

The David Cornfield Story

The Top CBV Under 40 Award was established by the CICBV and sponsored by Deloitte & Touche LLP to recognize and profile the outstanding achievements and leadership of a CBV under the age of 40 both professionally and personally. This prestigious award is fittingly granted each year in honour of David Cornfield, CA, CBV. David was an extraordinary individual, both professionally and personally. He truly embodied everything that this award is meant to recognize in our membership.

David passed away on December 18, 2005 after a courageous 3 year battle with melanoma. Although David's time with us was only 32 years, he lived life to the fullest and brought an infectious passion to everything he did. It is this passion and enthusiasm that defined him and created a lasting impression in anyone who met him. He was an incredibly bright student, graduating from York University's Schulich School of Business in 1996 with honours and obtaining his Chartered Accountant designation in 1999. Soon after receiving his CA, he was drawn to the valuation profession and he saw it is a natural outlet for his passion and talent. This was confirmed when he achieved the CICBV's highest academic honour by obtaining the George Ovens award for the top mark on the 2000 Membership Entrance Examination.

But it is not this academic success that would solely define David. His professional success was equally impressive as he developed a strong reputation for excellence in valuation, litigation and business advisory. His true distinction and eminence in the profession was recognized by clients, colleagues and his mentors. David was admitted to partnership of Deloitte & Touche at the age of 31 and became the firm's youngest partner.

In addition to David's achievements in academics and in his career, he also believed that he had a larger responsibility to the development of the profession and the community as a whole. David was actively involved in teaching, mentoring and guiding business students from high school to post graduate. For a number of years he was instrumental in the accreditation of new Chartered Business Valuators and taught regularly at York University. He also spent his valuable time in the community by getting involved in non-profit organizations such as the Canadian Diabetes Association.

David was not only a great professional, but he was an extraordinary person. He was a wonderful husband to his wife Sari, father to son Noah and source of pride to all of his family. He was truly a great friend, colleague and mentor to all who he encountered. David will be missed, but his ambition, strength, integrity and desire to help others continues through the David Cornfield Melanoma Foundation, to help make a difference in the fight against melanoma.

