# Society of Louisiana CPAs January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 Annual Report on Peer Review Activities Date Issued February 7, 2024

# I. Administering Entity Oversight Process and Procedures

#### **Oversight Selection**

The Society of Louisiana CPAs Peer Review Committee established Oversight Policies for the selection of peer reviews and reviewers for oversight based on the criterion as outlined in Chapter 2 of the AICPA Peer Review Program Oversight Handbook.

Firms and peer reviewers are subject to oversight. Oversight of system reviews may include visiting the firm as part of the peer review process (on-site oversight) or reviewing specific engagement(s) (engagement oversight). An engagement oversight is generally performed after a system review is complete. Oversight of engagement reviews is generally performed after the peer review is complete.

Oversight of peer reviews should follow a risk-based approach. The selections for oversight may be made randomly or targeted to address concerns about the firm to be reviewed or the peer reviewer.

Firms may be selected for oversight based on several factors including but not limited to the types of peer review reports previously received, a member of the firm performing multiple peer reviews, high-risk engagements performed by the firm, or the fact that it's the firm's first peer review.

Reviewers may be selected due to factors including but not limited to frequent submission of pass reports, conducting reviews for firms with audits in high-risk industries, the performance of their first peer review, performing high volumes of reviews, or may be selected at random. Oversight of a reviewer can also occur due to performance deficiencies such as the issuance of an inappropriate peer review report or failure to properly reach the appropriate conclusion during a review.

### **Oversight Process**

A member of the Society of Louisiana CPAs Peer Review Committee or other approved qualified individual will perform the oversight. For system reviews and must--select engagement oversights, the individual must meet the requirements for serving as a team captain and have the appropriate industry experience and current peer review training.

The AICPA Peer Review Program Oversight Checklists are utilized on all oversight engagements. Oversight reports are tracked and maintained in an electronic file in the AICPA Peer Review Information Application (PRIMA). The reviewer is expected to respond to the oversight comments within 14 days of receiving the report via PRIMA.

A system review oversight includes a review of the complete peer review process, including attendance at the exit conference. An engagement oversight (performed either off-site or on-site) is the review of all peer reviewer workpapers and the reviewed firm's financial statements and working papers on the engagement. Oversight of engagement reviews includes a review of the selected report, financial statements and engagement working papers

prepared by the reviewed firm that the review captain previously reviewed, as well as the peer review report and complete reviewer's working papers.

## **Minimum Requirements**

A minimum of four oversights, which is based on a minimum of 2% of peer reviews performed during the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, will be selected. Within the 2% selected, there will be a minimum of two of each type of peer review evaluated (two system and two engagement reviews).

## II. Summary of Peer Review Program(s)

The Society of Louisiana CPAs serves as the administering entity for the AICPA Peer Review Program in Louisiana. The Peer Review Program was formed in 1989, to administer the AICPA Peer Review Program. Society of Louisiana CPA member firms are enrolled in the AICPA Peer Review Program.

The Louisiana State Board of Accountancy (BOA) requires all firms permitted to practice in Louisiana, who provide attestation services, to be enrolled in a practice monitoring program. The BOA has designated the Society of Louisiana CPAs Peer Review Committee (LCPA PRC) as an authorized report acceptance body to approve peer review reports issued for firms enrolled in the peer review program.

The Society of Louisiana CPAs agrees to follow the AICPA "Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews" and related guidance when administering the AICPA Peer Review Program in Louisiana.

There are 357 firms subject to peer review enrolled in the peer review program administered by the Society of Louisiana CPAs.

1) Number of Enrolled Firms by Number of Professionals\*

Number of Professionals	PRIMA Firm Listing Report
Sole Practitioners	134
2-5	124
6- 10	58
11+	41
Total of Enrolled Firms	357

<sup>\*</sup> Professionals are considered all personnel who perform professional services, for which the firm is responsible, whether or not they are CPAs.

- 2) Results of Peer Reviews Accepted During the Year(s) 2023
  - a) Results by Type of Peer Review and Report Issued

	AICPA	Peer
	Rev	iew
	Program	
System Reviews		%
Pass	36	97%
Pass with deficiency(ies)	1	3%
Fail	0	0%
Total	37	
Engagement Reviews		%
Pass	41	87%
Pass with deficiency(ies)	3	6.5%
Fail	3	6.5%
Total	47	

b) Type and Number of Reasons for Report Deficiencies for System Reviews representing 4 pass with deficiency and 2 Fail ratings

	AICPA Peer Review	
	Program	
Human resources	1	
Engagement performance	1	
Monitoring	1	

Leadership responsibilities for quality within the firm (the	0
Tone at the Top)	
Acceptance and Continuance of Client Relationships	0
and specific engagements	
Relevant ethical requirements	0

c) Number of Engagements Not Performed or Reported on in Conformity with Professional Standards in All Material Respects (Nonconforming engagements)

	AICPA Peer Review Program		
	Number of Engagements		
		Nonconforming	
Engagement Type	Reviewed	engagements	%
Audits:			
Single Audit	24	6	25%
Government Auditing Standards – All			
Other	23	0	0%
ERISA	24	0	0%
FDICIA	1	0	0%
Other	25	1	4%
Reviews	45	3	6.7%
Compilations and Preparations:			
With Disclosures	27	0	0%
Omit Disclosures	125	8	6.4%
Financial Forecasts & Projections	0	0	0%
SOC Reports	0	0	0%
Attestation Engagements (Examination,			
Review or Agreed upon procedures under GAS)	23	0	0%
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Agreed Upon Procedures	11	1	9.1%
Other SSAEs	0	0	0%
Examination Engagements	1	0	0%
Totals	329	19	5.8%

d) Summary of Required Follow-up Actions (includes corrective actions and implementation plans)

	AICPA Peer
	Review
Type of Follow-Up Action	Program
Agree to take/submit proof of certain CPE	15
Agree to pre-issuance reviews by team captain/outside	
party	2
Agree to post-issuance reviews by team captain/outside	
party w/ workpapers	2

Agree to post-issuance reviews by team captain/outside	
party without workpapers	0
Agree to team captain/outside party review of remedial	
actions	0
Submit monitoring report to team captain/outside party for	
review	0
Team Captain/outside party to review correction of non-	
conforming engagements	2
Team Captain/outside party to review firm's remedial	
actions in the letter of response	1
Team Captain/outside party to review Quality Control	
Document	0
Total	22

# **III. Oversight Process**

# Oversight Results

## a) Peer reviews

## AICPA Peer Review Program Firms

Type of Peer Review	Must Select Engagement (GAGAS, ERISA, FDICIA, SOC)	Total Oversights
System	2	2
System-		
Engagement		
Oversight		
Engagement		2

# b) Oversight Performed on the AE

The results of our most recent oversight performed by the AICPA Oversight Task Force, which covers only the AICPA Peer Review Program, are available on the <u>AICPA's website</u>.