



MEL ABRAHAM GRANTED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA) Honors Abraham with 2010 Thomas R. Porter Lifetime Achievement Award for Character, Leadership, and Achievement

SALT LAKE CITY — The National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA), the organization that establishes, builds, protects, and defends business value, today announced it has awarded Mel Abraham, CPA, CVA, ABV, ASA, the 2010 Thomas R. Porter Lifetime Achievement Award.

“Mel Abraham has shown unflagging passion, energy, and commitment to championing and demonstrating the highest standards in business valuation, financial consulting, and accounting,” said Parnell Black, MBA, CPA, CVA, and NACVA CEO. “Tirelessly dedicated to work and still thoroughly generous with his time and counsel, Mel Abraham demonstrates the character, leadership, and professional achievement shown by Thomas R. Porter that marks the very best in our profession.”

Mel Abraham is an entrepreneur, consultant, coach, speaker and author with more than two decades of experience as a financial expert, valuation expert, and business and success strategist. A regular presenter at NACVA annual conferences, AICPA business valuation conferences, and a member of the National Speakers Association, Mel is regularly sought after for valuation engagements around the country, and his projects have ranged from small family owned businesses to large \$1.7 billion companies. Read more at his site, MelAbraham.com.

Outside of work, Mr. Abraham is very active in his community, and has established a charitable foundation to serve needy families. He is very involved in safety and character development for youth throughout the country, and has travelled overseas to work with troubled and at risk youth.

The Thomas R. Porter Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded annually by the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA). The award recognizes a credentialed NACVA member who exemplifies the qualities that Tom Porter displayed passionately throughout his life and within the financial profession, as demonstrated both by personal and



professional integrity, as well as through active participation within the profession for at least 10 years, and service and participation through various boards, committees, taskforces, publications, training, and presentations. The NACVA Thomas R. Porter Lifetime Achievement Award Council considers applications, interviews candidates, and ultimately determines each year's grantee.

About the Thomas R. Porter Lifetime Achievement Award:

Thomas R. Porter, CPA, CVA, CFFA (1951-2007) was both a “force of nature” and “the person we all hoped to be when we grew up,” according to Michael Kaplan, a friend and colleague. Mr. Porter was the co-founder of Value Consultants, a firm specializing in the provision of damages analyses, forensic accounting, business valuation, and expert witness services, and he provided expert witness services at the state, federal, and even Congressional levels dozens if not hundreds of times. A brilliant instructor who was always the first to hand out praise and the last to accept credit, Porter was active in his community and Church and adored by his family. At home, Porter was a handyman, and at work he managed without an assistant. But he always found time to help others: Once, when no one else could show up, he traveled through a hurricane on back roads to serve as an attorney in a mock jury trial with only hours notice. Another time, after giving a seminar, he spent hours tutoring a student who mistakenly sat through his seminar everything that student *would* have learned if he'd gone to the correct seminar. Active in NACVA for years, Porter inspired everyone he met in the Association. The Thomas R. Porter Lifetime Achievement Award was established by NACVA in 2008 to commemorate rare individuals who exemplify the character, leadership, and professional achievement shown by Thomas R. Porter.

About NACVA:

The National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts is a global, professional association that delivers training from the nation's leading experts in consulting fields such as business valuation, financial litigation forensics, forensic accounting, risk fraud management, mergers and acquisitions, business and intellectual property damages, fair value, healthcare consulting, and exit strategies. Along with its training and certification programs, NACVA offers a range of support services, reference materials, software, and customized databases to enhance the



professional capabilities and capacities of its members. NACVA offers the Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA), the Accredited Valuation Analyst (AVA), and Certified Forensic Financial Analyst (CFFA) designations. NACVA’s CVA[®] and AVA designations are the only valuation credentials accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), the accreditation body of the [Institute for Credentialing Excellence](http://www.icecredentialing.com) (ICE). Headquartered in Salt Lake City, UT, NACVA has trained more than 18,000 financial professionals to date. Visit www.nacva.com or call (800) 677-2009.

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NACVA has subject matter experts available for comment on business valuation, forensic accounting, business fraud, mergers and acquisitions, business and intellectual property, exit strategies, and more. NACVA also harbors a stable of great writers that qualified publications can tap to contribute articles explaining “best practices” or “top tips” on a wide range of subjects.

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