

# STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

William G. Holland, Auditor General

## SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

## **ILLINOIS BOARD OF ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR**

FINANCIAL AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION For the Two Years Ended: September 30, 2011 Release Date: May 17, 2012 Summary of Findings:Total this audit:1Total last audit:1Repeated from last audit:1

## **SYNOPSIS**

• The Board presented their financial budget for their 2010 projected revenues and expenses to the Board of Directors approximately 10 months after the fiscal year began.

{Expenditures and Activity Measures are summarized on the reverse page.}

### ILLINOIS BOARD OF ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR FINANCIAL AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION For the Two Years Ended September 30, 2011

REVENUES AND EXPENSES		2011		2010		2009	
Total Revenue (accrual basis)							
Examination fees	\$	1,518,825	\$	1,513,070	\$	1,618,288	
Admission on motion		211,050		80,800		64,800	
House counsel fees		46,000		24,900		20,100	
Investment income		76,313		100,302		150,321	
Character and fitness fees		1,211,000		1,240,065		1,234,150	
Credit card fees		57,910		58,785		58,845	
Other income		115		-		-	
Total Revenue	\$	3,121,213	\$	3,017,922	\$	3,146,504	
Total Expenses (accrual basis)							
Salaries, wages and payroll taxes	\$	1,201,643	\$	1,170,047	\$	1,181,156	
Proctors		185,869		186,752		183,967	
Examination purchases		304,991		307,911		313,155	
Examination grading		302,837		265,360		234,182	
Examination administration		408,026		432,112		411,490	
Admissions ceremony		113,859		132,200		96,163	
Occupancy costs		83,968		54,982		65,033	
Insurance		235,894		198,150		174,700	
General operating		509,149		563,724		521,073	
Miscellaneous		103,336		143,269		110,739	
Character and fitness review costs		31,361		30,145		29,388	
Total Expenses	\$	3,480,933	\$	3,484,652	\$	3,321,046	

SELECTED ACTIVITY MEASURES			
(Unaudited)	2011	2010	2009
Number of Exams Written			
February	884	959	963
July	2,490	2,559	2,710
Total	3,374	3,518	3,673

AGENCY DIRECTOR	
During Examination Period:	Regina Kwan Peterson
Currently:	Regina Kwan Peterson

### FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

# FINANCIAL BUDGET NOT PREPARED ON A TIMELY BASIS

Budget presented ten months after fiscal year began	The Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar (Board) presented their financial budget for their 2010 projected revenues and expenses to the Board of Directors on July 28, 2010. This is approximately ten months after the fiscal year began. Failure to timely prepare an annual budget is non-compliance with the Board's Management Policies and Procedures.
	We recommended Board management prepare an annual budget and submit it to the Board of Directors on a timely basis for approval.
Board agreed with recommendation	Board management acknowledged the 2010 budget was not prepared in a timely manner but stated since hiring a permanent director in June 2010, the budget has been prepared timely.

#### **AUDITORS' OPINION**

Our special assistant auditors stated the September 30, 2011 and September 30, 2010 Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects.

WILLIAM G. HOLLAND Auditor General

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#### **AUDITORS ASSIGNED**

Kyle E. McGinnis, CPA was our special assistant auditor.