

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION



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Dear Mr. Koniarczyk:

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At a meeting on January 25, 2002, the Board of Accountancy considered your request for an opinion relating to 61H1-23.002 – Records Disposition Responsibility.

The Board agreed with your conclusion that the CPA must provide records to clients upon request. The CPA can charge for costs incurred but cannot withhold the records to collect any fees.

Please keep in mind that this opinion is based solely on the facts set forth in your letter and is not intended to be an opinion of general applicability. Furthermore, we have not conducted an independent factual investigation to determine whether other relevant facts do or may exist. We have not determined whether any aspects of these transactions run afoul of any law or rule other than those specifically mentioned herein.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING

Division Director

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