### 2023 Professional Ethics and Conduct

## **Objective:**

\* This course allows CPAs to meet the requirement of 8G.0401(e) CPE Requirements for CPAs\* As part of the annual CPE requirement, all active CPAs shall complete CPE in activities on regulatory or behavior professional ethics and conduct. Ethics CPE shall be offered by a CPE sponsor registered with NASBA pursuant to Rule.0403(c) of this section \* The North Carolina CPA shall complete at least 50 CPE minutes in regulatory or behavioral professional ethics and conduct in either a group-study format (of which a webcast is included) or in a self-study format (which is offered through NCACPA online at www.NCACPA.org )

# **Program Vendor:**

**NCACPA** 

Level:

Basic

## **Required Knowledge:**

None

# **Advanced Prep:**

None

## **Who Should Attend:**

All active North Carolina CPAs and anyone else interested in understanding current ethical issues related to the accounting profession should attend, and anyone who has attended this course in previous years should also attend as the content is updated annually.

## **Course Description:**

North Carolina Professional Ethics and Conduct rules are just one subsection of the set of rules and standards governing North Carolina CPAs. However, the importance of professional ethics merits an indepth study, because making the right decision every time is hard! Without a solid ethical base, the rules are difficult to apply. The North Carolina Professional Ethics and Conduct rules will be specifically examined, clarifying how they are applicable to all CPAs. Standards of ethical conduct are not only examined for those CPAs in public practice, but also for CPAs working in industry, government, and education throughout North Carolina. You will examine current trends in ethical behavior, social networking, and fraud. Real-life case studies supplied by North Carolina CPAs that examine those ethical dilemmas most prevalent in the workplace will be discussed.

Note—This course fulfills the State Board's annual 50-minute ethics CPE requirement. The 50-minute ethics course is required for annual license renewal for North Carolina CPAs and does not qualify one to obtain an original or reciprocal certificate (the Accountancy Law course required for certification and reciprocity is an eight-hour program that is also offered by NCACPA, and it satisfies this requirement). If you have questions, please contact the NC State Board of CPA Examiners. The vendor has identified this course as satisfying the 80-hour requirement for Yellow Book. It is up to the individual to determine if this course meets the 24-hour Yellow Book requirement. If you have a question, please contact the GAO at (202) 512-9535.



### **Instructor Bio:**

## **Hunter Cook, CPA**



Hunter is a retired Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP partner. For his last three years at DHG, he was part of the firm's Professional Standards Group and a member of the AICPA's Auditing Standards Board. Prior to joining DHG, Hunter taught accounting and auditing at Wake Forest University for one year. Following his graduation from Newberry College with a BS in Accounting, he worked as an auditor with Ernst & Young in various capacities, including partner. Hunter is a past Chair of NCACPA and past President of the NC State Board of CPA Examiners, and has served as a contributing author to PPC's Guide to Preparing Financial Statements. He is

currently a member of the NASBA Ethics Committee and Peer Review Compliance Committee, the Oversite Task Force of the AICPA Peer Review Board, and the AACSB Accounting Accreditation Policy Committee. Hunter leads CPE programs covering professional ethics in North Carolina and courses covering technical material across the country. He is a CPA in North Carolina and South Carolina.