The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Therefore, the power to regulate the accounting profession in the U.S. and its territories is delegated to the individual states and territories.
Role of State Boards of Accountancy
Protect the Public

- Legislative
  - Issue regulations enabling state accountancy law
  - “Looks to” private-sector standard-setters, e.g., FASB and AICPA for accounting, auditing and ethics standards
- Executive
  - Licensure based on Education, Experience and Examination
  - Investigations and subpoena powers, lodges complaints
- Judicial
  - Hears complaints
  - Issues disciplinary orders, e.g., fines, revocation and suspension of practice privileges