

# Shelli R. Dodson, CPA, CTRS



Shelli is a financial and tax expert at Divorce Strategies Group, LLC. She has 25 years of professional financial experience and dedicates a great deal of her time toward Family Law matters. Years of practical CPA experience working with individuals and business owners is a significant component in Shelli's ability to help divorce litigants and family law attorneys.

She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Tax Resolution Specialist (CTRS).

Shelli has provided financial expertise and oversight on a multitude of cases throughout Montgomery County, Harris County, Fort Bend County, and Galveston County. She provides forensic accounting services, business valuation expertise and general financial expert services for family law attorneys. She also acts as a financial consultant in family law cases by reviewing and analyzing discovery data, assisting with complex estate matters, providing pro forma tax calculations, and providing clients with post-divorce tax planning and assistance.

## EXPERIENCE AND DESIGNATIONS

### Designations, Credentials and Education

- Certified Public Accountant, Texas
- Certified Tax Resolution Specialist
- Sam Houston State – B.B.S. in Accounting

### Financial Expert Experience

- Accounting
- Business support
- Accounting "clean ups"
- IRS tax issue resolutions
- Tax planning and preparation for individuals and business owners

### Family Law Matters

- Tracing and Characterizing Assets
- Reimbursement & Wasting Claims
- Business Valuation
- Present Value Calculation of Pensions
- Financial Consultation
- Tax Planning
- Cash Flow Analysis
- Tax Resolution Services
- Accounting
- Financial Expert

## WORK HISTORY

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### **Divorce Strategies Group Financial Expert**

**January 2020 - Current**

Provide support and oversight regarding business valuations, forensic accounting, separate property tracing and general financial guidance for family law attorneys and divorce litigants. Help clients and legal counsel with divorce financial issues and tax issues.

#### **Business Valuation Industry Experience:**

- Insurance Industry
- Veterinary Industry
- Fitness Industry
- Personal and Professional Goodwill

#### **Testifying Experience**

Case No 22-02-02123; *In the Matter of the Marriage of Oneyda D. Valles De Cantu and Carlos Cantu*; In the 410<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Montgomery County, Texas

### **Dodson & Pope CPA PLLC**

**January 2013 – Present**

#### **Owner and Managing Partner**

Preparation of individual and small business tax returns. Review and cleanup accounting systems to reclass and correct entries to prepare the file for tax filings and/or other third-party needs. Set up of accounting systems for small business clients using QuickBooks Online and Desktop versions. Tax Resolution Services including onsite audit assistance and working with the IRS to reduce or correct overstated taxes due. Tax planning and projections to minimize tax exposure for small business clients. Working with Estate Attorneys to implement tax saving strategies. Consulting with Financial Planners to minimize tax exposure for mutual clients. Consulting with Family Law Attorneys to help divorce litigants with financial and tax concerns and questions.

### **Reynolds & Dodson CPA PC**

**May 2006 – December 2012**

#### **Accounting Services and Tax Manager**

Perform full-cycle accounting for multiple clients who run many varieties of businesses including grocery stores, manufacturing plants, service-based businesses, auto dealerships, home builders and law firms. Work closely with metal fabrication/manufacturing company to calculate Job Costs, Work in Progress and Overhead allocation adjustments. Conversion a fabrication/manufacturing client from a manual system to Peachtree. Representation of manufacturing client in Internal Revenue Service audit for multiple years. Conversion of wholesale retailer from QuickBooks to MAS90/200. Preparation of the following payroll related tax forms: 941, 940, W-2, W-3, 1099, 1096. Preparation of the following IRS forms: 1040 (individuals), 1065 (partnerships), 1120/1120S (Corporations). Successful abatement of several Internal Revenue Service penalties assessed against clients. Review and implement tax savings strategies for individual and business clients. Preparation of State Sales and Use Tax returns as required

by the State of Texas. Calculation of payroll and tax deposits as required by clients. Preparation of compiled financial reports. Training and set up of clients' systems who wish to maintain their own books using QuickBooks or Peachtree.

### **Controller**

**November 1998 – April 2006**

#### **MorningStar Management Group**

Oversight of entire accounting function to include payroll, accounts payable and accounts receivable. Direct supervision of 4 employees and in-direct supervision of 10 additional employees. Monthly analysis of financial statements to assist department leaders in understanding their financial position. Maintenance of chart of accounts. Monthly close of 11 companies (4 nursing homes, 3 home health agencies, 1 durable medical equipment company, 1 rehabilitation company, 2 management companies). Annual close of 26 companies. Intercompany reconciliation of balance sheet accounts for all 26 companies. Liaison between company and outside tax preparers and consultants. Daily cash reconciliation and transfers for 30+ accounts. Successful negotiations of deferred payments to vendors without loss of services during times of inadequate cash flow. Successful negotiation of advanced payment of receivables from State agency when their systems were under extended maintenance. Preparation of annual budgets for all 11 companies listed above. Preparation of annual reports to Texas Department of Human Services and Centers for Medicaid and Medicare as required by state and federal law. General IT maintenance of all computer systems. Research and create policy/procedures to ensure compliance with State and Federal Regulatory agencies.

### **Staff Accountant**

#### **MorningStar Management Group**

Monthly financial statement preparation including entry of all accrual related journal entries. Entry and maintenance of fixed assets. Balance sheet reconciliations to ensure proper balances are maintained in all accounts

### **Payroll Coordinator**

#### **MorningStar Management Group**

Worked with Chief Executive Officer to negotiate insurance contacts for all employees. Maintained all payroll deductions and ensured their proper payment to third party beneficiaries. Responsible for timely payment of all IRS payroll tax obligations and filings. Assisted employees with questions related to health insurance and 401k issues. Set up and maintained reports to assist department head in tracking payroll related costs.

### **Accounts Payable Coordinator**

#### **MorningStar Management Group**

Coding, data entry and payment of all payables on a weekly basis. Worked with vendors to establish timely payments of liabilities and/or payment plans. Maintenance of W-9 to ensure correct 1099 preparation at year end. Responded to IRS correspondence as necessary.

**A.N. Rusche Distributing Company**  
**Financial Analyst**

**October 1997 – October 1998**

Detailed Balance Sheet reconciliation of all accounts to excel spreadsheet with source documentation for external auditors. Journal entry preparation.

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**SKILLS**

QuickBooks ProAdvisor Desktop Version  
QuickBooks ProAdvisor Online Edition  
Mastery use of: Word, Excel, Outlook  
General knowledge of basic computer networks

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**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, LEADERSHIP & PUBLISHED WORKS**

Lunch and Learn for Houston Bar Association 12/2018 – “In Case you may have missed it: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION MANDATES**

Texas Board of Public Accountancy requires 120 hours every 3 years of continuing education for the CPA designation in the fields of business valuation, financial litigation, forensic accounting, financial statement analysis, gift and estate planning, professional standards, exit planning accounting, economics, tax, audit, M&A, fraud, transaction advisory services, ethics, or other financially relevant topics.

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

*\*NOT ALL CONTINUING EDUCATION IS LISTED*

TAX RESOLUTION BOOT CAMP	11/30/2018
R&D TAX CREDIT: COMPENSATION FOR INNOVATION	12/13/2018
PARTIAL PAY INSTALLMENT AGREEMENTS	12/27/2018
IRS STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS DATES	05/09/2019
AUDIT MISTAKES NOT TO MAKE	05/30/2019
TAX RESOLUTION ACADEMY	06/11/2019

TAX RESOLUTION CLIENT ONBOARDING	08/28/2019
ADVANCED TRUST ISSUES	11/04/2019
INTRO TO FOREIGN FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS	11/20/2019
PREPARATION AND COMPILATION ENGAGEMENTS UNDER THE SSARS	11/29/2019
ESSENTIAL MULTISTATE TAX UPDATE	12/02/2019
COMPLETE RETIREMENT GUIDE	12/14/2019
4 TIERS OF BASIS LIMITATIONS	12/15/2019
THE SECURE ACT AND OTHER LATE 19 TAX CHANGES	12/27/2019
THE CARES ACT AND ITS IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESS	04/05/2020
INTRO TO AUDITS: A SWEEPING OVERVIEW	04/21/2020
INSIDE THE IRM DELINQUENT RETURN INVESTIGATIONS	04/23/2020
IRS COLLECTIONS REPRESENTATION FAST START BOOT CAMP	05/06/2020
GENERAL ETHICS: MEETING YOUR TEXAS REQUIREMENT	10/26/2020
DETERMINING QUALIFYING DEPENDENTS	11/14/2020
COMPUTING CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS OF IRAS	11/17/2020
HELPING CLIENTS MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT STOCK OPTIONS	12/01/2020
TEXAS FRANCHISE TAX	10/21/2021
CONVERTING A SOLE PROP TO AN S CORP	10/27/2021
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN LIFELINE	10/27/2021
SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE TAXES	10/27/2021
PREPARING S CORPORATIONS	10/30/2021
EDUCATION DEDUCTIONS & CREDITS	11/20/2021
ACCOUNTING METHODS	11/26/2021
TAX PLANNING FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	11/17/2021
USING THE CORRECT STANDARD OF VALUE IN VALUATIONS	12/14/2021
ADVANCED FAMILY LAW TRAINING	08/08/2022
REVIEWING PARTNERSHIP RETURNS	08/16/2022
GOODWILL AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION IN BUSINESS VALUATIONS	08/18/2022
ASSET-BASED APPROACH TO BUSINESS VALUATION	08/18/2022
ADVANCED FRANCHISE TAX	10/25/2022
BUSINESS PENSION PLANS	10/28/2022
S CORPORATIONS A-Z	10/28/2022
1041 FOR ESTATES AND TRUSTS	10/29/2022
GENERAL ETHICS FOR CPAS	10/30/2022
BASICS OF THE VALUATION OF A CLOSELY HELD BUSINESS	11/03/2022

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Institute of Certified Public Accountants  
National Association of Certified Valuators & Analysts  
Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants  
American Society Tax Problem Solvers