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### **Donna Beck Smith Earns Certification from American Institute of Certified Public Accountants**

*Brown Smith Wallace member awarded forensic accounting credentials from AICPA*

**St. Louis (September 29, 2008)** --- Donna Beck Smith recently earned the Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) credential from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The CFF credential, established in 2008 by the AICPA, encompasses fundamental and specialized forensic accounting skills that CPA practitioners apply in a variety of service areas.

“Donna’s certification not only brings added value to the Financial Advisory Services Group at Brown Smith Wallace, but allows us to offer our clients a highly credentialed expert in the area of financial forensics,” said Jeffrey Smith, managing member and co-founder, Brown Smith Wallace. “We are extremely fortunate to have Donna leading the team as a premier strategic business advisor.”

Requirements for this certification include significant professional experience in the area of financial forensics and completion of at least 75 hours of life-long learning and educational activities in the area of financial forensics.

Smith is a member at Brown Smith Wallace and serves as practice leader of the Financial Advisory Services Group. She has more than 25 years of experience in valuations, financial forecasting and analysis, litigation support, mergers and acquisitions, and fraud and forensic accounting. She holds two degrees from Saint Louis University: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) degree with a major in accounting and a Master of Science degree with a concentration in finance.

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Smith is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants – sitting on the business valuation committee – the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Society of Appraisers, the American College of Forensic Examiners and the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts.

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