

BEFORE THE  
CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Statement of Issues  
Against:

**JESSICA ANNE ALDERSON**  
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**Applicant for a Certified Public Accountant  
License**

Respondent.

Case No. SI-2012-7

OAH No. 2012090180

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the California Board of Accountancy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on APRIL 28, 2013.

It is so ORDERED MARCH 29, 2013.

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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

15 **Applicant for a Certified Public Accountant**  
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17 Respondent.

18 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
19 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:  
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21 PARTIES

22 1. Patti Bowers (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the California Board of  
23 Accountancy. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this  
24 matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Cristina Felix,  
25 Deputy Attorney General.

26 2. Respondent Jessica Anne Alderson also known as Jessica Blegen, Jessica A. Blegen,  
27 and Jessica A. Alderson (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Walter R.  
28 Urban, Esq., whose address is:





1 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, upon meeting all pre-license requirements, a license for a  
3 Certified Public Accountant will be issued to Respondent Jessica Anne Alderson, also known as  
4 Jessica Blegen, Jessica A. Blegen, and Jessica A. Alderson, and immediately revoked. The  
5 revocation will be stayed, and the Respondent placed on five (5) years probation on the following  
6 terms and conditions.

7 **1. Obey All Laws**

8 Respondent shall obey all federal, California, other states' and local laws, including those  
9 rules relating to the practice of public accountancy in California.

10 **2. Submit Written Reports**

11 Respondent shall submit, within 10 days of completion of the quarter, written reports to the  
12 CBA on a form obtained from the CBA. The respondent shall submit, under penalty of perjury,  
13 such other written reports, declarations, and verification of actions as are required. These  
14 declarations shall contain statements relative to respondent's compliance with all the terms and  
15 conditions of probation. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms  
16 as may be required by the CBA or its representatives.

17 **3. Personal Appearances**

18 Respondent shall, during the period of probation, appear in person at interviews/meetings as  
19 directed by the CBA or its designated representatives, provided such notification is accomplished  
20 in a timely manner.

21 **4. Comply With Probation**

22 Respondent shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of the probation imposed by  
23 the CBA and shall cooperate fully with representatives of the California Board of Accountancy in  
24 its monitoring and investigation of the respondent's compliance with probation terms and  
25 conditions.

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1           **5. Practice Investigation**

2           Respondent shall be subject to, and shall permit, a practice investigation of the respondent's  
3 professional practice. Such a practice investigation shall be conducted by representatives of the  
4 CBA, provided notification of such review is accomplished in a timely manner.

5           **6. Comply With Citations**

6           Respondent shall comply with all final orders resulting from citations issued by the  
7 California Board of Accountancy.

8           **7. Tolling of Probation for Out-of-State Residence/Practice**

9           In the event respondent should leave California to reside or practice outside this state,  
10 respondent must notify the CBA in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of non-  
11 California residency or practice outside the state shall not apply to reduction of the probationary  
12 period, or of any suspension. No obligation imposed herein, including requirements to file  
13 written reports, reimburse the CBA costs, and make restitution to consumers, shall be suspended  
14 or otherwise affected by such periods of out-of-state residency or practice except at the written  
15 direction of the CBA.

16           **8. Violation of Probation**

17           If respondent violates probation in any respect, the CBA, after giving respondent notice and  
18 an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was  
19 stayed. If an accusation or a petition to revoke probation is filed against respondent during  
20 probation, the CBA shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of  
21 probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

22           The CBA's Executive Officer may issue a citation under California Code of Regulations,  
23 Section 95, to a licensee for a violation of a term or condition contained in a decision placing that  
24 licensee on probation.

25           **9. Completion of Probation**

26           Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's license will be fully restored.

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1 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Jessica Anne Alderson the terms and  
2 conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.  
3 I approve its form and content.

4 DATED: 1-18-13

Walter R. Urban  
Walter R. Urban, Esq.  
Attorney for Respondent

6 ENDORSEMENT

7 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully  
8 submitted for consideration by the California Board of Accountancy of the Department of  
9 Consumer Affairs.

10 Dated:

Respectfully submitted,  
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**Exhibit A**

**Statement of Issues No. SI-2012-7**

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**STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

16 Respondent.

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18 Complainant alleges:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Patti Bowers (Complainant) brings this Statement of Issues solely in her official  
21 capacity as the Executive Officer of the California Board of Accountancy, Department of  
22 Consumer Affairs.

23 2. On or about January 12, 2010, the California Board of Accountancy (Board) received  
24 an application for a Certified Public Accountant License from Jessica Anne Alderson, also known  
25 as Jessica Blegen, Jessica A. Blegen, and Jessica A. Alderson (Respondent). On or about  
26 February 18, 2009, Respondent certified under penalty of perjury to the truthfulness of all  
27 statements, answers, and representations in the application. The Board denied the application on  
28 May 31, 2011.



1 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to  
2 discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under  
3 subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties  
4 of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.

5 (c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a  
6 conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take  
7 following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or  
8 the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is  
9 made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the  
10 provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."

11 6. Section 5100 states, in pertinent part:

12 "After notice and hearing the board may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew any permit or  
13 certificate granted under Article 4 (commencing with Section 5070) and Article 5 (commencing  
14 with Section 5080), or may censure the holder of that permit or certificate for unprofessional  
15 conduct that includes, but is not limited to, one or any combination of the following causes:

16 (a) Conviction of any crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions and  
17 duties of a certified public accountant or a public accountant. . . ."

18 7. Section 5106 states:

19 "A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to  
20 be a conviction within the meaning of this article. The record of the conviction shall be  
21 conclusive evidence thereof. The board may order the certificate or permit suspended or revoked,  
22 or may decline to issue a certificate or permit, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the  
23 judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made,  
24 suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of  
25 Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his plea of guilty and to enter  
26 a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty or dismissing the accusation, information  
27 or indictment."

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1 8. Section 5110 states, in pertinent part:

2 “(a) After notice and an opportunity for a hearing, the board may deny an application to  
3 take the licensing examination, deny admission to current and future licensing examinations, void  
4 examination grades, and deny an application for a license or registration to any individual who  
5 has committed any of the following acts:

6 . . . .

7 (4) Any act that if committed by an applicant for licensure would be grounds for denial  
8 of a license or registration under Section 480 or if committed by a licensee or a registrant would  
9 be grounds for discipline under Section 5100.”

10 **REGULATORY PROVISION**

11 9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 99 states, in pertinent part:

12 “For the purposes of denial, suspension, or revocation of a certificate or permit pursuant to  
13 Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act  
14 shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a  
15 certified public accountant or public accountant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or  
16 potential unfitness of a certified public accountant or public accountant to perform the functions  
17 authorized by his or her certificate or permit in a manner consistent with the public health, safety,  
18 or welfare.”

19 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION**

20 **(Conviction of a Crime)**

21 10. Respondent's application is subject to denial under sections 480 subdivision (a)(1)  
22 and 5110, subdivision (a)(4), in that Respondent was convicted of crimes, as follows:

23 a. On or about November 20, 2009, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was  
24 convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b)  
25 [driving while having 0.08% and more, by weight, of alcohol in her blood] in the criminal  
26 proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Jessica Anne Alderson* (Super. Ct. Los  
27 Angeles County, 2009, No. 9MP06649). The Court sentenced Respondent to serve 30 days in  
28 Los Angeles County Jail and placed her on 60 months probation, with terms and conditions. The

1 circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about May 24, 2009, Respondent drove a  
2 vehicle while having a blood-alcohol content level of 0.20%.

3 b. On or about December 19, 2006, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was  
4 convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a)  
5 [driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The State of*  
6 *California v. Jessica Anne Alderson* (Super. Ct. Placer County, 2006, No. 62-65305). The Court  
7 sentenced Respondent to serve 30 days in Placer County Jail and placed her on 36 months  
8 probation, with terms and conditions. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on  
9 or about October 27, 2006, Respondent drove a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs  
10 and collided with another vehicle resulting in damages to another. While speaking to  
11 Respondent, the Roseville Police Department Officer detected a strong odor of an alcoholic  
12 beverage on her breath. She was observed to have watery eyes, spoke extremely fast, and  
13 displayed a high level of anxiety. When asked if she had consumed any alcohol, Respondent  
14 admitted to drinking two glasses of wine and one Vodka Tonic. During the booking procedure,  
15 Respondent submitted to a blood test that resulted in a blood-alcohol content level of .23%.

16 c. On or about June 7, 1996, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted  
17 of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a) [driving  
18 under the influence of alcohol or drugs] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the*  
19 *State of California v. Jessica Anne Blegen* (Super. Ct. Yolo County, 1996, No. 96-0764). The  
20 Court sentenced Respondent to serve 2 days in Yolo County Jail and placed her on 36 months  
21 probation, ordered her to attend a first offender alcohol program, community service, and pay a  
22 fine. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about December 1, 1995,  
23 Respondent drove a vehicle while being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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