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Building value in a business and helping the owners retain and eventually distribute that value requires careful planning, attention to detail and special expertise.

Claren O'Bannon knows business owners often need a valuation for gift and estate planning in order to help them ensure the future financial security of their families.

Claren's attention to detail and persistence have served her many clients well in properly and accurately valuing family limited partnership interests and assisting clients in following through with the plans jointly established with their other advisors.

Also, if a business owner is looking to expand his or her business or take on new owners, Claren can help by assisting business owners with the development of a forecasted financial statement. This powerful selling tool may be used to attract needed lenders and investors, allowing potential investors to see how the money they invest will grow into a satisfactory return on their investment.

Claren is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Missouri Society of CPAs, and the American Society of Appraisers. She is a graduate of Truman State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and a Masters in Accountancy.

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