

**PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

In the Matter of the Certified Public
Accountant (CPA) Certificate and/or
Licenses to Practice Public Accounting of:

Steven G. Shimizu
License No. 04653

Shimizu & Shimizu, CPA's, PS
Firm License No. 2766

Respondent.

No. ACB-1547

CONSENT AGREEMENT
AND AGREED ORDER

The Washington State Board of Accountancy (Board) and Steven G. Shimizu
(Respondent), stipulate and agree as follows:

Section 1: Procedural Stipulations

- 1.1 The parties wish to enter into this Consent Agreement and Agreed Order (Consent Agreement) in order to facilitate resolution of this matter in accordance with the legislative intent endorsed in RCW 34.05.060 and the provisions of WAC 4-30-140.
- 1.2 Respondent has the right to defend against a Statement of Charges issued by the Acting Executive Director of the Board by demanding a hearing and presenting evidence on the Respondent's behalf. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to a hearing and all other rights that may be accorded the Respondent by the Administrative Procedures Act, chapter 34.05 RCW, and the laws of Washington, including the right to petition the courts for judicial review.
- 1.3 Respondent understands that should the Acting Executive Director of the Board prevail at hearing based on the Statement of Charges, the Board has the power and authority to deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the Respondent's CPA certificate or any

individual or firm licenses to practice public accounting as a CPA or CPA firm in Washington, impose a fine plus the Board's investigative and legal costs in bringing charges, impose conditions precedent to renewal of the certificate or license, or impose full restitution to injured parties.

- 1.4 Respondent wishes to expedite the resolution of this matter by means of this Consent Agreement and does not desire to proceed to a formal hearing based on the issuance of a Statement of Charges.
- 1.5 Respondent understands that the terms of this Consent Agreement are not binding unless approved by the Board and fully executed.

The parties further stipulate to the following Stipulated Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order:

Section 2: Stipulated Facts

- 2.1 At all times material hereto, Steven G. Shimizu, the Respondent herein, held an individual Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license to practice as a CPA in the state of Washington, No. 04653, issued on 2/20/1976.
- 2.2 At all times material hereto, Respondent held a CPA firm license to practice as a CPA firm in the state of Washington, No. 2766, issued on 4/24/1992.
- 2.3 On December 20, 2021, Respondent plead guilty in U.S. District Court in Seattle to attempting to evade or defeat tax, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201, by hiding income from his business by attributing it to other entities, underpaying his taxes by more than \$884,000. Respondent agreed to pay restitution of \$884,000.

Section 3: Conclusions of Law

- 3.1 The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.

3.2 The facts set out above constitute dishonesty, fraud, or negligence while representing oneself as a licensee, which is a violation of RCW 18.04.295, WAC 4-30-142(5), and WAC 4-30-142(6)(a).

3.3 The facts set out above constitute an act discreditable, which is a violation of RCW 18.04.295, and WAC 4-30-052.

Section 4: Agreed Order

4.1 Respondent consents to the entry of this Agreement and has waived any right to a hearing.

4.2 Pursuant to RCW 18.04.295, the Board has the power to impose discipline. Based on the preceding Stipulated Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Board and Respondent agree to the following:

4.2.1 Respondent shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) within 30 days of the service of this Agreement. Such fine shall be made payable to the Washington State Board of Accountancy and remitted to the Washington State Board of Accountancy at PO Box 9131, Olympia, WA, 98507-9131.

4.2.2 Respondent shall pay the Board the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to reimburse the Board's investigative and legal costs within 30 days of the service of this Agreement. Such reimbursement shall be made payable to the Washington State Board of Accountancy and remitted to the Washington State Board of Accountancy at PO Box 9131, Olympia, WA 98507-9131.

4.2.3 Revocation of Respondent's individual CPA license.

4.2.4 Dissolution of Respondent's CPA firm license.

4.2.5 Prior to the Board considering any future application from Respondent, he must:

4.2.5.1 Not apply for a license for a minimum of three years from the date of this order.

4.2.5.2 Satisfy the requirements set forth in WAC 4-30-126, including subsections (4) and (5).

4.2.5.3 Qualify for the CPA exam as an initial candidate.

4.2.5.4 Retake and pass the CPA exam.

I, Steven G. Shimizu, certify that I have read this Consent Agreement in its entirety, and that I fully understand and agree to all of it and that it may be presented to the Board without my appearance. If the Board accepts the Consent Agreement, I understand that I will receive a signed copy.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

RESPONDENT

Steven G. Shimizu

The Board accepts and enters this Consent Agreement and Agreed Order.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

WASHINGTON STATE
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

Rajib Doogar
Chair