

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

**In the Matter of**  
**John Leslie Lawson**  
**CPA Certificate No. 12953**

**ORDER FOR AUTOMATIC**  
**REVOCACTION OF CPA CERTIFICATE**  
**Board File 2017-090**

The Minnesota Board of Accountancy ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 326A (2016) and Minnesota Rules Chapter 1105 (2015) to license, regulate, and take enforcement actions against persons who apply for or hold CPA certificates in the State of Minnesota; and is further authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 326A.08 (2016) to initiate appropriate disciplinary action.

Based on its records and files in this matter, the Board makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The CPA Certificate of John Leslie Lawson ("Respondent") expired on December 31, 2014.
2. Respondent failed to renew his/her CPA Certificate for more than two years after its expiration.

Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Board makes the following:

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 326A.04, subdivision 11 (2016), the CPA certificates of persons who have failed to renew their certificates for a period of more than two years shall be automatically revoked by order of the Board.
2. The Board is required by law to revoke Respondent's CPA certificate.

NOW THEREFORE, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board issues the following:

**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent's CPA Certificate in the State of Minnesota is automatically **REVOKED** pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 326A.04, subdivision 11 (2016). The revocation shall take effect immediately.

If Respondent wishes to seek reinstatement of Respondent's CPA Certificate, Respondent shall petition the Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 326A.09 (2016). The Board's consideration of and action upon any petition for reinstatement will be governed by Minnesota Statutes Section 326A.09 (2016) and any other applicable Board Statutes and/or Rules in effect at the time the petition is received by the Board.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the terms of this order are adopted and implemented on this 19th day of January, 2017.

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

  
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GREGORY S. STEINER, CPA  
BOARD CHAIR

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

RE: John Leslie Lawson, CPA Certificate Number 12953

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

Sara Datko, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, on this the 19th day of January, 2017, she served the attached **ORDER FOR AUTOMATIC REVOCATION OF CPA CERTIFICATE**, by depositing in the United States mail at said city and state, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped, with prepaid first class postage, and addressed to:

John Leslie Lawson  
1380 Dorland Road South  
Maplewood, Minnesota 55119

  
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Sara Datko

Subscribed and sworn to before me on  
this the 19th day of January, 2017.

  
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(Notary Public)

