



## Chris Ward, CPA/ABV/CFF, CVA

Chris is the **President** of Deming, Malone, Livesay & Ostroff (DMLO). He is a member of the Forensic Accounting, Litigation Support & Business Valuation Niche as well as the Construction Niche; Wealth Advisory Niche; and Peer Review Niche.

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## Experience

Chris has over 20 years of experience practicing public accounting in Louisville. He provides business valuation and forensic accounting services to small closely-held businesses and family limited partnerships. Chris is also a trusted business advisor in the construction, manufacturing and professional services industries, and provides tax planning and compliance services to individuals with a goal of minimizing tax liabilities.

## Education and Certifications

Chris earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from the University of Louisville, and is licensed to practice as a CPA. In addition, he earned the Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) and the Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) designations, granted through the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants exclusively to CPAs who demonstrate considerable expertise in business valuations, and forensic accounting, respectively, through their knowledge, skills, and experience. Approximately 1% of the 377,000 CPAs represented by the AICPA in the U.S. have obtained these specialized credentials. He also earned the Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) credential from the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA).

## Professional Memberships and Activities

Professional memberships include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants. Chris serves as a board member for Volunteers of America, and as board member and Treasurer for Restorative Justice of Louisville. He also works with the Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana, and the Clifton Center. Chris is a graduate of Ignite Louisville (2010) and Leadership Louisville (2012).

## Awards and Recognition

2011 Business First *Forty Under 40*

2021 Business First *20 People To Know In Accounting*

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