STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS OF LOUISIANA

BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

RESPONDENT: Ann Jefferies Morris

CPA Certificate No. 19831 (Revoked)

Monroe, Louisiana

File Nos. 2018-59 and 2019-40

This matter was heard before the State Board of Certified Public Accountants of Louisiana ("Board") for administrative adjudication of alleged violations of the Louisiana Accountancy Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:71 *et seq.*, by the Respondent, Anne Jefferies Morris, ("Respondent Morris") for holding out as a CPA without possessing a valid active CPA License or CPA Firm Permit, failure to return client records, violation of the AICPA *Code of Professional Conduct*, failure to communicate with the Board, and failure to cooperate with Board investigations. The respondent was found to have violated the above, and as a result, her CPA certificate no. 19831 and firm permit no. 3415 were revoked, she was assessed an administrative fine of \$26,000, in addition to the costs of the hearing, and the Board's attorney fees, and she was ordered to remove the "Certified Public Accountant" sign from outside her office building. The Board ordered that a summary of the matter be published in the *Lagniappe*, the respondent's local newspaper, and on the Board website. A copy of the Board's Final Decision in this matter will be forwarded to all State Boards of Accountancy through NASBA's Accountancy Licensee Database (ALD) System, and other appropriate public authorities and private professional organizations, including the IRS.

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DATE: January 10, 2020