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### **Managing Partner of Ryan, Sharkey & Crutchfield, LLP Earns CVA Designation**

**Reston, VA**—The local CPA and consulting firm of Ryan, Sharkey & Crutchfield, LLP (RSC) is pleased to announce that Edward Ryan, CPA, Managing Partner recently obtained the Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) designation.

Ryan's pursuit of the CVA designation was in response to the increasing demand for valuation services. "We have seen a great need in the overall business community for business valuations, particularly in the M&A environment, as well as stock based compensation related issues," says Ryan. "In addition, there is a high demand for estate and litigation related valuation work. Our firm is excited about expanding our service offerings as it relates to business valuation and looks forward to this being a significant growth area."

The CVA designation is provided by the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA). The certification process comprises a comprehensive five-day training course, followed by an exam. Ryan was also required to complete a rigorous take-home case study which simulated the performance of a valuation engagement. Prerequisites of the training include a strong understanding of accounting, tax, economics and finance, and a basic understanding of business valuation fundamentals.

As a founding partner of RSC, Ryan leads the firm's assurance practice and has extensive experience working with a range of clients, including start-up organizations and large publicly-held corporations. He has managed and assisted in all aspects of IPO's and SEC filings, performed financial statement audits, compilations and reviews, and delivered accounting and assurance services to his clients in the technology, service and government contracting industries.

Ryan is a 1994 graduate of George Mason University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in accounting. He is a member of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (VSCPA).

As one of the 50 largest accounting and consulting firms in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, Ryan, Sharkey & Crutchfield, LLP provides a broad range of traditional accounting and tax services, as well as technical advisory services, including: Assurance, SEC reporting, Internal Audit and Sarbanes-Oxley, Outsourced Accounting, Business Tax Consulting and Compliance, FAS 109 and Individual Tax. The firm's staff of over 30 professionals, including four partners, maintains expertise throughout various industries such as government contracting, construction, professional services, technology and software development, and telecommunication. As an Independent Member of the BDO Seidman Alliance, RSC has full access to the national and worldwide resources of one of the largest accounting and consulting firms in the world. For more information about RSC, visit [www.rscllp.com](http://www.rscllp.com).

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