



DEBORA E. MAY,
CPA, CFP®
Senior Advisor

Divorce often is stressful and emotional, so take an insightful and compassionate approach to seek win-win outcomes for both parties, when possible, and to achieve the best future life options for individuals.

Contact

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 500
Bethesda, MD 20814

DMay@cbmcpa.com
301.986.0600

Qualifications

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®)
- Registered Investment Advisor

Expertise

- Divorce Litigation
- Financial Planning
- Tax Planning and Compliance
- Wealth Management

Education

- B.S. Accounting & Finance, University of Maryland

Debora E. May, CPA, CFP® loves to work with individuals as forward-thinking as she is. She also wants those same individuals to understand while she's helping with their investment strategies, she's investing in a long-term partnership with them.

A recognized professional whose career has left an impressive impact throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region, Debbie has more than 35 years of comprehensive financial planning and public accounting expertise and more than 30 years of expertise delivering investment advisory services. Her experience in financial planning for individuals and closely-held businesses is supplemented by tax planning and compliance expertise and groundbreaking work in divorce planning, which is reflected in numerous collaborations with a range of family law professionals, including attorneys, social workers, and mental health professionals.

Debbie's divorce knowledge spans collaborative divorce, litigation support, mediations and the negotiation of financial settlements to arrive at positive outcomes in hundreds of client cases. She has also provided expert testimony in numerous divorce and real estate matters and participated in countless mediations. She has served as a financial neutral in more than 300 collaborative divorce cases.

She brings an insightful and compassionate approach to her work, to seek win-win outcomes for both parties in a divorce, when possible, and to seek the best future life options for divorcing individuals.

Debbie has been recognized several times in Washington, DC regional publications including in the Washingtonian and Bethesda Magazines. She was named as a top financial advisor in the October 1994, December 2002, January 2009, November 2012, November 2014, April 2016, January 2018, December 2019, January 2021 and January 2024 issues of Washingtonian Magazine. She was also named as a top financial advisor in the January 2024 issue of Bethesda Magazine based on a poll of the magazine's readers and named a top financial professional in November 2022 by the magazine.

Debbie co-founded May & Barnhard, P.C., a Bethesda, Maryland-based tax and financial consulting firm that merged into CBM in November 2017. She also co-founded and serves as a senior advisor to MBI, LLC, an independent, fee-only financial advisory and investment management firm and a subsidiary of CBM.

When she's not helping clients seek a peaceful and successful financial future, Debbie enjoys playing golf, traveling with her husband, Jeff, and spending time with her children.

Professional Associations and Activities

- Collaborative Dispute Resolution Professionals of Maryland (Past President)
- Maryland Collaborative Practice Council (Past Board Member)
- Maryland Institute of Certified Financial Planners (Past Board Member)
- Montgomery County Divorce Roundtable (Board Member)
- National Capital Area Financial Planning Association (Member)

Recent Presentations and Articles

- Quarterly Market Investment Update and Important Financial Considerations *(4.21.2022; 7.19.2022; 11.9.2022)*
- Forensic Work in Collaborative Cases *(2.9.2022)*
- Better Mortgage Outcomes for Divorcing Clients and Tax Impacts of Divorce *(12.5.201)*
- The Financial Neutral Role- It's Not Just About the Numbers *(9.14.2021)*

Awards

- Hall of Fame - Top Wealth Advisor, Washingtonian Magazine (2023)
- Top Financial Advisor, Bethesda Magazine (2022)
- Top Financial Planning Advisor, Washingtonian Magazine (10-time honoree)

Read more about Debora E. May at www.cbmcpa.com/people/debora-e-may/.