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**Curtis, Murphy & Jeffreys, LLP Announces
Senior Tax Accountant Receives CVA Certification**

*Thomas E. Meath, Jr., CPA, CVA Completes Process
with the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA)*



Queensbury, N.Y. March 9, 2005 — The Certified Public Accounting firm **Curtis, Murphy, & Jeffreys LLP**, which provides financial, tax and management advisory services, announces that Senior Tax Accountant Thomas E. Meath, Jr., CPA, CVA, has successfully completed the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA) certification process to earn his designation of Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA).

The CVA certification enhances Meath's current responsibilities, which include business valuation projects, preparation of complex tax returns, tax research, estate and trust planning and tax compliance services for corporations, partnerships and executives.

Meath, a Glens Falls native, received his BBA degree in accounting from Siena College (1993), an MBA in finance from Babson College (1974) and a BA in economics, from Colgate University (1972). He earned his CPA certification in 1997.

NACVA is a nationwide Association of 1,600 professionals who focus in providing Business Valuation (Appraisal) Services. **The Association promulgates standards of ethical and professional practice; promotes the advancement of Business Valuations as an art and science; advances and supports professional development and education; and encourages working relationships with other professional organizations.** Thomas E. Meath, Jr's membership in NACVA is a statement to the legal, professional and business community that he aspires to the high standards and ideals of the Association.

The CVA accreditation is a statement to the community that an individual has attained a level of knowledge in Business Valuations that NACVA considers exemplary and worthy of recognition by awarding the designation of CVA. To become certified by NACVA, the candidate is required to successfully complete a rigorous training and testing process. A preemptive requirement to becoming a CVA is that the applicant must be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) registered in their state and a member of their local CPA Society or the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Implicit in this requirement is that the CVA maintains a minimum number of hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) each year (in most states this is 40 hours). NACVA further requires that CVAs obtain CPE in areas related to Business Valuations and/or Litigation Support.

Business Valuations are a necessary or desirable service in many situations of need or adversity, and include the following types of engagements:

Buy/Sell Agreements

Charitable Contributions

Estate and Gift Taxes

Financing Arrangements

Initial Public Offerings

Purchase or Sale of a Business

Litigation, including:

Business Disruption

Dissenting Shareholder Actions

Divorce

Partner Disputes

Succession Planning

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Curtis, Murphy, & Jeffreys, LLP provides financial, tax and management advisory services for small businesses to major corporations. In addition to typical business and accounting needs, CM&J offers specialized services in business valuations, merger and acquisition planning, estate planning and retirement plan administration.

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