



Rizzo Forensics

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CURRICULUM VITAE OF JB Cohen Rizzo, CPA/ABV/CFF, CVA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

JB Rizzo, CPA/ABV/CFF, CVA is the founding shareholder of Rizzo Forensics, a boutique forensic accounting firm focused solely on family law litigation & mediation support, and business valuations. JB has provided forensic CPA services since 1998. JB authored published articles and a book chapter on financial topics relating to California family law. JB has served in the past and currently as the court's neutral expert (California §730 Expert). He has testified in Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura County Superior Courts, and in depositions for federal matters. He taught continuing professional education classes and a federal tax graduate class at his alma mater, UNLV.

He has also served as a financial mediator in the compacity of assisting marital dissolution clients and their attorneys by preparing analyses for, and then remaining to participate in, mediation discussions to settle cases and functioning as the neutral financial expert in collaborative practice matters.

JB's volunteer-services include a Family Law CPA Mediator/Co-Daily Settlement Officer downtown at the Los Angeles Superior Court, regularly; as former President and founding board member of the ACFLS Charitable Foundation, Inc.; and a board member of the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law.

Previously, JB Rizzo's professional career involved providing similar services in the following capacities: partner with a Los Angeles-based CPA firm bearing his name; principal and shareholder with Los Angeles-based CPA firm Zivetz, Schwartz & Saltsman; solo practitioner with a Las Vegas-based practice; senior manager with Los Angeles-based CPA firm Hargrave & Hargrave; senior accountant in the business fraud & investigations group (Los Angeles) and accountant in the tax group (Las Vegas) of the former world-wide CPA firm Arthur Andersen.

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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS:

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) – State of California Board of Accountancy (2000)

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Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) – National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts (2004)

Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) – American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (2007)

Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) – American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (2008)

EDUCATION:

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (“UNLV”); Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Accounting Major, December 1996; as well as graduate-level courses in accounting, economics, and business management

Eighty hours of continuing professional education courses each two-year period relating to family law, business valuations, and practicing public accounting.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Member, California Society of CPAs’ Forensic Services Section,
current officer of its Family Law Section

Member, Nevada Society of CPAs

Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Member, National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts

Member, Beverly Hills Bar Association’s Family Law Section

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association’s Family Law Section

Member, Los Angeles Collaborative Family Law Association

Founding Board Member, ACFLS Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Board Member and current Treasurer, Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING (LAST TEN YEARS):

Speaker, Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law educational event, *Reading Financial Documents for California Family Law Case Context*, November 2023.

Speaker, Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Section, “Nuts and Bolts” series, *Basics of Family Law Forensic Accounting*, July 2021.

Speaker, Beverly Hills Bar Association Family Law Symposium, Litigating Financial Issues During Covid 19 and Beyond, *Covid Considerations in Resolving Support Issues – Beware Using Permanent Solutions for Temporary Problems*, November 2020.

Speaker, The Southern California Family Law American Inns of Court, *Legal Profession Meets Covid 19 – Dealing with Tax & Financial Issues in the Time of Covid-19*, November 2020.

Speaker, California Society of CPAs' Joint Forensic Sections' Meeting, *Case Study – How to Value Small Companies*, May 2019

Speaker, California Society of CPAs' Family Law Section Meeting, *Review of Court Appointments as a §730 Expert, Joint Engagements Roles and Group Discussion Regarding the Trickier Aspects of Serving as a Neutral Expert*, February 2019

Author, "What Makes a Family Law Forensic Accountant Credible?" *Association of Certified Family Law Specialists Winter 2015 Newsletter*

Author, "Discovering 'Hidden' Income Using Individual Tax Returns" *Family Lawyer Magazine, Special Edition*, Winter 2014

Author, "Dissolution of Goodwill" *Los Angeles Lawyer*, Los Angeles County Bar Association, September 2013

Author, "Court or Neutral Expert," Chapter 20 of *Family Law Services Handbook: The Role of the Financial Expert*, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Hoboken, NJ 2011

Speaker, California Society of CPAs' 2009 Family Law Conference, *730 Appointments*, October 2009

Speaker, California Society of CPAs' Family Law Section meeting, *Calculation Reports under SSVS 1*, November 2009

Mock trial expert, Testimony given at the American Bar Association's Section of Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute, as both sides' business valuation expert three days annually each May 2009 and 2010

Instructor and co-author, *Business Valuation Overview*, an eight-hour course provided by the California Society of Certified Public Accountants' California CPA Education Foundation 2007 and 2008

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