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**BENNIE L. HADNOTT APPOINTED TO  
N.J. STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

**Trenton, N.J., January 8, 2003 ... Governor James E. McGreevey has appointed Bennie L. Hadnott, CPA, MBA, as a member of the New Jersey State Board of Accountancy. Mr. Hadnott, a long-term resident of Teaneck, is currently President of Watson Rice Consulting Group, Inc. Prior to becoming President of Watson Rice Consulting Group he was Managing Partner of Watson Rice LLP, a public accounting firm.**

**He brings more than 30 years of professional accounting service to the new assignment, having supervised management counseling and credit services for a wide range of small and emerging business clients, local business enterprises and real estate firms. Mr. Hadnott also has been treasurer for the Bergen County chapter of the NAACP, and has prior governmental service as a special advisor to former New York City Mayor David Dinkins.**

**“I am pleased and honored to have this appointment,” he said, “and I look forward to serving to the best of my abilities on such a distinguished panel. It is an additional honor to become the first African-American to join this Board.”**

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