



# Faculty Biographies



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**Alan Zipp** is a Certified Public Accountant, Attorney at Law, Certified Valuation Analyst<sup>®</sup>, Certified Business Appraiser<sup>™</sup>, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants<sup>®</sup> (AICPA<sup>®</sup>) Accredited in Business Valuation, Certified Fraud Examiner, author, lecturer, and discussion leader for the AICPA. Since 1970, he has provided specialized tax and financial planning advice to individuals and small businesses. He has a master of science degree in taxation, and has completed graduate work in Management Information Systems at the Wharton School.

In addition to tax matters, he has developed a specialty in the area of divorce tax and financial planning and related litigation support services. In 1980 he wrote his first book, *Divorce: Tax Facts* and in 1985 his second, *Handbook of Tax and Financial Planning for Divorce and Separation*, published by Prentice-Hall, Inc. He was awarded first place in the American Bar Association's Family Law Section essay contest for his article, "Divorce Valuation of Business Interests: A Capitalization of Earnings Approach," *Family Law Quarterly*, Vol. XXIII, No. 1, 1989. He wrote chapter 18 of the John Wiley & Sons' *Handbook of Financial Planning for Divorce and Separation* on the top of business valuations for divorce purposes. He wrote the AICPA self-study course *Business Valuation Methods*, for CPA training in the fascinating field. He authored *Divorce: Tax and Financial Planning: A Short Course* for the College for Financial Planning. He wrote *Divorce: Valuation, Tax, and Financial Strategies*, published by Research Institute of America as part of its tax advisor's planning series. He wrote the *Small Business Valuation Case Study* course for the Advanced Business Valuation Case Study course for AICPA's Advanced Business Valuation education program. He wrote *Analyzing the Value of Your Client's Business: A Short Course* for the College for Financial Planning.

Mr. Zipp has written numerous articles and papers on topics ranging from tax matters, litigation support issues, business valuation, and legal issues. For more than 20 years, he was an AICPA instructor for various courses including the annual AICPA Corporate and Individual Income Tax Workshops. He regularly presents lectures and seminars before professional organizations, including local CPA and Bar associations, national organization conferences, State CPA Societies, and AICPA conferences and seminars. He served on the AICPA steering committee on Divorce where he was involved in the planning of annual conferences on the *CPAs Role in Divorce Tax and Financial Planning*.

In the course of his practice, Mr. Zipp has been called on to provide expert witness testimony at divorce trials on a wide range of tax and financially related issues, including pension and business valuations. He is Chairman of the Montgomery County, Maryland Bar Association's Taxation Section and was elected Treasurer of that Bar association.