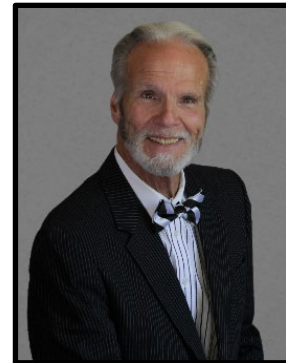


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# *Curriculum Vitae*

## **CAREER PROFILE**

**RESPECTED INDUSTRY LEADER IN THE FIELDS OF ARBORICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE** with 60 years' experience in consulting, field work, and study with clientele including **U.S. Department of Justice, Lloyds of London, Zurich International Insurance, AIG, Busch Gardens, Sea World, Walt Disney World, Graceland, Toomer's Corner, Travelers Insurance Company, Allstate Insurance Company, FCCI Insurance Group, Progressive Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, American Modern Insurance Company, Heritage Property & Casualty Insurance Company, Capital One, JP Morgan-Chase, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Tampa Aviation Authority, Bureau of State Liability Claims, Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere (HOPE VI), Westinghouse, Reynolds Aluminum, Chase Manhattan Bank, Taylor Woodrow, Blair Communities, Ryland Homes, Sembler, Walton Partners, Highwoods Properties, Trammell Crow, Trenam Kemker, Crescent Resources, U.S. Homes, Centex Rooney, McDonald's Corporation, Burger King Corporation, Beneficial Finance, Pritzker & Pritzker, Clear Channel, Sierra Development, D.R. Horton, KB Home, University of South Florida, University of Tampa, University of Florida, Eckerd College, Florida Outdoor Advertising Association, Clark Construction, RIPA Construction, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Steak and Shake, Division of Risk Management, Lennar Homes, American Institute of Architects, Florida Power & Light Company, Duke Energy, Banker Lopez Gassler, P.A., and numerous eminent domain professionals and attorneys (Pages 12 - 14).**

## **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- ◆ Arboreal and Horticultural Consulting
- ◆ Tree Preservation
- ◆ Expert Witness
- ◆ Complex Nursery, Tree Farm, Orchard, and Commercial Landscape Matters & Valuations

## PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2004 recipient of the Edward W. Bok Award – Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in the field of arboriculture
- 2013 recipient of the President’s Award – In recognition of outstanding meritorious service in advancing the principles, ideas, and practices of progressive arboriculture on behalf of the membership of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), Florida Chapter
- Retained as expert tree and landscape witness in more than 1000 litigation cases
- Appraised litigated matters of tree and landscape valuations over \$200 million
- Plaintiff/defendant representation approximately 50/50
- Toomer’s Corner, Auburn University (Alabama) - Retained by defendant’s attorney to assess damage and provide expert opinion on appraised value regarding the deliberate poisoning and valuation of historic oak trees at Auburn University’s Toomer’s Corner, by Harvey Updyke
- Sundance Mountain Resort (Utah) - Engaged by legal counsel representing Robert Redford’s Resort to investigate a personal injury claim involving a tree branch strike during descent on a ski lift
- Graceland Estate, Memphis (Tennessee) - Personal injury litigation representing defendants at Elvis Presley’s *Graceland*. Demonstrating scientific evidence that the plaintiff’s assertion of Sudden Branch Drop (SBD) could not be demonstrated, and the verbal presentation being relied upon by the recognized plaintiff’s authority had a disclaimer regarding SBD, which led to a defense summary judgment.
- Animal Kingdom Walt Disney World, Orlando (Florida) - Successful defense by introducing the concept of creeping normalcy in a personal injury matter regarding a failed newly installed palm tree
- Gallow Wine Family Estate (California) - Retained by insurance company for appraised value of casualty trees and amenity plants caused by wildfire
- Authored *Determining the Value of Roadside Vegetation, Rule Chapter 14-40, Florida Statutes, Florida Highway Beautification Act*, creating a new paradigm for appraising roadside vegetation, appeasing divergent opinions among the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Florida Outdoor Advertising Association (FOAA), and the Citizens for a Scenic Florida (Intellectual property©2002)
- Created and designed appraisal matrix successfully implemented in a class action multi-million-dollar jury award regarding the citrus canker eradication program, which removed over 34,000 citrus trees from private property owners
- Settled \$14 million product liability claim after deposition. Nursery claimed product damaged soil pH, but evidence showed inconsistent claims and identified separate product as cause of soil pH changes.
- Demonstrated in deposition that a fallen limb injuring the plaintiff was not the subject limb, despite eyewitness testimony and video of the incident
- Forensic discovery using dendrochronology, pathology, and entomology demonstrated that an urban tree that fell and killed a woman in 1995 had sustained structural damage in 1976
- Reduced a \$30 million tree nursery product liability damage claim to an undisclosed six-figure number by utilizing arboreal forensic discovery

- During deposition in personal injury matter, identified from incident photographs those portions of tree parts in alleged debris field that belonged to another species of palm tree
- During deposition in personal injury matter, demonstrated that tree failure was caused by a soil failure, not improper staking as alleged
- Demonstrated that a tree that fell and killed a woman was caused by improper architectural design by a person not named in the suit
- Using forensic diagnostics to formulate expert opinion as to the cause of previously felled and removed trees, provided the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) with scientific evidence needed to convict defendant of vandalism
- Successfully demonstrated via mediation that an area of taking, representing 8% of total plant nursery business, would render the loss of the entire business
- Successfully demonstrated via mediation in a business damage valuation case that an area of taking, representing 28% of the nursery area, would not render the nursery operation a loss
- During deposition in a wrongful death case, a tree that was purported to have been pruned three years prior had not been pruned at the time indicated
- In an inverse condemnation matter, photographic evidence demonstrated that \$1 million in tree losses was not caused by flooding
- In a wrongful death matter, demonstrated three years in the after situation that the subject tree was, in fact, large enough to hold a hunting stand according to the manufacturer's label
- Formulated a research-backed appraisal opinion for a stand of Grand Oak trees, which withstood vigorous cross-examination from a condemning authority and resulted in the decision to vacate the order of taking for three contiguous parcels
- As Consulting Arborist, mediated a dispute between the City of Tampa, Florida, and the University of Tampa by transplanting two Grand Oak trees, weighing over 500 tons, from a proposed building site to an on-campus location
- Selected as featured presenter on tree assessment and appraisal methodologies at six International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Annual Conferences
- Reduced tree assessment from \$3.2 million to \$193,000 by understanding and interpreting nuances in tree ordinance language
- Reduced tree assessment from \$346,000 to \$19,000 with expert knowledge of tree species
- Provided horticultural consulting to Best of Show winner in the \$2.5 million category for the Tampa Bay Parade of Homes
- Approved Instructor for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and Certification Training:
  - ◆ Continuing Legal Education (CLE)
  - ◆ Members of the Appraisal Institute
  - ◆ Department of Insurance
  - ◆ Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board
  - ◆ Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
  - ◆ Contractors and Builders Association (Construction Industry Licensing Board)
  - ◆ Community Associations Institute (CAI)
  - ◆ Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association (FNGLA)
  - ◆ Certified Arborist Training Program - International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)

- ◆ American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)
- ◆ American Institute of Architects (AIA)
- ◆ American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA)
- ◆ Society of Professional Engineers
- ◆ Registered Landscape Architects
- Arborist Licensure Committee Chair for International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), Florida Chapter, 2005 – 2010
- Education Chair and programs facilitator for International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), Florida Chapter, 2002 – 2005
- Consulting Arborist Representative to International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), Florida Chapter, Board of Directors, 2002 – 2007
- ISA Certified Arborist Advanced Training in Roadside Vegetation Management
- Soil Sciences, Fertilizers and Fertilization for Florida's Botanical Gardens (2001)
- Developed and facilitated a Public Broadcast System (PBS) televised video in cooperation with the University of Florida IFAS on the American National Standards Institute (ANSI-A300), "Fertilization Standards"
- Successfully reduced tree assessment for developer from \$1.7 million to \$100,000, utilizing state-of-the-art technology to prove "value" of off-site trees. As developer's arboreal spokesperson, presented this irrefutable diagnostic data to city council, mayor, and city and county foresters
- Managed certification, continuing education units, and International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) tree education seminars for all ISA members in Florida (1997)
- Obtained permit approval for developer whose expansion project had been halted due to community concern over "specimen trees" in development's pathway. Through uncontestable data, was able to prove that the trees in question were diseased, and perceived value was thus scientifically refuted
- Led landscape restoration and maintenance for 3500 condominium units abandoned during the recession of 1972-1974. Contracted for 6-year period by several banks and investment firms to revitalize the properties. This accomplishment showcased mastery of:
  - ◆ In-depth understanding of various species of turf grasses that were renovated from an unmarketable condition to highly marketable
  - ◆ Soil sciences, fertilizers, and fertilization
  - ◆ In-depth knowledge of pesticides, including herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and nematicides
  - ◆ Specific knowledge of plant species' cultural requirements

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

- Numerous distance-learning seminar development programs and classroom seminars accredited for continuing education by the State of Florida, Florida Nursery, Growers, and Landscape Association, and the International Society of Arboriculture

- Current continuing education by the University of Florida, International Society of Arboriculture, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and American Society of Consulting Arborists

## CERTIFICATION/LICENSES

- **Certified Arborist # SO-0408A** – International Society of Arboriculture
- **TRAQ** – Tree Risk Assessment Qualified
- **Certified Pest Control Operator # 7774** - Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Entomology, State of Florida. Diagnostics and application of restricted-use pesticides pursuant to Chapter 482 of the Florida Statutes.
- **PPQ** – Prescription Pruning Qualification

## AFFILIATIONS

- **Association of Eminent Domain Professionals (AEDP)**
  - ◆ President, 1999, 2015, 2016
  - ◆ Vice President, 2014
  - ◆ Vice President and Education Chair, 1998
  - ◆ Board of Directors, 1995 – 1997
- **American Society of Consulting Arborists**
- **International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), Florida Chapter**
  - ◆ Awards Committee Chair, 2011 – 2019
  - ◆ Education Committee, 2010 – 2011
  - ◆ Arborist Licensure Committee Chair, 2005 – 2010
  - ◆ Co-chair for Semi-Annual Field Days Education Programs, 2008
  - ◆ Consulting Arborist Representative, 2002 – 2007
  - ◆ Education Committee Chair, 2002 – 2005
  - ◆ International Tree Appraisal Committee, 2002, 2003
  - ◆ Education Committee, 2000 – 2002
  - ◆ Education Publications – International Committee, 1998 – 1999
  - ◆ Florida Chapter President, 1997
  - ◆ Founding President of Florida Chapter, 1996
  - ◆ Funeral and Cemetery Alliance (FCA)
  - ◆ Pinellas County Urban Forestry Council, Chairperson, 1995

## GUEST LECTURE

- **University of North Carolina and the Urban Forest Council**, 2023 Southeast Trees and The Law Symposium, “Trees and the Law,” Virtual, Zoom (2023)
- **33rd Greeley Tree Care Workshop**, “Basic Duty, Neighbor Law, Case Law Examples” and “Colorado Case Law, Neighbor Disputes,” Virtual, Zoom (2023)

- **Alabama A&M and Auburn University Extension Trees and Law Workshop**, “Guide to Neighbor Law & Negligence” and “Succeeding as an Expert Witness,” Birmingham, Alabama (2022)
- **University of Florida IFAS Roots to Shoots 2021 Virtual Conference**, “The Worst Case Law Ever for Trees,” Virtual, Zoom (2021)
- **Southeast Trees and Law Symposium**, “ANSI A300 Courtrooms and You,” Raleigh, North Carolina (2020)
- **Southeast Trees and Law Symposium**, “Navigating the Complexities of Neighborhood Tree Law,” Raleigh, North Carolina (2020)
- **University of Florida IFAS Roots to Shoots**, “Who Owns That Tree,” Clearwater, Florida (2020)
- **Florida Native Plant Show**, “ANSI for Tree and Shrub Care: What You Need to Know,” West Palm Beach, Florida (2019)
- **Alabama Urban Forestry Conference**, “Neighbor Law,” and “ANSI A300 Standards,” Orange Beach, Alabama (2019)
- **ISA International Annual Conference**, “ANSI: Unread Categories and Flowcharts to Disaster,” Knoxville, Tennessee (2019)
- **ISA Southern Chapter Annual Conference**, “Trees and the Law,” Mobile, Alabama (2019)
- **FNGLA, Trees On the Go**, “Secure Your Business,” Zolfo Springs, Florida (2018)
- **FANN Annual Conference**, “Grades & Standards: Trees,” Bradenton, Florida (2018)
- **ISA International Annual Conference**, “Fertilizers and Fertilization,” Columbus, Ohio (2018)
- **Florida Native Plant Society Annual Conference**, “Fertilizers and Fertilization,” Miami, Florida (2018)
- **ISA International Annual Conference**, “Appraising the Tree that Provides the Lost Forest Functions,” Washington, D.C. (2017)
- **Florida Chapter, ISA**, Annual Conference, “Appraising the Tree that Provides the Lost Forest Functions,” Palm Coast, Florida (2017)
- **Florida Chapter, ISA**, Landscape Short Course, “Appraising the Tree that Provides the Lost Forest Functions,” Plant City, Florida (2017)
- **Florida Chapter, ASLA**, Annual Conference, “Advanced Building Code: Wind and Trees,” Boca Raton, Florida (2017)
- **Florida Chapter, ASLA**, Annual Conference, “Advanced Florida Building Code: Site Requirements,” Jacksonville, Florida (2016)
- **Florida Chapter, ASLA**, Annual Conference, “Specifying Your Way Into Court: Utilizing Your Landscape Notes,” Jacksonville, Florida (2016)
- **Trees Florida**, Florida Chapter ISA, Delray Beach, Florida (2016)
- **Florida Native Plant Show, FANN**, “Advanced Building Code: Avoiding the Lawyers’ Food Chain,” Kissimmee, Florida (2016)
- **Tree Appraisal Workshop**, Florida Chapter ISA, “Killer Trees and Negligence,” Tallahassee, Florida (2016)
- **Distance Learn Pro**, Last Chance Seminar, “Advanced Florida Building Code,” Orlando, Tampa, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2015)

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- **Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association**, Knowledge College, Orlando, Florida (2015)
  - **International Society of Arboriculture**, International Conference, Tree Academy, Orlando, Florida (2015)
  - **Florida Chapter, ASLA**, Annual Conference, “Advanced Building Code: Wind and Trees,” Orlando, Florida (2015)
  - **Florida Chapter, ISA**, Tree Appraisal Workshop, “ABCs of Appraising Trees,” Orlando and Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2014)
  - **Florida Chapter, ISA**, Tree Appraisal Workshop, “Making Your Opinion Stick,” Orlando and Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2014)
  - **IFAS Extension University of Florida, Pinellas County**, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Roots to Shoots, “What ANSI Standards and Best Management Practices Actually Mean When Fulfilling a Tree Work Assignment” (2014)
  - **Florida Chapter, ISA**, Mature Tree Care From A to Z, “The Baranoff Oak – Preserving Legacy Trees”, Tallahassee and Miami, Florida, (2013)
  - **Florida Chapter, ISA**, “Trees and the Law: Making Your Opinion Stick,” Orlando and Tampa, Florida (2013)
  - **Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (FLASLA)**, 2013 Annual Conference & Expo, “Eminent Domain: A New Revenue Source” (2013)
  - **Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (FLASLA)**, 2013 Annual Conference & Expo, “Building Code: Wind and Trees” (2013)
  - **Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (FLASLA)**, 2013 Annual Conference & Expo, “Grades and Standards: Palms and Cycads” (2013)
  - **Florida Chapter, ISA**, “Roots to Shoots: Urban Trees and Fertility,” Orlando and Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2012)
  - **Florida Chapter, ISA**, Annual Conference, *Trees Florida* Tree Academy, “All I Did Was a Tree Risk Assessment...and Now I’m Getting Sued?!” (2012)
  - **Florida Chapter, ISA**, Annual Conference, *Trees Florida* Tree Academy, “Death by Deposition” (2012)
  - **Florida Chapter, ISA**, Annual Conference, *Trees Florida* Tree Academy, “Testing Your Tree Diagnostic Skills” (2012)
  - **Hillsborough County Bar Association – Eminent Domain Sections**, “Overview of Tree Valuations in Eminent Domain Cases” (2011)
  - **Eminent Domain Direct and Inverse Condemnation in Florida**, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, “Appraising Trees, Plants and Other Green Stuff” (2011)
  - **Florida Chapter, ISA**, Tree Appraisal Workshop (2011)
  - **Florida Chapter, ISA**, Annual Conference, *Trees Florida* Tree Academy (2011)
  - **Florida Chapter, ISA**, “Trees and the Law” (2011)

- **Florida Chapter, ISA**, Annual Conference, *Trees Florida* Tree Academy, “The Verdict Is In – Arborists and the Law” (2009)
- **Rimkus Consulting Group, Inc.**, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Continuing Education Seminar, “Plants & Trees: The Ultimate Test of Value” (2008)
- **Rimkus Consulting Group, Inc.**, Continuing Education Course, “Plants & Trees: The Ultimate Test of Value” (2008)
- **Association of Eminent Domain Professionals (AEDP)**, Winter Conference, “Florida Case Law on Trees” (2008)
- **Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (FLASLA)**, 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, “Avoiding the Lawyers’ Food Chain” (2007)
- **Florida Chapter, ISA** “Tree Appraisal Theory and Practice, Art and Science: A Different Perspective” (2007)
- **Tree Care Industry Association, Inc. (TCIA) EXPO**, “Wrongful Death, Personal Injury, and Court Decisions” (2007)
- **Florida Engineering Society/Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers (FES/FICE)**, “Green with Envy” (2007)
- **Florida Chapter, ISA Workshop**, “Tree Risk Assessment” (2007)
- **Cherry Lake Tree Farms**, “Avoiding the Lawyers’ Food Chain” (2007)
- **Florida Vegetation Management (FVMA)**, “Trees and the Law” (2007)
- **Brooker Creek Preserve**, “ANSI A300 (Part 5) — Management of Trees and Shrubs During Site Planning, Site Development, and Construction” (2006)
- **Florida Chapter, ISA Coast Series Seminars**, “Trees and the Law” (2006)
- **Funeral and Cemetery Alliance (FCA)**, Fall Maintenance & Equipment Rodeo, “Everything You Need to Know About Trees” (2006)
- **Funeral and Cemetery Alliance (FCA)**, Annual Convention, “Everyone Wants to be Buried Under a Tree!” (2006)
- **Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA)**, The Great Southern Tree Conference, “Trees and The Law” (2005)
- **New Jersey Shade Tree Federation** 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, “Wrongful Death, Personal Injuries & Trees” and “Politics of Saving Trees” (2005)
- **American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)**, Annual Meeting & Expo, “Avoiding the Lawyers’ Food Chain,” sponsored by Cherry Lake Tree Farms (2005)
- **Environmental Management Conference (FDOT)**, “Planning to Preserve Trees During Project Design and Construction” (2005)
- **Cherry Lake Tree Farms**, “Avoiding the Lawyers’ Food Chain” (2005)
- **International Society of Arboriculture**, National Convention, “Your Appraisal Opinion: Beyond the Formulas” (2005)
- **International Society of Arboriculture**, Florida Chapter, “Trees and Hurricanes,” “Preventive and Reactive Strategies,” and “Whose Tree is That?” (2005)

- **International Society of Arboriculture**, Florida Chapter, 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference and Trade Show, “Responding to Storms,” Nashville, Tennessee (2005)
- **International Society of Arboriculture**, Florida Chapter, Annual Conference, *Trees Florida*, Tree Academy, “The Year of the Hurricane” (2005)
- **City of Ocala**, Trees and Construction Workshop, “The Politics of Trees” (2005)
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)**, Spring Conference, “Determining the Value of Roadside Vegetation and Actual Case Studies” (2005)
- **Florida Association of American Institute of Architects**, “Saving the Unusual Tree,” Palm Beach and Tampa, Florida (2005)
- **International Society of Arboriculture**, Florida Chapter, Hazard Tree Workshop, “Legal Implications of Hazard Trees in Our Urban Forests” (2005)
- **International Society of Arboriculture**, Florida Chapter, “Tree Ordinances by Design Workshop” and “Tree Ordinances and Legal Horror Stories” (2005)
- **City of Key West**, “The Ultimate Test of Value,” Guest Speaker (2005)
- **International Society of Arboriculture**, Florida Chapter, Annual Conference, *Trees Florida* Tree Academy, “Hazard Trees” (2004)
- **Florida Outdoor Advertising Association (FOAA)**, Annual Conference, “Vegetation Management: Success Stories” (2004)
- **City of Tampa, Florida, and University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)**, “Tree Ordinances: Constructing Spaces for Trees” (2004)
- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers (FICE) Design Conference**, “What Trees Need to Survive” (2004)
- **American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)**, Florida Chapter, series of presentations including “Tree Appraisals” and “Successful Compliance With Tree Ordinances,” sponsored by Cherry Lake Tree Farms (2004)
- **Association of Eminent Domain Professionals (AEDP)**, “Nursery Appraisals...The Good, the Bad & the Ugly” and “Business Valuations of Nursery Trees” (2004)
- **Hernando County Government and University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)**, “Tree Ordinances – A Partnership in Learning” (2004)
- **New Jersey Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture**, Annual Conference, “Tree Assessments and Valuations” (2004)
- **Rutgers University – Arboreal Curriculum**, “Tree Appraisals” (2004)
- **American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)**, Florida Chapter, Annual Conference, Guest Speaker (2003)
- **International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)**, “Legal Stories From Trees”; abstract selected for annual conference in Montreal, Canada (2003)
- **International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)**, Florida Chapter, Annual Conference, *Trees Florida*, Tree Academy, “The Ultimate Test of Value” (2003)

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- **University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)**, “Dead Trees Do Talk” (2003)
  - **American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)**, Florida Chapter, Series of six presentations including “Tree Appraisals” and “Successful Compliance With Tree Ordinances,” sponsored by Cherry Lake Tree Farms (2003)
  - **Arboricultural Research and Education Academy (AREA), International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)**, “Determining the Value of Roadside Vegetation”; abstract selected for Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington (2002)
  - **International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)**, Florida Chapter, Annual Conference *Tree Academy*, “Hazard Tree Appraisals” (2001)
  - **Association of Eminent Domain Professionals (AEDP)**, “Rule Chapter 14-40 – Highway Beautification and Landscape Management – Mitigation Value of Roadside Vegetation” (2001)
  - **University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)**, Public Broadcast Television, “American National Standards Institute (ANSI – A300, Part 2) Fertilization Standards” (2001)
  - **Florida Outdoor Advertising Association (FOAA)**, Annual Conference, “Determining the Value of Roadside Vegetation” (2000)
  - **International Society of Arboriculture**, Florida Chapter, Annual Conference, *Tree Academy*, “Guide to Plant Appraisal, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition” (2000)
  - **Cherry Lake Tree Farms**, Annual Conference for Landscape Architects (Keynote Speaker), “Research-Backed Planting Specifications” (2000)
  - **University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)**, Annual tree seminar, “Professional Arboreal Updates” (2000)
  - **Association of Eminent Domain Professionals (AEDP)**, “Methodology and Valuations of Tree Appraisals” (2000)
  - **National Arbor Day Foundation**, Annual Conference, “Trees, People and the Law” (2000)
  - **International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)**, Florida Chapter, Annual Conference, “Tree Academy” and “Tree Appraisals” (1998 & 1999)
  - **Arboricultural Research and Education Academy (AREA), International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)**, “Tree Appraisals: Methodologies vs. Case Law” (in absentia); abstract selected for annual conference in Birmingham, England (1998)
  - **University of Florida**, Southeast Pest Management Conference (1998)
  - **International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)**, Florida Chapter, Third Annual Suncoast Tree Seminar, “Neighbor Law” (1998)
  - **International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)**, Florida Chapter, Gold Coast Tree Seminar, “Tree Appraisals” (1997)
  - **Contractors & Builders Association**, Annual Conference, “Appraising Trees” (1996 & 1997)

- **University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)**, Pesticide Training Program, “Reducing Irrigation Requirements in the Landscape” (1995)
- **International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)**, Certified Arborists Training Program (1995 & 1996)
- **Appraisal Institute**, “Landscape Appraisals” (1995)

## **PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES**

- **Tree Care Industry Magazine**, “Look Before You Leap: Understanding Negligence in Arboriculture” (2010)
- **Community Associations Institute (CAI)**, State Convention, “Will Your Landscape Survive the ‘90s?” (1994)
- **National Community Associations Institute**, “Horticulture in the 1990s” (1994)
- **University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)**, “Integrated Pest Management” and “Implementing IPM Programs” (1993)
- **Pasco Builders Association**, “Florida Lawns” (1989)
- **National Association of Home Builders**, State Convention, “Diagnosing and Reversing the Decline of Landscapes” (1988)
- **Building Barometer**, Builders Association of Greater Tampa Bay, Guest columnist on landscape issues
- **Bayline Magazine**, Bay Area Apartment Association, Guest columnist on landscape issues
- **Gulf Coast News**, Southwest Florida Apartment Association, Guest columnist on landscape issues
- **Tree Care Industry Magazine**, Article on night lighting in the landscape
- **Community Living of Florida**, Community Associations Institute, Guest columnist on landscape issues
- **The Lawn & Landscape Marketplace**, Educational articles on arboreal and horticultural issues
- **Pinellas County Review**, News article on forensic testimony

## **SEMINARS FACILITATED**

- **Last Chance Seminar**, Distance Learn Pro; Tampa, Orlando, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2015)
- **Last Chance Seminar**, Distance Learn Pro, Orlando and Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2013)
- **What You Need, When You Need It**, Distance Learn Pro; Tampa, Orlando, and West Palm Beach, Florida (2011)
- **Landscape Architect Education 2010**, Distance Learn Pro, Orlando and Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2010)
- **What You Need, When You Need It**, Expert Tree Consultants (ETC) Samnik Seminars; Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, and Jacksonville, Florida (2009)

- **“Forever Green Trees: Our Vanishing Urban Forests – The Summit at Little Harbor,”** ETC Samnik Seminars, Pinellas County School System, Pinellas Technical Education Center (PTEC), and Hillsborough Community College (2009)
- **“Fall 2008 Tree & Landscape Education,”** ETC Samnik Seminars and Pinellas County School System, Pinellas Technical Education Center (PTEC) (2008)
- **“Appraising Trees & Plants – The Ultimate Test of Value,”** ETC Samnik Seminars (2008)
- **“Dead Trees Do Talk,”** ETC Samnik Seminars (2008)
- **“The Court and Juries on Hazard Trees,”** ETC Samnik Seminars (2008)
- **“The Tree Academy – Research Updates for Florida Arborists,”** ETC Samnik Seminars and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) (2007)
- **“The Legends of Turfgrass and Ornamentals,”** ETC Samnik Seminars and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) (2007)
- **“Your Town – Landscape Ordinances,”** University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS); American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Florida Chapter; and Accelerator Growers Association (2000)
- **“The Legends of Turfgrass and Ornamentals,”** University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), Office of Entomology, Department of Agricultural & Consumer Services (DACS) (1999)
- **“Tree Appraisal Methodologies,”** Appraisal Institute, West Coast Chapter (1996)
- **“How to Talk to Regulatory Agencies,”** Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Tampa, Florida (1994)
- **“Will Your Landscape Survive the ‘90s?”** Tri-County Condominium and Apartment Association, Clearwater, Florida (1992)
- **“The ABCs of Saving Trees,”** Builders and developers of the greater Tampa Bay area, New Port Richey, Florida (1989)

### **EXPERT WITNESS LITIGATION CLIENTELE (PARTIAL LISTING)**

Akerman Senterfitt;  
 Altis Cardinal;  
 Ansbacher Law;  
 Ayres, Cluster, McCall, Collins & Fuller, P.A.;  
 Bales Weinstein;  
 Boardman & Spiller;  
 Boone, Boone, Boone, Hines & Koda, P.A.;  
 Boyd, Schmidt & Brannum;  
 Bricklemeyer, Smolker, & Bolves, P.A.;  
 Broad and Cassel;  
 Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C;  
 Capito & Polk;  
 Carlson, Meissner, Hart & Hayslett, P.A.;

Carmine D. Gigliotti;  
 Clawson & Staubes;  
 Clayton, Johnston, Quincey, Ireland, Felder & Gadd;  
 Conroy, Simberg, Ganon, Krevans & Abel;  
 Cole Scott & Kissane, P.A.;  
 Crawford, Owen & Hines, P.A.;  
 Dan Newlin Injury Attorneys;  
 de la Parte, Gilbert, McNamara & Caldevilla, P.A.;  
 Earle & Patchen, P.A.;  
 English, McCaughan & O’Bryan, P.A.;  
 Farah & Farah;

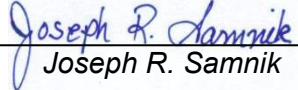
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Florida Department of Transportation;  
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Counsel;  
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