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Melissa has practiced in public accounting for over 30 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, professional services and technology industries. These valuations have been performed for various purposes such as shareholder buyouts, financial reporting, equitable distribution, Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs), value enhancement and gift and estate tax purposes. Melissa also provides litigation support services including expert witness testimony.

A 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 who 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 credential of Certified Valuation Analyst conferred by the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts (NACVA).

Her professional affiliations include the AICPA and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA), and the Estate Planning Council of Pittsburgh. She is a member and has served as the Chair of the Executive Advisory Board of NACVA. Melissa is a frequent speaker and has authored numerous articles appearing in professional publications, has written business valuation course-related materials and served as a national instructor for NACVA. She was recently selected as an inaugural member of the Business Valuation Resources (BVR) Leadership Council, a forum designed to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among valuation experts.

Melissa was one of four female CPAs in 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. She is a graduate of Leadership Pittsburgh, Inc.'s Leadership Development Initiative and serves on the Board of Directors of the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh.