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CBA EXECUTIVE OFFICER PATTI BOWERS RECEIVES LORRAINE P. SACHS STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

SACRAMENTO – California Board of Accountancy (CBA) Executive Officer Patti Bowers was recognized with the Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award at the recent National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) 115th Annual Meeting, which took place in San Diego. Representatives from 53 U.S. jurisdictions were in attendance at the meeting.

The award is given to a current state board executive or administrator that has shown outstanding service to improving the effectiveness of accounting regulation on local and national fronts. “I am honored to be named recipient of this important award,” Bowers said. The award was presented during the meeting by Lorraine P. Sachs, NASBA Executive Vice President Emerita. NASBA, based in Nashville, TN, has a mission of enhancing the effectiveness and advancing the common interests of state boards of accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities, including consumer protection.

A NASBA statement read, “As Executive Officer, Bowers has overseen the adoption and implementation of significant consumer protection policies in California including mandatory peer review, enhanced continuing education requirements, enactment of mobility, modifications to the licensure framework, and rigorous enforcement policies. A 30-year veteran of the CBA, she has participated in a number of committees and taskforces that have worked to help support Board of Accountancy operations across the country, including NASBA’s ALD Committee, Accountancy Licensee Database/CPAverify Committee and Strategic Planning Task Force. Bowers also participates in a number of committees, taskforces, and trainings with the Department of Consumer Affairs, which oversees the CBA and other consumer protection boards and bureaus.”

Bowers has been with the CBA for 31 years, with the last 14 years as Executive Officer.

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