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Harper Lutz Zuber & Associates, LLC opens its doors providing litigation support and valuation services

Denver, Colorado—CPA firm Harper Lutz Zuber & Associates, LLC (HLZ) is pleased to announce that it has opened for business at 1580 Lincoln Street in downtown Denver. Offering accounting-based litigation support and valuation services, partners **Melinda Harper, Shari Lutz, Yvonne Zuber**, and **Shirley Potenza** have combined their respective expertise in commercial damages, investigatory accounting, valuation and marital dissolution.

According to Managing Partner Melinda Harper, litigation support and valuation services continue to be among the strongest niche practices for CPAs. Because the firm doesn't provide traditional accounting and tax services, it gets much of its business from referrals from other CPA firms, as well as law firms.

The Partners

Managing Partner **Melinda Harper**, CPA/ABV, CFE, brings 28 years of accounting experience to her practice as an expert witness, consulting expert, fact-finder, arbitrator and mediator. Her areas of emphasis include complex litigation, damages, economic analysis, lost income, investigatory accounting, intellectual property and valuation. Prior to establishing HLZ, Ms. Harper was director of Litigation and Valuation Services for a national accounting firm. She is a 1977 graduate of West Virginia University.

Partner **Shari Lutz**, CPA/ABV, ASA, has 17 years of experience as a business appraiser, expert witness, consulting expert and arbitrator. Her practice

focuses on business valuation, contract application, intellectual property, complex litigation, economic analysis and lost income. Ms. Lutz has worked with several Denver-area accounting firms, including her own solo practice. She earned her MBA from the University of Michigan in 1988 and a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Colorado in 1982.

With 20 years of accounting experience, partner **Yvonne Zuber**, CPA/ABV, CVA, is a testifying expert on matters related to marriage dissolutions, business valuations, pension plan valuations and forensic accounting. Prior to joining HLZ, Ms. Zuber served as a director with Saltzman Hamma Nelson Massaro LLP. She earned her B.A. in Mathematics in 1972 from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Partner **Shirley Potenza** brings 14 years of accounting litigation support experience as a consulting expert. Her practice emphasizes financial modeling to assess damages, lost income and general economic analyses. Prior to her position at HLZ, Ms. Potenza was with a national accounting firm. She earned her B.S. in accounting at the University of Phoenix in 2004.

To celebrate its grand opening, the firm has donated \$500 to Colorado Legal Services (formerly the Legal Aid Society of Metro Denver) and \$500 to the CPA Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Harper Lutz Zuber & Associates, LLC is a Denver-based CPA firm providing forensic accounting, litigation support and valuation services to attorneys, corporations and individuals. Services include financial and forensic analysis in commercial damages, marital dissolution and lost earnings matters. Valuation services are provided for litigation and buy/sell and wealth-transfer activities. For more information about HLZ, please visit our web site at www.hlzcpa.com. HLZ was founded in 2004 and currently has four partners and two associates.

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