

CURRICULUM VITAE

Gafar Shittu, CPA, CVA

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Summary of Expertise:

Gafar Shittu, CPA, CVA is an expert with 25 years of experience in accounting (with 10 years in private practice) including forensic accounting, business valuation, commercial damages quantification, cost accounting, financial accounting, and taxation.

A credentialed mediator and arbitrator appointed by the States of Washington and Michigan, Gafar is skilled in the facilitation of negotiated settlements of commercial and valuation disputes with the aid of dispute resolution models built on identified objective criteria uniquely suited to each case.

Gafar provides litigation support and dispute resolution services in the areas of commercial and family law as testifying, consulting, or neutral expert, and as a mediator, arbitrator/expert determiner.

He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA), and member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts (NACVA)

Education:

1999-2003 **B.S.** Accounting; University of Ilorin

2004-2007 **M.S.** Corporate Governance; London South Bank University

Licensure and Certification:

2011 **CPA: Certified Public Accountant**, Washington State Board of Accountancy

2014 **CPA: Certified Public Accountant**, Texas State Board of Public Accountants

2023 **CVA: Certified Valuation Analyst**, National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts

2021 **Basic Mediation Certificate**, Manouso Mediation Training & ADR Services

2021 **Arbitration Certificate of Completion**, Manouso Mediation Training & ADR Services

2021 **Elder and Adult Family Mediation Training**, Manouso Mediation Training and ADR Services

Professional Organizations:

Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA)

National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts (NACVA)

Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TXCPA)

Continuing Professional Education:

Foundations of Financial Forensics Training Center – NACVA

Business Valuation Certification and Training Center – NACVA

Business Valuation and Financial Litigation Super Conference – NACVA

Expert Witness Boot Camp - NACVA

AICPA and CIMA Forensic and Valuation Services Conference - AICPA

How to Start, Build and Run a Successful Expert Witness Practice – SEAK, Inc.

Advanced Family Law Courses – Texas Bar Association Family Law Section

Healthcare Arbitration Training – AHLA (American Health Law Association)

Publications:

Equitable Profit Sharing: The Role of a Neutral Third-Party Valuation Expert as an Umpire in Partnership Deadlocks, Quick Read, National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts (NACVA), 2023

<https://quickreadbuzz.com/2023/11/08/business-valuation-gafar-shittu-equitable-profit-sharing/>

Summary of Experience:

January 2014 to present

GS & Company, CPA, Dallas, TX

Principal Consultant / Independent Valuation and Dispute Resolution Expert

Performed valuation of businesses and business interests for matrimonial and commercial disputes, mergers and acquisitions, and estate and gift tax. Sectors covered include Dental Practices, HVAC, Insurance Agencies, and Printing businesses.

Performed community / separate property tracing investigations, lifestyle analysis, and forensic investigations to uncover hidden assets, and prepared expert testimony reports to support mediation and litigation of matrimonial disputes. Worked closely with legal teams to ensure that financial evidence is properly presented in court.

Appointed as a Balance Billing Arbitrator by the States of Washington and Michigan, conducting arbitration proceedings and making binding arbitration awards in the successful resolution of surprise billing disputes between healthcare providers and insurance companies.

Mediated the successful resolution of partnership disputes utilizing business valuation as an objective criterion.

Provided accounting, financial statement compilation, tax, and consulting services for small to mid-sized businesses, physician and dental practices, and high net-worth individuals.

Consulted for M&A clients surrounding the quality of earnings of target acquisitions, in support of their pre-acquisition due diligence process.

Other Experience:

August 2009 to January 2014
Daily Care Solutions, Sheboygan, WI
Controller / CFO

January 2005 – July 2009
Network Medicare UK Ltd, London, England
Assistant Controller

April 2002 to September 2004
Dele Pharmaceuticals Group, Ilorin, Nigeria
Senior Cost Accountant

September 1998 to March 2002
Dele Pharmaceuticals Group, Ilorin, Nigeria
Cost Accountant