



WHO IS AUGUST AQUILA?

August J. Aquila, PhD
AQUILA Global Advisors, LLC
4732 Chantrey Place
Minnetonka, MN 55345

aaquila@aquilaadvisors.com

www.aquilaadvisors.com

952-930-1295

August's 34 years of experience presents a unique combination as a partner in a top 50 firm, a Regional Director of Business Development at Coopers & Lybrand (now PwC) and executive positions with American Express Tax & Business Services.

August founded AQUILA Global Advisors, LLC in order to provide specialized services in succession planning, mergers and acquisitions, compensation plan design and strategic planning. He works with partners and managing partners in professional services firms to help them become better leaders and to create partner engagement.

August is an internationally recognized consultant, speaker and author to professional services firms in Canada, England, India and the United States. He is consistently listed as one of the "Top 100 Most Influential People" in the accounting profession by **Accounting Today**.

He counts among his clients professional services firms ranging from more than \$110 million in revenue to as small as \$1 million. What differentiates August from other advisors is his unending devotion to implementation and his in-depth knowledge and experience in his areas of expertise. He has been involved in more than 170 mergers or acquisitions and is a sought after advisors in succession planning.

He is a life-long learner and believes in giving back to the professions that have helped him over the years. He is an avid contributor to professional journals such as **The Journal of Accountancy, Managing Partner, Inside Public Accounting** and other national and international publications.

In 2011 he collaborated with Rob Lees, a well know consultant and author in England, to form a strategic alliance. The outcome of their alliance has been the publication of two recent books –"How to Engage Partners in the Firm's Future" and "Leadership at Its Strongest" both published in 2013. In 2012 he formed a strategic alliance with Vaibhav Manek, a partner in the Indian Chartered Accounting Firm of KNAV. Together they published a book entitled "The Future of the CA Firm in India."

Born and raised in Chicago, August holds an MBA from DePaul University and a PhD from Indiana University (Bloomington). August now lives in Minnetonka, Minnesota with his wife, Emily. When not working, he enjoys traveling, biking and gardening.