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**State Agency Litigation Notification Form**

**Dear Agency Director:**

**Arkansas Code § 10-3-312 requires that any agency or institution that is not represented by the Attorney General shall notify the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of pending litigation so that the appropriate legislative committee may “determine the action that may be deemed necessary to protect the interests of the General Assembly and the State of Arkansas in that matter.”**

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<b>DATE REPORTING:</b>	
Agency:	Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy
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Contact:	Jimmy Corley, Executive Director
<b>1. STYLE OF THE CASE BEING LITIGATED</b>	
Michael Jones v. Arkansas Board of Public Accountancy and Jimmy Corley, in his official capacity as Executive Director	
<b>2. IDENTITY OF THE TRIBUNAL BEFORE WHICH THE MATTER HAS BEEN FILED (COURT)</b>	
Circuit Court of Washington County, Arkansas	
<b>3. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED</b>	
Administrative Procedure Act judicial review proceeding (ACA 25-15-212). Petitioner Jones is a licensed CPA. Board found that Jones falsely reported completing 65 hours of continuing education over a two-year period and ignored certified correspondence from the Board. Board fined Jones \$11,000 and ordered him to take 65 additional continuing education hours. Board also suspended Jones' license until he fully complies with penalty. On judicial review, Jones is challenging the the monetary penalty and arguing that the sanctions statute (ACA 17-12-602) unconstitutionally gives the Board too much discretion.	
<b>3A. OTHER DESCRIPTION INFORMATION</b>	
Docket Number	72CV-17-2630-5
Date Filed	Nov. 15, 2017
Defendant	Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy and Jimmy Corley (official capacity only)
Defendant Attorney	Mark N. Ohrenberger, Legal Counsel, Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy
Plaintiff	Michael Jones
Plaintiff Attorney	Todd P. Lewis and Vicki Bronson of Conner & Winters, LLP
<b>4. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION</b>	
<b>4A. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION</b>	
Case History	Petitioner's Opening Brief filed on Feb. 21, 2018
Relief Sought	Reversal or modification of Board's administrative order to lower monetary penalty
Current Status	Respondents' Brief due March 23, 2018

