

RCA

REGISTERED
CONSULTING
ARBORIST

“When you see ‘RCA’, there’s no question. You know you’ve got one of the industry’s best on your team.”



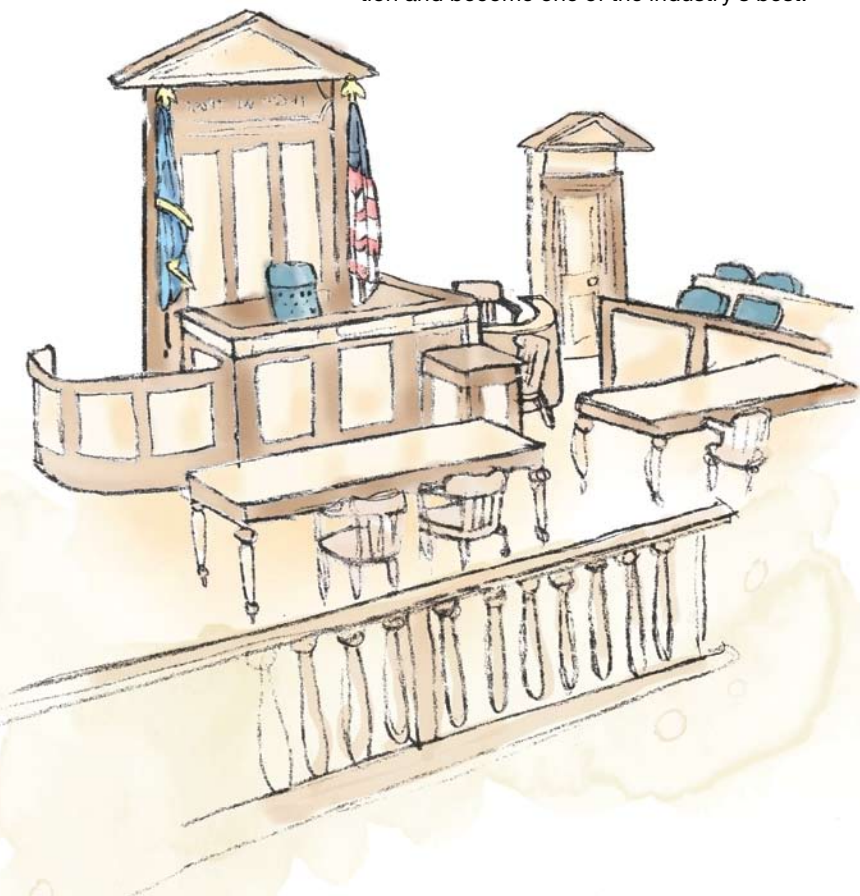
The Consultant's Consultant

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CONSULTING ARBORISTS

Take your career to the next level

As a Registered Consulting Arborist (RCA), join other ASCA members who have taken their careers to the next level. By achieving RCA status, arboriculture's highest-level professional designation, you will demonstrate a high level of expertise.

In addition to meeting both the education and experience requirements of membership, Registered Consulting Arborists have graduated from ASCA's Consulting Academy, met additional CEU requirements, and have had two additional consulting reports successfully reviewed. Join fellow ASCA members who have achieved their RCA designation and become one of the industry's best.



Steps to become an RCA

1

ASCA Membership

You must be an ASCA member to become an RCA. This means you have completed an ASCA membership application, have met the experience and education requirements and paid dues and the application fee.

2

Graduation from ASCA's Consulting Academy

As an ASCA member, the first step to becoming a Registered Consulting Arborist is to attend, and graduate from, ASCA's Consulting Academy, which is held annually. The curriculum includes:

- Technical Writing & Report Preparation
- Consulting Ethics
- Oral Communications
- Dispute Resolution
- Forensics

To graduate from the Academy, you must attend, pass the exam, have completed and passed the Post-Academy Report. Graduating from the Academy is a pre-requisite for *applying* to become a Registered Consulting Arborist.

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Continuing Education Requirements

You must have 420 ASCA CEUs to meet the continuing education requirement.

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Application Process

You will need to submit documentation showing that you meet the continuing education requirement. In addition to completing the application and payment of the \$100 RCA application fee, the application package **MUST** include the following items:

- Original Transcript—from the last educational institution attended
- Curriculum Vitae—detailed listing of consultation & educational activities
- Itemized list of CEU events—for reference, refer to the list on the back page, for approved CEU credits

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RCA Scenario Report

Once the ASCA office has received your completed RCA application and fee, you will receive, via email, an RCA Scenario. You must submit your report based on this scenario. This report is not to be confused with the Post-Academy Report. This is your second report.

When you have completed the RCA Scenario Report, send three (3) bound copies to the ASCA office. A report review fee of \$100 must accompany your report.*

**NOTE: A report review fee of \$100 must accompany each subsequent report, should the prior submission not pass the review process.*

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Original Report

Upon successful review of your RCA Scenario Report, you will be eligible to submit an original report. This is the third report and should not be confused with the Post-Academy Report or the RCA Scenario Report. This should be one of your own reports. The report should be completely anonymous. It should not contain any references to you or your firm. When you have completed this report, send three (3) bound copies to the ASCA office. A report review fee of \$100 must accompany your report.*

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Approved CEU credits

A minimum of 420 approved continuing education units are required for RCA status. *NOTE: one (1) ISA CEU equals one (1) ASCA CEU. You can also use the following ASCA approved CEUs:*

Formal Education

Closely related four-year degree	300 CEUs
Non-related four-year degree	180 CEUs
Closely related two-year degree	120 CEUs
Non-related two-year degree	60 CEUs

ISA Certification

BCMA	300 CEUs
Certified Arborist	60 CEUs

Continuing Education

ASCA Consulting Academy	30 CEUs
ASCA Annual Meeting	20 CEUs
Completion of a formal continuing adult education course in arboriculture (<i>approved by ASCA</i>)	15 CEUs
ISA Annual Meeting	12 CEUs
TCIA Annual Meeting	12 CEUs
ASCA workshop or sponsored meeting	10 CEUs
Other national arboricultural meetings (<i>National Urban Forest Conference, Menninger Sunbelt Tree Conference, Pacific Ornamental Tree Conference, National Urban Tree Symposium, etc.</i>)	10 CEUs
ISA or TCIA functions on a chapter or regional basis	7 CEUs
Related subject matter conferences (<i>Expert Witness Conference, American Society of Appraisers, etc.</i>)	7 CEUs
Authoring an arboricultural-related article in a refereed professional journal	7 CEUs
Completion of a home-study course related to arboriculture (<i>approved by ASCA</i>)	7 CEUs
Other regional or state arboricultural meetings (<i>State Urban Forestry Council, etc.</i>)	5 CEUs
Speaking at a bona fide arboricultural meeting (<i>NOTE: May be added to an authorized credit for attendance</i>)	5 CEUs max of 30
Authoring an arboricultural related article in a non-refereed publication	5 CEUs max of 30
Local arboricultural meeting sponsored by public or private entity (<i>Cooperative Extension, local government, private consultant or firm, etc.</i>)	5 CEUs max of 30
Authoring regular news column or host of a radio or TV program (<i>arboriculture only</i>)	3 CEUs
Online Seminar [<i>per seminar</i>]	1 CEUs

RCA Application

1 Affidavit

I have the necessary continuing education requirements:

- I have obtained 420 ASCA CEUs
- I have completed the ASCA Consulting Academy _____ Year

Signature _____ Date _____

2 RCA Application Check List

I have met/included the following:

- ASCA Member
- RCA Application
- Documentation of CEUs
- Original Transcript
- Curriculum Vitae
- RCA Application Fee Payment

APPLICATION FEE \$100

Please make all payments to ASCA in U.S. funds only or by MasterCard or VISA. No purchase orders will be accepted.

3 Payment Information

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

- Check (*made payable to ASCA - US funds only*)
- MasterCard VISA

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Name on Card _____

Billing Address _____

Signature _____

Complete this application with your documentation and application fee and send to:

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