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Melissa has practiced in public accounting for nearly 25 years and has significant experience in business valuation and tax-related issues for privately-held concerns and their owners. Melissa's business valuation experience is very diverse, including valuations of companies in the manufacturing, oil and gas and technology industries. These valuations have been performed for various purposes such as financial reporting, equitable distributions, buy/sell transactions, dissenting shareholder disputes, Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) value enhancement and gift and estate tax purposes. Melissa also provides litigation support services including expert witness testimony.

A 1994 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Melissa spent two years working with a local accounting firm before joining Grossman Yanak & Ford LLP in 1997.

Melissa is a certified public accountant. She is accredited in business valuation and certified in financial forensics by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). She has also earned the AICPA Certificate of Achievement in business valuation. Additionally, Melissa carries the credentials of Certified Valuation Analyst.

Her professional affiliations include the AICPA and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA), as well as the Estate Planning Council of Pittsburgh. She is also a member and has served as the Chair of the Executive Advisory Board of the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts (NACVA). Melissa has authored numerous articles appearing in professional publications. She has written business valuation course-related materials and serves as a national instructor for NACVA.

Melissa was one of four female CPAs in the state of Pennsylvania to be honored in 2017 by the PICPA as "Women to Watch" in recognition of her contributions to the profession and dedication to mentoring others. Melissa is a graduate of Leadership Pittsburgh, Inc.'s Leadership Development Initiative. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh.

She lives in the South Hills of Pittsburgh with her husband and their two sons.