

## DONALD A. CYZE, LL.M., CPA

**Education:** BS Accounting (1977), Quincy College, *magna cum laude*  
BS Economics (1977), Quincy College, *magna cum laude*  
JD Valparaiso School of Law (1980), graduated in top 10%  
LLM DePaul University (2002), class rank not available

### **Current Professional Licenses:**

Illinois- Registered Certified Public Accountant (1981)  
Illinois- Attorney (1980)  
Indiana- Attorney (1980)  
Florida - Attorney (2013)  
Illinois- Title Examiner (2000)

### **Work Experience:**

*1985-Date, Associate Professor, St. Xavier University.* Teaching responsibilities have included Individual Income Tax, Corporate/Partnership Income Tax, Business Law I & II, Intermediate Accounting, Estate Planning, Small Business Management, Governmental/NFP Accounting, and Auditing.

*1990-Date, Private Practice as an Attorney and Tax Advisor.* The practice provides Tax Planning, Business and Corporate Law consulting, and Estate Planning for individuals and entrepreneurs with businesses ranging in size from small startup businesses to those with \$80 million in worldwide sales. Business start-up services include the creation of corporations, limited partnerships, LLC's and tax exempt organizations. Business-related document preparation includes sales representative/distributor agreements, business purchase/sale agreements, employment agreements, leases, loan/mortgage instruments, non-disclosure agreements, consulting agreements and various business-related contracts and forms. Estate Planning document preparation includes Living Trusts, Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts, Charitable Trusts, GRATs, FLP's, Special Needs Trusts, and other tailored documents. Tax compliance services include client representation at government audits and before the U.S. Tax Court and the preparation of personal, partnership, corporate, fiduciary, gift and estate tax returns.

*1985-1990, Attorney, Zapolis & Cyze.* Practice focused on Estate and Tax planning and compliance matters, real estate transactions and probate.

Prior Experience:

- *Senior Tax Accountant*, Arthur Andersen & Company, (1982-1985)
- *Estate & Business Planning Consultant*, CNA Insurance Co., (1981-1982).

**Conferences/Seminars/Workshops Attended**

- Notre Dame Estate Planning Institute 2-day conference (2014 pending)
- NBI: Special Needs Trusts (2014)
- NBI: Social Media Ethics (2014)
- Notre Dame Estate Planning Institute 2-day conference (2013)
- Notre Dame Estate Planning Institute 2-day conference (2012)
- MLM: After Treatment-Working with Recovering Lawyers (2012)
- NBI: Legal Ethics Hot Topics & Current Developments (2012)
- Notre Dame Estate Planning Institute 2-day conference (2011)
- Notre Dame Estate Planning Institute 2-day conference (2010)
- REI: Ethics & New Rules of Professional Conduct (2010)
- NBI: Probate Process From Start to Finish (2009)
- Notre Dame Estate Planning Institute 2-day conference (2009)
- Bessemer: Estate Planning Current Developments/Hot Topics (2009)

**Recent Certification Examinations:**

- Multistate Bar Examination, 07/2008 (scored in top 5% among over 50,000 examinees)
- Florida Bar Examination, 07/2008 (rank not available)
- Multistate Legal Responsibility Examination, 11/2008 (scored in top 20% among over 20,000 examinees)

**Recent University Service Activities**

Faculty Affairs Committee (6/2011-9/2013)

**Recent GSM Activities**

Curriculum Committee (7/2013 to 5/2014)

**Community Service Activities**

- Member of Board of Directors of Kids Caring For Kids [IRC501(c)(3)] [Care for Children of AIDS Victims] (2008 to date)
- Pro-bono Attorney: Kids Caring For Kids [IRC501(c)(3)] (2008 to date)
- Pro-bono Tax Advisor: Kids Caring For Kids [IRC501(c)(3)] (2009 to date)
- Member of Board of Directors: Public Action to Deliver Shelter [Homeless Shelter] [IRC501(c)(3)] (11/2013 to date).
- Co-Site Manager, Public Action to Deliver Shelter [IRC501(c)(3)] (10/2012 to 5/2014)
- Pro-bono Attorney and Tax Advisor: Operation Blessing of Southwest Chicagoland [food pantry] [IRC501(c)(3)] (10/2012 to date)
- Client Service Volunteer: Operation Blessing of Southwest Chicagoland [food pantry] [IRC501(c)(3)] (10/2012 to date)
- Food Packer: Feed My Starving Children [IRC501(c)(3)] [supplier of food to African Children] (2012)