

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF ONTARIO

*CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF ONTARIO ACT, 2017*

**TO:** Joseph E. Wattie, CPA, CA

**AND TO:** The Discipline Committee of CPA Ontario

The Professional Conduct Committee of CPA Ontario hereby makes the following Amended Allegations of professional misconduct against Joseph E. Wattie, CPA, CA a member of CPA Ontario:

1. THAT the said Joseph Wattie, in or about the period May 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021, while a partner of BT and engaged to perform 52 audits and three review engagements on behalf of 21 individual clients, failed to conduct himself in a manner which will maintain the good reputation of the profession and serve the public interest, contrary to Rule 201.1 of the CPA Ontario Code of Professional Conduct (Code), in that:
  - a. He failed to take overall responsibility for managing and achieving quality on the audit engagements;
  - b. He failed to take responsibility for the overall quality of each review engagement;
  - c. He failed to execute the customary functions of the engagement partner for the audit of financial statements and abrogated his responsibility for the performance of those engagements to an unlicensed accountant;
  - d. He failed to execute the customary functions of the engagement partner for the review of financial statements and abrogated his responsibility for the performance of those engagements to an unlicensed accountant; and
  - e. ~~He failed to take responsibility for the direction and supervision of the members of the engagement teams and the review of their work;~~
  - f. ~~He failed to remain alert to evidence of breaches of relevant ethical requirements by members of the engagement teams;~~
  - g. ~~He failed to take responsibility for the engagements being performed in accordance with BT's quality control policies;~~
  - h. He had no traceable involvement in 44 of the 55 engagements;
  - i. ~~He failed to take responsibility for using the resources assigned to the engagement teams appropriately; and~~

- j. ~~He approved eight final invoices that were issued to clients without completing the required review and sign off of the related engagements.~~

2. THAT the said Joseph Wattie, in or about the period May 1, 2018 to February 1, 2022, while a partner of BT and engaged to perform 52 audit and three review engagements, failed to perform his professional services in accordance with generally accepted standards of practice of the profession, contrary to Rule 206.1 of the Code, in that:

- a. ~~In reviewing the relevant files BT determined that 29 of the engagement reports required re-issuance based on changes to the financial statements and/or to the accompanying notes;~~
- b. ~~He failed to take responsibility for the direction and supervision of the members of the engagement teams and the review of their work;~~
- c. ~~He failed to remain alert to evidence of breaches of relevant ethical requirements by members of the engagement teams;~~
- d. ~~He failed to take responsibility for the engagements being performed in accordance with BT's quality control policies;~~
- e. ~~He failed to take responsibility for using the resources assigned to the engagement teams appropriately; and~~
- 2.f. He approved eight final invoices that were issued to clients without completing the required review and sign off of the related engagements.

Dated at Hamilton, Ontario this 13th day of ~~August~~ October 2023.



D.M. Anderson, CPA, CA – CHAIR  
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE