



# Faculty Biographies



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**Melissa Gragg** conducts business valuations for litigation support services and expert witness testimony in cases regarding marital dissolution, shareholder disputes, commercial litigation, business interruption claims, personal damage calculations, and lost profits. She works with divorcing spouses by calculating maintenance, helping the parties understand tax and cash flow ramifications, as well as tracing separate assets. She has participated in fraud investigations for various privately-held companies, government entities, and municipalities.

Ms. Gragg possesses over 13 years of experience in providing valuation and consulting for companies ranging in size from large, publicly-traded firms to small, privately-held operations and family limited partnerships (FLPs). Her expertise lies in performing valuations in numerous industries, including internet start-ups, colocation and cloud computing, internet applications, real estate holding companies, manufacturing, distribution, wealth management, automotive/car dealerships, construction, electrical contracting, fast-food retail franchises, financial services, food and produce distributors, gas stations, hospitality services, healthcare (pharmacies, rural health clinics, nursing homes, doctors, dentists, orthodontists, chiropractors), insurance companies, industrial, landscaping, law firms, marketing research, nuclear power plants, payroll services, plastics (injection molding, thermoforming, packaging), printing and imaging, specialty retail, restaurants, technology, trucking, and website developers.

Additionally, she has experience preparing valuations for the purpose of estate tax reporting and planning, M&A transaction planning, dispute resolution, strategic planning, and financial consulting.

Ms. Gragg's testimony experience includes:

- United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
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- Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri
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She serves as a senior valuation correspondent for *Around the Valuation World*<sup>®</sup>, a webzine presented by the National Association of Certified Valuers and Analysts<sup>™</sup> (NACVA<sup>®</sup>). She was the recipient of the 40 Under Forty award from NACVA and the Consultants' Training Institute<sup>™</sup> (CTI<sup>™</sup>) in 2014 and is a current member of NACVA's Litigation Forensics Board.