

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND REGULATION  
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

<b>In the Matter of:</b>	)	
	)	<b>CPE AUDIT</b>
KENTON D. KECKLER,	)	
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	)	<b>NEGOTIATED</b>
	)	<b>CONSENT AGREEMENT</b>
Certificate No. 2360	)	

The above-named parties in the interest of resolving the action between them enter into this Consent Agreement upon the terms and conditions set forth below.

1. The South Dakota Board of Accountancy (Board) has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to SDCL 36-20B.
2. Kenton D. Keckler (Keckler) is licensed as a certified public accountant (CPA) with the Board. His certificate number is 2360.
3. As a licensee, Keckler is subject to the provisions of SDCL 36-20B and ARSD 20:75.
4. Pursuant to SDCL 36-20B-27 a licensed CPA is required to complete 120 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) in each three-year renewal cycle. Pursuant to ARSD 20:75:04:07 the CPA is required to complete a minimum of 20 CPE hours in a one year renewal period.
5. Pursuant to ARSD 20:75:04:11 the CPA is subject to verification of all CPE submitted to the board. A CPA selected for a review must provide documentation to verify attendance or completion of all courses reported to the board for CPE credit.
6. Pursuant to ARSD 20:75:04:15 the CPA is required to keep documentation as acceptable evidence of completion for claimed CPE courses.
7. On September 13, 2013, Keckler was sent a letter in regards to being selected for a CPE audit. Keckler was informed that the deadline for submission of the documentation to verify claimed CPE was October 31, 2013.
8. Keckler submitted CPE documentation to the board on October 2, 2013.

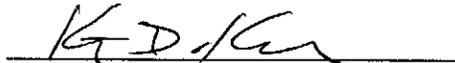
9. On October 2, 2013, Executive Director Kasin emailed Keckler detailing the CPE record date did not match what was reported for a course in period ending June 30, 2013 and that course would be removed from his record.
10. On November 13, 2013, Executive Director spoke with Keckler in regards to reporting one course on his period ending June 30, 2011, record and then also reporting that course on his period ending June 30, 2012 record. The course was only taken once but was reported twice. The course was for 24 CPE hours and was the only course reported on his period ending June 30, 2012 record.
11. Keckler acknowledges that he failed to maintain a minimum of 20 hours of CPE for period ending June 30, 2012.
12. Keckler acknowledges that he failed to maintain documentation to verify the 120 hours of CPE requirement for the period ending June 30, 2011.
13. Keckler acknowledges that he failed the CPE audit for the three year period ending June 30, 2013.
14. The above described conduct constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in South Dakota against Keckler.
15. Keckler is aware that he may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter.
16. Keckler is aware of and understands the nature of these matters and has been informed of his right to counsel, notice, hearing, and appeal, and that by agreeing to and signing this Consent Agreement, he waives all procedures and proceedings before the Department to which he may be entitled under state or federal law.
17. Keckler admits that the violations described in this Consent Agreement are true and accurate, and Keckler admits to having violated South Dakota Law and Administrative Rules of South Dakota.

18. In return Keckler's agreement to the provisions of this Consent Agreement, the Board agrees not to proceed to hearing and agrees that this Consent Agreement will constitute the final agency disposition of this matter.
19. Keckler agrees, in lieu of contesting this matter formally, to voluntarily accept the following terms and conditions for entry of this Consent Agreement:
  - a. Keckler will have 20 hours of CPE rolled back from the period ending June 30, 2013, into the period ending June 30, 2012. A CPE extension will be placed on his file for period ending June 30, 2012;
  - b. Keckler shall submit proof of completion for all claimed CPE courses taken for the next three renewal periods;
  - c. The Board shall grant Keckler an extension to complete 16 hours of CPE for the period ending June 30, 2013. The hours must be completed within 90 days of the signed agreement by the Chair;
  - d. Keckler shall submit proof of completion for all claimed CPE courses taken through the extension timeframe and for the next three renewal periods;
  - e. Keckler will not be eligible for an extension to complete CPE for the next three renewal periods;
  - f. Keckler shall pay an administrative fee in the amount of \$1000. The administrative fee must be paid within 30 days of the signed agreement by the Chair.
20. If Keckler fails to comply with the terms or conditions of this Consent Agreement, the Board may initiate formal disciplinary action against him.
21. Keckler understands that nothing in this Consent Agreement will be deemed to restrict the Board from raising facts in reference to either party outside of those set forth in this Consent Agreement, if there are other material facts related to the matters under investigation that have not been set forth or disclosed herein.
22. Keckler consents, agrees, and acknowledges that this Consent Agreement must be submitted to the Board for acceptance or rejection. In the event the Board rejects the recommendations for resolution by Consent Agreement, Keckler waives any right to

claim prejudice of the Board by reason of any factual basis submitted to the Board in an effort to resolve this matter by Consent Agreement rather than by formal proceeding.

23. Keckler understands that the terms of this Consent Agreement will be public, which includes publishing a summary of the action taken on the Board's website.
24. Keckler understands that this Consent Agreement may be considered in any future licensing procedures with the Board and for the purposes of determining the appropriate sanctions in any future actions by the Board for any violations of laws or regulations of the State of South Dakota or for failing to abide by any order of the Board.
25. Keckler has read, understands, and agrees to this Consent Agreement and is freely and voluntarily signing it. This Consent Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties relating to the matters referenced in the Consent Agreement. Keckler is not relying on any other representations of any kind, verbal or otherwise.
26. If this Consent Agreement is approved by the Board, a copy of the executed Consent Agreement will be served by first class mail to Keckler, at the address PO Box 851 Eagle Butte, SD 57625.

Dated this 29 day of February, 2014.

  
Kenton D. Keckler, CPA

Dated this 20 day of March, 2014.

  
John Mitchell, Chair  
South Dakota Board of Accountancy