Accounting Acronyms

AAA - American Accounting Association
AACSB – American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business
ACAP – Advisory Committee on the Auditing Profession (US Treasury Department)
ACCA – Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
ACAT – Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation (NSA affiliated)
ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act
AG - Attorney General
AICPA - American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
ALD – NASBA’s US Accountancy Licensee Database
ALL – Accountancy Licensing Library
ASB – AICPA Auditing Standards Board
ATT – Authorization to test (for Uniform CPA Examination)
AUG – Auditing and Attestation (section of Uniform CPA Examination)
BEC – Business Environment and Concepts (section of the Uniform CPA Examination)
BOA - Board of Accountancy
BOD - Board of Directors
BOE - AICPA’s Board of Examiners
BRP – AICPA/FAF/NASBA Blue Ribbon Panel on Standard Setting for Private Companies
CA - Chartered Accountant
CAC – Compliance Assurance Committee
CAI – Chartered Accountants Ireland (formerly Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland)
CAQ – Center for Audit Quality
CBT - Computer-based testing
CGA – Certified General Accountants Association of Canada
CICA - Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants
CLEAR - Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation
CLEC – CPA Licensing Examinations Committee (formerly NASBA Examinations Committee)
CPAES - NASBA's CPA Examinations Services division
CPC- Contador Publico Certificado (Mexican equivalent to CPA)
CPE - Continuing professional education
CPT – Center for the Public Trust
CSG – Contract Steering Group (NASBA/AICPA/Prometric CBT examination contract)
ED - Exposure draft or executive director
EITF – Emerging Issues Task Force
ERB - CPA Examination Review Board
FAF – Financial Accounting Foundation
FAR – Financial Accounting and Reporting (section of the Uniform CPA Examination)
FASB - Financial Accounting Standards Board
FEI - Financial Executives International
FIAR – Forum for International Accounting Regulators
FRC – Financial Reporting Council (independent regulator in United Kingdom)
FTC – Federal Trade Commission
GAAP – Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GAAS – Generally Accepted Auditing Standards
GAGAS – Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards
GAO - Government Accountability Office
GATS - General Agreement on Trade in Services
HKICPA – Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants