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Dr. Yolanda L. Spooney, a Certified Public Accountant, is the principal of PHDIVA CPA Accounting Services, an accounting firm relocating from Cleveland, OH. Metropolitan area to Suffolk, VA. She is the Founder and Principal of an established accounting firm serving small - to medium-sized businesses, nonprofit organizations, and churches. With more than two decades of experience in public accounting, government (Internal Revenue Agent), and nonprofit financial management, she provides strategic, compliance-driven accounting and advisory services focused on financial stability, regulatory integrity, and long-term business success. Born in Los Angeles, CA, and raised in Compton, CA. Dr. Spooney completed her primary education in Compton, California, and after high school graduation, she joined the U.S. Army.

She has earned:

- Bachelor's degree in Science in Accounting from Cleveland State University.
- Master of Science in Management from Hampton University.
- Master of Accountancy with a concentration in taxation from the UNF.
- PhD in Business with a specialization in Accounting from Capella University.

She received her initial Certified Public Accountant license in the State of Florida in February 1998. While she received and maintains her CPA license in the state of Florida, she has also been licensed in the state of Ohio since 2000 and in the state of Virginia since 2019. Dr. Spooney worked in various areas of government, higher education, and in the accounting industry for different corporations before opening her own practice, an accounting firm in the Cleveland Metropolitan area, in February 2002. Her firm specializes in three areas of Business; write up services (includes financial and budget consultation to create a stable financial environment for the Business), taxation on both the federal and state levels for individuals and businesses, IRS client representation, and attest (audits, reviews, and compilations) services for small to medium size businesses, nonprofits, and churches.

Dr. Spooney previously participated as an active financial facilitator for the Entrepreneur Academy Program offered through city programs, which helps new businesses get started and succeed. She has served on both undergraduate and graduate level accounting courses for many years as an accounting professor. She has experience in faculty responsibilities, including Faculty Advisor for the Volunteer Income Tax Clinic, Student Advising, and a Committee Member of the Institutional Review Board, faculty search committees, and student orientations. She has served as an advisory board member for the Educational Foundation, Inc. This nonprofit

organization instills and encourages our youth in education and life skills, as well as offering training programs. She is also a published author.