



## DEBORA E. MAY, CPA, CFP®, CDFA®

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.*

Debora E. May, CPA, CFP®, CDFA® 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 was recognized 10 times, most recently in 2022, by Washingtonian Magazine as a top financial planning advisor in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. region. She was also named a Top Financial Advisor by Bethesda Magazine in 2022 and was featured in Investor Advisor Magazine in 2014 and 2016.

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.

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## Qualifications

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

## Expertise

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

## Education

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

## 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)

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