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## **Accountants and Tax Preparers Pass ACAT Exams; Eligible for Professional Credentials**

ALEXANDRIA, VA, September 28, 2012 — More than two dozen accountants and tax preparers passed the Accredited Business Accountant/Advisor<sup>®</sup> (ABA), Accredited Tax Advisor<sup>®</sup> (ATA) and Accredited Retirement Advisor (ARA) examinations offered during the Spring/Summer 2012 testing window by the Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation (ACAT).

Fifteen accountants are now eligible to receive the ABA designation and 10 have activated their ABA credential after passing the Comprehensive Examination for Accreditation in Accountancy, a two-part 200-question exam that tests the technical proficiency of candidates in financial accounting, financial reporting, financial statement preparation, taxation, business consulting services, business law, and ethics. Those passing the ABA exam include:

Brenda Jane Olinger, ABA, Saint Cloud, MN  
Leonard Franklin, Jr., ABA, Atlanta, GA  
LeRoy Arnold Gruwell, ABA, Saint Michael, MN  
Denise Ruehle Kociemba, ABA, Grey Eagle, MN  
Marit Gilkey, ABA, Excelsior, MN  
Amy Christine David, Big Lake, MN  
Brian Thomas Robinson, Saint Cloud, MN  
Cheyenne Alida Randolph, Clearwater, MN  
Gloriaann Fay Kangas, Mora, MN  
Martin Bryan Casey, Chicago, IL  
Michelle Theisen, Pierz, MN  
Miles P. Christie, Rice, MN

Patricia King, Bear, DE  
Stephen James Hylla, ABA, Saint Cloud, MN  
Steve Lewis Donarski, Sartell, MN  
Terri Ann Seracki, Elk River, MN  
Victoria Elizabeth Stroup, Ramsey, MN  
Bethany Rewoldt, ABA, Cedar Falls, IA  
Cheryl Roske, ABA, Saint Joseph, MN  
Daniel L. Randall, CMA , ABA, Eugene, OR  
Denise Wegter, ABA, Buffalo, MN  
Francis S. Griak, ABA, Rosemount, MN  
Mary E. Hutson, ABA, Ararat, NC  
Paul Boland, ABA, Berlin, NJ  
Ryan Steven Masog, ABA, Royalton, MN  
David R. Laing, ABA, Tucson, AZ

Accredited Business Accountant<sup>®</sup> is the designation for Accreditation in Accountancy. In states where use of this designation is not permitted, individuals use Accredited Business Advisor<sup>®</sup>.

The ABA is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), an independent resource recognized as the authority on accreditation standards for professional certification organizations and programs.

Four practitioners received the ATA designation by passing the ATA exam, which is a 100-question multiple-choice exam that tests sophisticated tax planning issues, including planning for owners of closely held businesses, planning for the highly compensated, choosing qualified retirement plans and performing estate tax planning. New ATA credential holders are:

Jane A. Davis, CPA, EA, ABA, ATA, ATP, Brooklyn, CT  
Kyoung Moo Lee, ATA, Leesburg, VA  
Nirav Parikh, EA, ATA, ATP, Rutherford, NJ  
Ming-Feng Nguyen, EA, ABA, ATP, Sugar Land, TX

Clare J. Fazackerley, CPA, ARA, of Cincinnati, OH, earned the ARA credential by passing the Accredited Retirement Advisor (ARA) exam, which is a 100 multiple-choice question exam that tests knowledge of topics relevant to retirement planning and special issues of senior citizens including tax planning and tax preparation for decedents, estates, and trusts; and applying knowledge and skills in real-life situations when serving aging clients.

The high scorers for each exam were:

ABA Practice 1 High Scorer- David R. Laing, ABA, Tucson, AZ  
ABA Practice 2 High Scorer- Martin Bryan Casey, Chicago, IL  
ATA High Scorer- Ming-Feng Nguyen, EA, ABA, ATP, Sugar Land, TX  
ARA High Scorer- Clare J. Fazackerley, CPA, ARA, Cincinnati, OH

The next testing window for the ACAT exams including the ABA, ATA, ARA is November 24 – December 15, 2012. For more information and to register, visit [www.acatcredentials.org](http://www.acatcredentials.org) or call 888.289.7763.

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