



# Lew Bloch

*Consulting arborist  
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## Certifications:

- Registered Consulting Arborist, ASCA #297 (Honorary Life Member #1)
- I.S.A. Certified Arborist, MA-0094
- Licensed Landscape Architect, #272, Maryland (not renewed)
- Licensed Tree Expert, #143, Maryland
- Licensed Pest Control Consultant, #424, Maryland
- Certified Tree Risk Assessor, #123 (not renewed)
- ASCA Tree & Plant Appraisal Qualification

## Professional Experience:

- Delegate for the Professional Landcare Network to the 7-member Council of Tree and Landscape appraisers for 13 years. CTLA administers and writes 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 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 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**

- Is it Required to Inspect Trees for Risk? TCIA July 2020
- Is it about the trees or the money, Arboricultural Consultant May 2019
- Weather-Related Tree Law Cases TCIA March 2019
- Hazard-Tree Risk Assessment TCIA Nov. 2016
- “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 on-line 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 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
- 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, American Tree Service and Landscape Co. Inc.
- 1959 to 1975; Vice President/general manager, 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.

