

LEW BLOCH

Consulting Arborist / Landscape Architect



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

Professional Experiences

- ◆ Served as the delegate for the Professional Landcare Network to the 7 man 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
- ◆ 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 and New Jersey
- ◆ Serves as a mentor for the American Society of consulting Arborists to counsel and aid new members in becoming active and registered members. Has served on numerous committees
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Has been a 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 published

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

◆ Articles Published

- “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 insertions)

- National Arborist Association Reporter*
- Tree Care Industry*
- Grounds Maintenance
- Kiplingers 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

◆ Publications cited or quoted in

- Potomac Almanac
- Potomac Gazette
- Washington Post
- Lawn and Landscape
- Potomac News
- Family Money (Better Homes and Gardens)

Education

- ◆ B. S. Agriculture, University of Missouri, 1954

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