American Academy of Actuaries Issues Discipline Notice


Disciplinary Notice

The Disciplinary Committee of the American Academy of Actuaries (Academy), acting in accordance with the Academy’s bylaws and with findings from the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline (ABCD), hereby publically reprimands James W. Jacobson for materially failing to comply with Precepts 1 and 3 of the Code of Professional Conduct.

Mr. Jacobson materially violated Precept 1 by signing two actuarial valuation reports in 2003 regarding various retirement systems, despite knowing that the reports contained coding errors, such that the liabilities were materially understated. Mr. Jacobson materially violated Precept 3 by failing to disclose, in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 23, his reliance on data supplied by others, despite that data reflecting material actuarial analysis performed by a third party.

Based on the foregoing, Mr. Jacobson is hereby publically reprimanded.

For more information, please contact Keith Jones, general counsel and director of professionalism for the American Academy of Actuaries, at 202.785.7885. For more information on the American Academy of Actuaries, please visit www.actuary.org.

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