

Allen P Hargis Biography

Allen Hargis is a Certified Public Accountant with over 35 years of experience in Public Accounting, specializing in Individual and Small Business taxation. In November of 2016 he earned his Retirement Income Certified Profession Certification. As a strategic planner, Allen is an expert at developing strategies to help clients keep more of their hard-earned dollars. Other services he provides include Financial Management and Risk Mitigation through effective use of insurance products and other security products. His training has helped him focus on Retirement Income Planning which includes training specific to Social Security claiming strategies.

Allen didn't begin his professional life as an Accountant. His first degree from the University of Arkansas at Monticello in 1976 was in Forestry. He went to work for the USDA as a Soil Conservationist and then Managed forest lands for Potlatch Corporation until 1983, ensuring that the forests were maintained for both long term viability and efficient commercial use.

In 1983 Allen decided to return to the University of Arkansas to study Accounting and obtain his Certified Public Accountant license. Upon graduation in 1984 he went to work as a Staff Accountant with Jordan Woosley Crone & Keation in Hot Springs Arkansas, assisting corporations and individuals with services including effective financial management and efficient tax planning. He realized his dream of becoming a CPA when he passed the challenging series of exams for this in 1985.

Also in 1983, Allen began to serve his country by Joining the Arkansas National Guard. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry through the Officer Candidate School at the Arkansas Military Academy in 1985. He has served in many capacities with positions including Brigade S-4, Battalion Commander of 39th Support Battalion in Operation Iraqi Freedom II, and ended his 31-year career as the Commander of the 233rd Regional Training Institute. Allen's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal, among others. He also received the Humanitarian Service Medal for deploying to New Orleans for three months, providing disaster relief after Hurricane Katrina.

In 1996 Allen established the village office of Hargis and Stevens PA Certified Public Accountants. Then, in 2003 he added financial planning services to his practice in partnership with Bill Brusenhan of Ameriprise Financial.

As part of his accounting practice, Allen has always worked with the Clergy, assisting them with their tax, financial management and, retirement and estate planning strategies. During the last 20 years, he's become an expert in this area and has helping both active and retired Ministers utilize the unique tax codes and advantages available to them. He's been able to minimize their tax liabilities through strategies including income deferment, effective categorization of housing allowances and survivor benefits. He understands a Clergy's dual employee status as both an employee of the church as well as being self-employed and can guide them through the complex requirements for properly filing their taxes and taking advantage of all the itemized deductions they are entitled to.

When Allen isn't helping other people with their tax and financial management needs, he enjoys spending time with his family in their home in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. He's an active member of the First Assembly of Hot Springs Village there and enjoys playing golf and tennis.