

State of New Hampshire
Board of Accountancy
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

In the Matter of:
Maria Leighton
Lic. #1416

VOLUNTARY LICENSE SURRENDER

Recognizing that on or about March 20, 2017 the New Hampshire Board of Accountancy (“Board”) was made aware that licensee Maria Leighton (Lic. #1416) was deemed ***incapacitated*** by the 10th Circuit Court – Probate Division – Brentwood, N.H., and accordingly it was determined by the court that Ms. Leighton is incapable of exercising the right to: ***manage or run a business, pay or collect debts, make decisions concerning educational matters***, and that the court thereby appointed guardianship for Ms. Leighton and her estate, the board deems that Ms. Leighton can no longer adhere to state statute nor administrative rule governing the licensure of professional accountants in N.H. The Board further deems that it is in the best interest of the public for Ms. Leighton, through her appointed guardianship; hereby voluntarily and permanently surrender her N.H. accountancy license.

By voluntarily surrendering the license, it is understood that:

1. All rights and privileges to practice as a “certified public accountant” or “public accountant” in the State of New Hampshire are hereby revoked, in accordance with RSA 309-B:14 V. which states ***No person shall assume or use the title “public accountant”, or the abbreviation “PA,” or any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviation, sign, card, or device tending to indicate that such person is a public accountant unless such person holds a valid registration issued under RSA 309-B:9.***
2. It understood that this document will be distributed to all relevant licensing authorities as is applicable to rule and statute. It is further understood that this document shall become a permanent part of Ms. Leighton’s file, and will be maintained by the board as a public document.

3. It is understood that the wall certificate (license) as issued by the board and signed by a representative of the board, shall be delivered to the board office at 121 South Fruit Street, Concord, N.H. 03301 *no later than **Friday July 7, 2017.***

4. It is understood that Ms. Leighton, through her guardianship, voluntarily submits this surrender of license to the board, in accord to this agreement, so long as she remains under a Court-ordered guardianship. Additionally, Ms. Leighton may apply for reinstatement no sooner than two (2) years after the effective date of this order. This would require a showing from the court, medical professionals and supporting evidence that a recovery to full competency has occurred, and that all educational requirements were maintained and or acquired. No promises or representations have been made other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature on this 6th day of July 2017.

Office of Public Guardian by:
Karen DeFusco
 Guardian or Representative
 (Signature)

Office of Public Guardian by Karen
DeFusco
 (Print or Type Name)

ACCEPTED BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF Accountancy on this 14th Day of August 2017.

EFFECTIVE Date: 8.14.17

Linda Capuchino
 (Signature)

LINDA CAPUCHINO
 (Print or Type Name)

Linda Capuchino, Director
 Authorized Representative
 N.H. Board of Accountancy