

Devon Coombs, CPA, MBA

Finance Professor | Former Google Cloud Finance Leader | Author | Advisor



Finance Professor at Santa Clara University, former Google Cloud finance leader, and author of The 10 Laws of Finance.

Devon Coombs, CPA, MBA, is a Finance Professor and the Faculty Director of Real Estate Finance at Santa Clara University's Leavey School of Business, and the author of The 10 Laws of Finance (September 2026). At 21 he was homeless, living in his car after his recording studio failed. He put himself through Pierce College and Cal State Northridge, began his career at Deloitte, and spent five years at Google Cloud in roles spanning Technical Accounting, Deals Desk, Marketplace, and Chief of Staff for Google Cloud. Through Devon Coombs LLC he advises companies on technical accounting, monetization, and applied AI.

INTERVIEW TOPICS

01 Homeless to Billion-Dollar Deals

Best for: Personal finance, careers, human interest

03 AI Strategy, Deals Desk, and Monetization

Best for: AI, SaaS, venture, founders, CFOs

05 Teaching the Finance School Forgot

Best for: Higher education, Gen Z, personal finance

02 Technical Accounting in the AI Economy

Best for: Financial news, CFO and accounting media, investors

04 Applied AI for Finance

Best for: AI, finance, enterprise technology, future of work

06 Homelessness and Economic Mobility

Best for: Human-interest journalism, education, mobility

FAST FACTS

- CPA and MBA
- Finance Professor and Faculty Director of Real Estate Finance, Santa Clara University
- Five years at Google Cloud: Technical Accounting, Deals Desk, Marketplace, and Chief of Staff for Google Cloud
- Deloitte alum; CSUN Business Honors, 2016 Outstanding Graduating Senior
- Author of The 10 Laws of Finance (2026) and Scholarships: Quick and Easy (2016)
- Has trained more than 10,000 finance and operational stakeholders
- Workshop clients include PagerDuty, RealPage, and Pinterest

SELECTED COVERAGE

- Financial Executives Journal (2026)
- Miles Masterclass (2026)
- Earmark Podcast, ep. 95 (2025)
- The Shane Ray Show (2025)
- Accounting Life Podcast, by Gappify (2025)
- On Becoming (2019)
- Los Angeles Daily News and CSUN Today (2016)

LOGISTICS

Pronunciation Devon rhymes with heaven; Coombs rhymes with rooms.

Based in San Francisco Bay Area, Pacific Time.

Formats In studio in the Bay Area, or remote with the setup he uses to host the Ambition, Aligned podcast.