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**Education**

Ph.D., Accounting and Management Information Systems (Finance and Statistics), The Ohio State University

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Edwin L. Cox School of Business

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A licensed certified public accountant and full-time faculty member of SMU's Cox School of Business since 2002, Dr. Sommers is the Director of the Master of Science in Accounting Program. He also instructs BBA and MBA accounting courses, including intermediate accounting and courses in accounting-based valuation. Dr. Sommers' teaching recognition includes the Willis M. Tate Distinguished Teacher Award, given by the SMU Student Senate, recognizing a faculty member for outstanding teaching, service, and giving unselfishly to the students and the University as a whole and being named Peruna Professor (a special one-time award named after SMU Mascot, created as a part of SMU Year of the Faculty, as voted on by the student body to honor a faculty member's dedication to students). Additionally, he has received several Outstanding BBA and MBA Teaching awards as well as recognition by multiple student organizations.

Dr. Sommers' research focuses on the empirical relations between accounting data, cost of capital, and valuation. His work has been published in *Journal of Accounting Research*, *Journal of Business, Finance and Accounting*, and *Journal of Applied Corporate Finance*. He currently serves on the Editorial Board of *Review of Accounting Studies*. Dr. Sommers is a co-author on two textbooks published by Cambridge Business Publishers on Valuation and Financial Statement Analysis. Dr. Sommers has served as chair and was previously a committee member organizing the case based Trueblood Seminar for Professors sponsored by the American Accounting Association and the Deloitte Foundation. He also has been a lead organizer of the Accounting Programs Leadership Groups annual meeting. Dr. Sommers is a member of the American Accounting Association and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Having lived in Ohio, Florida and California before moving to Dallas, Dr. Sommers now resides in University Park with his wife, Susan. Their three sons, attended Southern Methodist University and Centenary College of Louisiana.