SPRING	WILLIAM ZHENG
SAMUEL PARSONS	NICHOLAS STAATS	CHRISTOPHER ZIOBRO
ETHAN PAVANO	KEVIN STAFSTROM	
STEPHEN PIESCIK	ALEXANDER STARR	
MARGARET PITALA	BRENT STEVENS	

## INITIAL FIRM PERMITS ISSUED JANUARY 1, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025

ACCOUNTING & CONSULTING GROUP	DENMAN CPA LLP
AICCOUNTINGPROS LLC	DP LYONS LLC
ALEXANDER F. LIONETTI, CPA	DPW CPA LLC
ANSEL & ASSOCIATES CPAS LLP	FORTE ACCOUNTING LLC
ARBOR ACCOUNTING LLC	FRASCA CPA
ARROW TAX TEAM CPA LLC	FVM CPA, TAX & ADVISORY
AUDIBERT BUSINESS CONSULTANTS, LLC	FX CONLON STEVENS & ASSOC LLC
BALLENTHIN, FUNK & JOHNSON, LLP	GEEL LLP
BRADY MARTZ, PLLC	GEORGE P PRISTOURIS CPA PLLC
CATHEDRAL CPAS AND ADVISORS LLP	GRILL SHORTSLEEVE & COMPANY CPAS LLC
CDH CPA PLLC	GRTS CONSULTING LLC
CENTRAL CT CPAS, LLC	HARBORTOWN ADVISORS
COASTAL CPA & CONSULTING LLC	HEATHER KINNEY POIRIER, CPA
CONLON & ASSOCIATES P.C. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS	HENRY A. ORPHYS, CPA
CS ACCOUNTING & TAX, P.C.	HMM & CO LLP
DAVID J. ORTICELLI, CPA	HOISL CONSULTING LLC

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## Initial Firm Permits Issued January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 Continued

HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.  
HOOD & STRONG LLP  
HTL INTERNATIONAL LLC  
J TOMLINSON CPA, LLC  
JAMES E FROHN, CPA  
JOHN C BAILEY CPA  
KASK & COMPANY CPAS LLC  
KCOE ISOM, LLP  
MACGOVERN CPA, LLC  
MAHER DUESSEL  
MAIN STREET TAX SERVICES LLC  
MCNAMARA AND ASSOCIATES LLC  
MD&C LLP  
MH CPA LLC  
MICHAEL W MICHAUD - CPA  
MICHALKA & ASSOCIATES, LLC  
MLAC PROPERTY VENTURES LLC  
NASH CPA'S, LLC  
NESSO ACCOUNTING PLLC  
NESSO ADVISORY AND TAX LLC  
OCKMAN CPA, LLC  
PCLB CPAS LLC

PEREZ & ASSOCIATES PC  
RAVI RAMNARAIN, CPA, LLC  
RICHARD J LAROSE CPA  
ROSEN CPA LLC  
SCOTT MILLER CPA AND ASSOCIATES PC  
SEAN M MCGUIRE CPA  
SEVEN HILLS ACCOUNTING LLC  
SHIWAKOTI BUSINESS ADVISORS LLC  
SORREN CPAS P C  
SPROUTAX LLC  
SST ACCOUNTANTS & COUNSELLANTS PLLC  
TED CHA CPA PLLC  
THE VIRTUAL ACCOUNTANT LLC  
TRAILBREAKER ACCOUNTING PLLC  
TRONCONI SEGARRA & ASSOCIATES LLP  
URBAN & CONLIN CPA'S, LLP  
VISCONTI PITTALA & ASSOCIATES LLC  
WALKER ADVISORY, LLC  
WHOLESUM ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS PLLC

## MEET THE BOARD



**Timothy F. Egan, CPA**, is a senior finance executive who, prior to his retirement from KPMG, served as a global lead audit partner for some of the firm's largest consumer market, technology, media and telecommunication clients, with over 35 years of experience. He has provided support to both public and private companies at various stages of development from early start-up to large global companies, including advising on numerous SEC filings/IPOs and complex accounting matters under both US GAAP and IFRS.

Mr. Egan has been an active volunteer with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) since 2015, currently serving on the NASBA board as Northeast regional director, chair of the Regulatory Response Committee, and a member of the Strategic Planning Task Force. He has also previously chaired the Standard-Setting and Professional Trends Advisory Committee and served on NASBA's Administration and Finance Committee and Audit Committee. Mr. Egan received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from The Pennsylvania State University, and resides in Darien.



**Robert L. Day, III**, is an attorney with more than a decade of experience counseling clients, mostly on state and local tax matters as well as general business and federal tax advice. His experience includes, but is not limited to, tax planning and optimization, compliance advice, domicile advice, and audit defense services for various tax types. He regularly provides clients with advice concerning state income, sales and use, and gross receipts taxes. He deals with less frequently encountered Connecticut taxes such as the controlling interest transfer tax and various taxes imposed on certain sectors such as petroleum and utilities.

Mr. Day is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, and the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is on his local planning and zoning board, the board of the National Association of State Tax Bar Section, and he is a past chair of the Connecticut Bar Association Tax Section. Mr. Day received a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Vermont and a juris doctor from the University of Connecticut. He is admitted to the bar in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

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## Meet The Board Continued



**Stacy R. Farber, CPA**, Assurance Partner with Whittlesey PC, brings over 25 years of experience in public accounting. She has significant expertise in assurance and advisory engagements for closely held entities across industries such as manufacturing, construction, retail, franchise, and employee benefit plans. Ms. Farber's leadership is enhanced by her prior experience as a chief financial officer and Controller for closely held businesses, giving her a unique perspective on the financial and operational challenges her clients face. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Financial Accounting from Bryant University in Smithfield, RI. Ms. Farber remains committed to staying at the forefront of her profession through continuing professional education in accounting, assurance, and tax issues affecting closely held businesses. In 2025, she was recognized for her professional achievements on *Forbes' "America's Top 200 CPAs List"* for 2025. She was also a 2024 CTCPA Women Distinguished Service Awardee and named one of *Hartford Business Journal's* 2023 Top 25 Women in Business.

Ms. Farber is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CTCPA), where she serves as chair of the CTCPA Employee Benefit Plan Committee and a member of the CTCPA Advisory Council. She is also a past treasurer and board member of Gifts of Love, reflecting her dedication to community service.

As an assurance Partner, Ms. Farber combines her deep technical knowledge and industry expertise with a client-centered approach, making her a trusted advisor and an integral leader at Whittlesey.



**Karla H. Fox, Esq.**, is an emeritus full professor at the University of Connecticut. As a professor of Business Law, she taught Commercial Law and Law and Ethics. She is the co-author of four textbooks on Business Law and Business Law & Ethics, as well as many professional articles.

In addition to her teaching and publishing, while at UConn she held many academic administration posts, including associate vice president for university affairs, interim dean of the school of business, and academic department head. She served as a commissioner on the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC CIHE). While at UConn, she led accreditation efforts for The University of Connecticut, and for the UConn School of Business and its Accounting Department.

Also active in community affairs, Professor Fox has served as the chairperson of the Board of Directors of Hartford HealthCare's East Region and currently serves as president of the Windham Community Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Professor Fox received a B.A. in History from Duke University, and a J.D in Law from Duke University. She holds a Certificate in Higher Education Administration from Harvard University.



**Dannell R. Lyne, CPA, MST**, is a managing director with CBIZ Advisors, LLC with the Financial Services Group. In his roll, he brings extensive experience in tax planning and compliance for closely held businesses, non-profit organizations, alternative investment funds, and high net worth individuals - specifically executives in the financial services industry, investment partnerships and international matters.

Mr. Lyne received his Bachelor of Science from Utica College of Syracuse University and a Master of Science in Taxation from Long Island University.



**Bud McDonald, CPA**, is a senior finance executive with over 40 years of experience. Prior to his retirement from EY in June 2022, he served as the global client service partner on several of the firm's largest accounts in the manufacturing, media and entertainment industries. In addition, he was the office managing partner of the EY Stamford, Connecticut office for 17 years.

Since retiring from EY, he has been a senior external advisor to both public and private companies including a rapidly growing private eCommerce company and publicly traded software and services company in the health sciences industry.

Mr. McDonald received an undergraduate degree from Princeton University and a masters degree from New York University. He resides in Fairfield, Connecticut.

## Meet The Board Continued



**Peter J. Niedermeyer, CPA**, is a retired audit professional with over 40 years of experience in public accounting. Mr. Niedermeyer was a principal with the firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA) in West Hartford where he was a member of their National Assurance Technical Group. Prior to their merger with CLA, he served as the director of accounting and auditing for Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C. In both positions, Mr. Niedermeyer provided technical accounting and assurance guidance to teams located in offices throughout the country. He also assisted in developing policies and procedures for the conduct of their assurance practices and responded to exposure drafts from standard setters for proposed accounting and professional standards.

Mr. Niedermeyer has extensive experience serving privately held businesses in manufacturing and distribution, retail and dealerships, construction and professional services. He also has comprehensive experience auditing employee benefit plans including defined contribution, defined benefit and employee stock ownership plans. Mr. Niedermeyer is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants. He received his bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Connecticut. Pete currently resides in Simsbury.



**Sohair Omar** is a distinguished public servant and educational leader with extensive experience in policy analysis and institutional governance. Appointed as a Public Member to the Connecticut State Board of Accountancy in 2024, she further expanded her involvement in the profession in 2025 by joining the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) Education Committee.

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