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Donna is a Member and serves as Director of Brown Smith Wallace Financial Advisory Services Group. She has more than 25 years of experience serving companies ranging from closely held, family-owned businesses to publicly traded corporations. Her extensive consulting experience includes:

- Valuations
- Financial forecasting and analysis
- Litigation support
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Fraud and Forensic Accounting

Donna's professional designations include: Certified in Financial Forensics by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Accredited in Business Valuations from the American Institute of CPAs, Accredited Senior Appraiser from the American Society of Appraisers, Certified Valuation Analyst from the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts, and the Certified Forensic Accountant designation. Her experience and grasp of the body of knowledge in the valuation discipline qualifies her as a premier strategic business advisor.

Donna is one of ten valuation experts in the U.S. serving as a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' ("AICPA") Business Valuation Committee. This group provides leading-edge technical guidelines and high-quality educational offerings to CPAs practicing in the area of valuation services.

Prior to joining Brown Smith Wallace, Donna played a number of roles in public accounting and industry. She was vice president and treasurer of a NASDAQ-traded manufacturer of health care products, where she valued acquisition candidates and developed creative financing for them. As director of investor relations for a NYSE-traded company, she directed financial communications with domestic and international securities analysts, investment and commercial banks, business reporters and money fund managers. As assistant treasurer of a NYSE-traded company, she was responsible for financing worldwide operations and administered the stock buyback program.

Donna holds two degrees from Saint Louis University:

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) degree with a major in accounting
- Master of Science degree with a concentration in finance

Donna is a member of the American Society of Appraisers, currently serving as the vice president for the St. Louis chapter. Additionally, she is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American College of Forensic Examiners, the American Society of Certified Fraud Examiners and the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts.

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