



Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

July 25, 2025

To the Partners of
Pease Bell, LLC
and the Peer Review Committee of the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Pease Bell, LLC (the firm) in effect for the year ended September 30, 2024. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the *Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews* established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing and complying with a system of quality control to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported on in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including a compliance audit under the Single Audit Act; audits of employee benefit plans, and examinations of a service organization [SOC 1[®] and SOC 2[®] engagements].

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Pease Bell, LLC in effect for the year ended September 30, 2024, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. Pease Bell, LLC has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holbrook & Manter".

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