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Certification

- ◆ Registered Consulting Arborist, ASCA #297
- ◆ I.S.A. Certified Arborist, MA-0094
- ◆ Licensed Landscape Architect, #272, Maryland
- ◆ Licensed Tree Expert, #143, Maryland
- ◆ Licensed Pest Control Consultant, #424, Maryland
- ◆ Certified Tree Risk Assessor, #1233, ISA (not renewed)

Professional Experience

- ◆ Served as the delegate for the Professional Landcare Network to the 7-person Council of Tree and Landscape appraisers for 13 years. CTLA administers and writes the guidelines for the plant appraisal community.
- ◆ Author and publisher of Tree Law Cases in the USA, published in 2000.
- ◆ 2012 recipient of Mid-Atlantic Chapter of International Society of Arboriculture Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ◆ Recognized in a contract with FEMA as a senior-level professional in arboriculture and horticulture.
- ◆ Listed on the American Forestry Association's list of Certified Natural Resource Experts to act as an official review agent for Global ReLeaf recognition projects.
- ◆ Qualified by the Maryland Natural Resources, under the Forest Conservation Act, to prepare forest conservation plans.
- ◆ Two occasions judged the American Association of Nurserymen national landscaping awards competition culminating in White House ceremonies by First Ladies.

- ◆ Assisted Ms. Lady Bird Johnson’s Beautification Committee, and volunteered services to help beautify Washington, D.C. Attended White House functions and ceremonies.
- ◆ Has testified in numerous law cases involving personal injuries, fatalities, property damages, and plant evaluations in numerous jurisdictions.
- ◆ Been retained for services in Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia, Delaware, North Carolina, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, Texas Washington, Iowa, Connecticut, Wisconsin and New Jersey.
- ◆ Serves as mentor for the American Society of Consulting Arborists to counsel and aid new members in becoming active and registered members.
- ◆ Conducted an all-day plant appraisal seminar for the Illinois State Arborist Association as well taught additional plant appraisal workshops.
- ◆ Conducted an all-day seminar on tree law cases for the New York State Arborists Association as well as other lectures on the arborist and the law.
- ◆ Has spoken and taught numerous times at the National Arboretum.
- ◆ Served as a judge for the National Swimming Pool Association national awards competition.
- ◆ Has appeared as a guest on talk radio, and television interviews, locally and nationally.
- ◆ Guest on several occasions on “In the Garden,” a regional TV gardening program.
- ◆ Lectured several times for the Georgetown University Continuing Education Program.
- ◆ Lectured to local garden clubs and trade associations, as well as the National Federation of Garden Clubs, and the local chapter of the American Foresters Association.
- ◆ Has volunteered aid and assistance to “Trees for the City” in Washington, D.C.
- ◆ Attends numerous local and national trade association’s conferences, seminars, lectures and expositions.

Publications

Books

- ◆ Tree Law Cases in the USA (published in 2000)
- ◆ The Guide for Plant Appraisal, 9th edition, 2000 (co-authored)
- ◆ Mid-Atlantic Tree Species Rating Guide (co-authored)

Articles

- ◆ “We Can Make Trees Safer” TCIA March 2016
- ◆ “Placing a Value on a Neighbor’s Tree” TCIA May 2015
- ◆ “Abiotic Tree Problems Addressed Early On” TCI Nov. 2014
- ◆ A regular contributor to the online magazine, *Trees and More*
- ◆ “If a Tree falls on a bus, Was it Hazardous?” TCI July 2014
- ◆ “Love Thy Neighbor, Just Not His Shrub” Arboricultural Consultant 1st. 2013
- ◆ “The Plant Appraisal Puzzle Becomes Even More Puzzling” TCIA Nov. 2012
- ◆ “Boundary and Border Line Tree Disputes” Tree Care Industry, May 2012
- ◆ “CSI in Arborland” Tree Care Industry Aug. 2011
- ◆ “How Much is This Tree Worth?” Tree Care Industry Sept. 2009

- ◆ “Differing Cost Methods of Plant Appraisal” Tree Care Industry March 2008
- ◆ “An Interesting Case” Arboricultural Consultant, Winter 2007
- ◆ “Consulting for Free or for a Fee” MAC-ISA Log Spring 2006
- ◆ “Why Appraisals Matter” PLANET News July 2006
- ◆ “Consulting Arborists & Tree Law Cases” Arborist News February 2006
- ◆ “When is it time to Say Goodbye to a Tree?” Tree Care Industry March 2004
- ◆ “The Carroll Case” Arboricultural Consultant, Summer 2003
- ◆ “Conducting a Professional Appraisal” Arborist News. Dec. 2002
- ◆ “How Much is This Tree Worth/Why do we Need to Know?” T.C.I. June 2002
- ◆ “Arboriculture and Consulting” Tree Care Industry (T.C.I.) Aug. 2001
- ◆ “What is a Consulting Arborist?” Tree Care Industry, March 2000
- ◆ “Arboriculture and the Law” Tree Care Industry, Nov. 1999
- ◆ “The Plant Appraisal Picture” Arbor Age, Sept. 1998
- ◆ “In Case of Disaster” Arboricultural Consultant, Summer 1998
- ◆ “When looking Down is in Order” Penn-Del Arborist, Summer 1998
- ◆ “Plant Appraisal Cases” Arborist News, June 1998
- ◆ “Plant Appraisal Cases” Tree Care Industry, March 1998
- ◆ “The Team Approach to Landscape Appraisals” Tree Care Industry, Sept. 1996
- ◆ “The Tree and Landscape Appraisal Puzzle” The Release, April 1995

Comments, forums, and letters-to-the-editor (*denotes multiple contributions)

- ◆ National Arborist Association Reporter*
- ◆ Tree Care Industry*
- ◆ Grounds Maintenance
- ◆ Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine
- ◆ Arborist News*
- ◆ Potomac Gazette*
- ◆ Arbor Age*
- ◆ American Forests
- ◆ Lawn and Landscape
- ◆ Washington Post*
- ◆ Urban Forests*
- ◆ Arboricultural Consultant*
- ◆ Washington Citizen
- ◆ The Hill Rag

Cited or quoted in these publications:

- ◆ Potomac Almanac
- ◆ Bethesda Magazine
- ◆ Potomac Gazette
- ◆ Washington Post

- ◆ Lawn and Landscape
- ◆ Potomac News
- ◆ Family Money (Better Homes and Gardens)
- ◆ Smart Money Magazine

Education

- ◆ B. S. Agriculture, University of Missouri

Professional Affiliations (past and present)

- ◆ American Society of Consulting Arborists
- ◆ National Forensic Center
- ◆ International Society of Arboriculture
- ◆ Professional Landcare Network
- ◆ American Nursery and Landscape Association
- ◆ National Arborists Association
- ◆ Maryland Nurseryman Association
- ◆ Maryland Arborist Association
- ◆ Washington Claims Association
- ◆ Northern Virginia Claims Association
- ◆ American Forestry Association
- ◆ Better Business Bureau
- ◆ Landscape Contractors Association (past president)
- ◆ Bethesda/Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Fellow, American Board of Forensic Examiners
- ◆ National Arbor Day Foundation
- ◆ Virginia Urban Forest Council
- ◆ Friends of the National Arboretum
- ◆ Friends of Brookside Gardens

Employment History

- ◆ 1996 to present; President of Bloch Consulting Group, LLC.
- ◆ 1975 to 1996; President/owner of American Tree Service and Landscape Co. Inc.
- ◆ 1959 to 1975; Vice President/general manager of J.H. Burton and Sons, Inc.
- ◆ 1962 to 1976; Vice President/partner Kalmia Farms Nursery.
- ◆ 1957 to 1959; Partner of Suburbia Gardens Nursery, St. Louis, MO.
- ◆ 1954 to 1956; Commissioned Officer, U.S. Army.