

David E. Coffman

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Profile

An experienced Certified Public Accountant, Accredited (ABV) and Certified (CVA) in Business Valuation, who has valued over 800 small business since 1997. Forty years of small business experience – advising, owning and operating. Visit <http://bv-expert.com> to view a summary of his valuation experience by size of business, industry and purpose.

Experience

Valuation & Consulting

- 2008 to present – Founder, President & CEO of NJ Business Valuations PC, Seaside Park, NJ. Formed to provide valuation services to small businesses in New Jersey.
- 1997 to present – Founder, President & CEO of Business Valuations & Strategies PC, Harrisburg, PA. Specializing in small business valuation services.

Litigation Support

- Business valuation reports prepared by Mr. Coffman have been used in litigation involving divorce, estates, shareholder or partner disputes, and wrongful death in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
- Mr. Coffman has testified and been recognized as an expert in business valuation in Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lycoming and Monroe Counties in Pennsylvania; and Essex County in New Jersey.

Accounting

- 1976 to 1979, 1981 to 1984, and 1986 to 1997 – Staff accountant at national, regional and local CPA firms. Primary duties included business tax return preparation, and performing compilation and review engagements
- 1980 to 1981 – General ledger accountant and supervisor of retail cost accounting department at a small public company.

Teaching

- Spring semester 2005 & Fall semester 2004 – Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA. Instructor for managerial accounting course.
- Fall semester 2004 – Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA. Instructor for cost management accounting.

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- Fall semester 1996 – Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA. Instructor for introductory accounting courses.
- November 1994 and October 1993 – Penn State Tax Program, University Park, PA. Instructor for continuing education sessions for professional tax preparers.
- Spring semester 1990 – Williamsport campus of Penn State University, Williamsport, PA. Instructor for introductory financial accounting course.

Small Business

- 1989 to 2003 – Owned and operated (part-time) a business selling computer printer supplies.
- 1979 to 1980 – Owned and operated a custom auto parts store.

Economic Development

- 1984 to 1986 – Loan packager with a regional economic development agency. Duties included assisting businesses in obtaining financing through several government programs.

Education

B.S. in Business Administration, Bloomsburg University, PA, May 1976. Graduated with Honors. Majored in Accounting.

Certifications

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) since 1978. Licensed in PA and NJ.
- Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) since February 1997.
- Accredited in Business Valuation by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants since February 2001.
- Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants since September 2008.

Professional Memberships

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Past President of the North and South Central Chapters.
- New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants
- National Association of Certified Valuators & Analysts.

Publications and Writing

- “For What It’s Worth: Estimating the Value of a Small, Owner-Operated Business” self-published 2016.
- Article, “Using Lower Level Business Valuations Effectively”, published November 2012, various sources online.
- Article, “The Small Business Financing Crisis”, published July 2010, various sources online.
- Series of articles, “Do Your Own Business Valuation: Parts 1 – 9” published online, 2009.
- “The Do-It-Yourself Business Valuation Workbook,” self-published, 2009.
- “Selecting the Right Professional to Value Your Business,” self-published, 2009 & 2004.
- “Small Business Scorecard,” self-published, 2009 & 2004.
- “Business Valuation,” continuing professional education course for CPAs, published by Ultimate CPE, 2004.

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- 2002 – BizActions, LLC. Wrote a series of 16 business valuation articles that were published in a nationally distributed newsletter.
- Article, “Why You Need a Planning System, Not a Business Plan,” published December 14, 2001, Central Penn Business Journal.
- Article, “Should Business Appraisers in Divorce Cases be Jointly Retained?” published October 2001, DivorceSource.com.
- Article, “Don’t Let Passions Rule When Buying a Business,” published December 1998, Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal.
- Article, “Employee or Independent Contractor? Choosing Wrong Can Be Costly,” published by various regional business journals, from September 1994 to February 1995. Also published by Recharger Magazine, October 1994.

Presentations, Etc.

- “Small Business Valuation & Related Tax Issues”, Annual Tax Conference of the South Central Chapter of the PA Institute of CPA’s, November 1, 2016, presented in Hershey, PA
- “Be Your Own Boss!”, Zeigler Institute for Professional Development Business Conference, presented November 3 & 4, 2016, Bloomsburg University.
- Panelist at the Zeigler Institute of Professional Development Business Conference, October 15 & 16, 2015, Bloomsburg University.
- “Business Valuation: What an Attorney Needs to Know”, part of the “Handling the Sale of a Business” seminar by the National Business Institute, presented April 23, 2015 in Harrisburg, PA.
- “What it Takes to Start/Own Your Small Business”, Zeigler Institute for Professional Development Business Conference, presented November 20 & 21, 2014, Bloomsburg University.
- Judge for the 2013 Venture Plan Competition held by the Greater Susquehanna Keystone Innovation Zone, April 23, 2013, Bloomsburg University.
- Panelist at the “Escape Artist: Successful Exit Planning”, West Shore Chamber of Commerce, May 31, 2012 in Camp Hill, PA.
- “Business Valuation for CPAs – Selected Topics”, West Shore CPA Group, presented June 15, 2011 in Camp Hill, PA.
- “Tax Considerations for Business Entity Selection,” part of the “LLC or Inc.? Entity Selection for a Small to Medium Sized Business” seminar by the National Business Institute, presented December 15, 2010 in Harrisburg, PA.
- “Basic Small Business Valuation,” Domestic Violence Attorney Network, presented January 19, 2010 in Harrisburg, PA.
- “Basic Small Business Valuation,” Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, presented October 13, 2009 in Camp Hill, PA.
- “Common Methods of Manipulating the Results of a Business Valuation,” Annual conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, presented August 13, 2009 in Camp Hill, PA.
- “How to Determine Your Business’ Worth,” part of the Wells Fargo Business Insight Series Videos

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- “Forensic Accounting and Valuation in Divorce,” part of the “Successful Financial Settlements for Your Divorce Client” seminar by the National Business Institute, presented August 18, 2008 in Harrisburg, PA.
- “Exit Planning – Helping Small Business Owners Exit on Their Own Terms,” West Shore CPA Group, presented December 19, 2007 in Camp Hill, PA. “The Impact of Global Economic Parity,” Proteus Futures Workshop, presented August 15, 2007 at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA.
- “Exit Planning – Helping Small Business Owners Exit on Their Own Terms,” Smith Barney, presented June 12, 2007 in Harrisburg, PA.
- “Understanding Business Valuation – A Practical Guide,” Smith Barney, presented May 9, 2006 in Harrisburg, PA.
- “Take Your Business Plan and Shred It,” Society for the Advancement of Management International Conference, presented April 8, 2006 in Orlando, FL.
- “How Will Greater Global Economic Parity Affect the U.S.?” World Future 2004, the annual conference of the World Future Society, presented August 1, 2004 in Washington D.C.
- “The Evolution of Employment,” WorldView 2002, the annual conference of the World Future Society, presented July 22, 2002 in Philadelphia.
- “Business Valuation Basics,” online workshop at AccountingWeb.com, presented June 12, 2001.