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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Mary E. Szpanka is a Certified Public Accountant, in her solo practice following thirty-eight years with a large local CPA firm, CST Group CPAs, P.C. in Reston, Va. She has practiced public accounting since January 1975.

At CST Group her tax practice consisted of quality review of tax returns prepared by the firm's staff of approximately forty professionals and the design of individual and business tax and financial strategies. Those strategies cover a wide array of areas including operations, finances, buy/sell arrangements, startups, reorganizations, etc. for businesses. Her tax planning and financial plans for individuals are for both growing and mature families. Mary handled all types of taxes for individuals, corporations, partnerships, estates and trusts.

For many years another large aspect of Mary's practice has been with marital dissolutions, both in litigated or non-litigated cases. She works closely with spouses and their legal representatives from the initial stages of separation through the final divorce stage and beyond. These engagements require thorough analysis of personal and business financial and tax records and the family's future financial and tax planning. She is a qualified neutral financial adviser in collaborative cases and also a qualified mediator.

The other significant portion of Mary's practice has been representation regarding tax controversy issues representing clients before the Internal Revenue Service and other taxing jurisdictions involving audit, collection, delinquent filer, criminal and fraud cases.

### ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Mary graduated summa cum laude from George Mason University in December 1974 with a B.S. in Accounting.

### PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Certified Public Accountant licensed by Commonwealth of Virginia since 1978.

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Institute of CPAs
- Virginia Society of CPAs

Mary has served this state society in leadership positions for many years, particularly in the educational aspects of both CPA candidates and licensed CPAs. She was a member of the Board of Directors and served on several committees. Her service on the Continuing Professional Education Committee included holding the chairmanship for three years. Other educational committee work included setting the continuing educational standards for Virginia CPAs and working with Virginia colleges and universities in designing curricula for CPA candidates' academic requirements.

She was awarded the Society's Outstanding Member Award in 1999 by the Virginia Society of CPAs.

- Northern Chapter of the Virginia Society of CPAs

During 1995-1996 she was President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Virginia Society of CPAs. She has served as Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and on the Board of Directors. Her committee involvement within the Chapter includes the Federal Taxation Committee, Continuing Education committee, Cooperation with Educational Institutions Committee, as well as other committees.

She has been awarded the President's Award of Honor for her service to the chapter.

- Collaborative Professionals of Northern Virginia (CPNV)

Mary has participated as a neutral financial adviser in the collaborative law movement for several years and served as an officer and director of CPNV during 2010 and 2011.

#### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mary has published articles and has given numerous presentations regarding current tax laws, pending legislation, divorce financial issues and other financial or tax topics.