

MICHAEL SOLAKIAN, CPA, Managing Member

EXPERIENCE

- Over 30 years of general public accounting experience, which includes specialized audit and accounting training while employed with the international accounting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick; founded Solakian, Caiafa & Company LLC in 1992 with fellow partner Paul Caiafa
- Has extensive experience serving Not-for-Profit organizations, including Voluntary Health and Welfare, OMB-133 Organizations (both Federal and State Single Audit), Credit Unions, and Common Interest Realty Associations
- Has served clients of all sizes in such industries as general and high-tech manufacturing, retail sales, distribution and real estate businesses
- Is an experienced and qualified Peer Reviewer in the AICPA Peer Review Program, and has served on both the AICPA and CSCPA Peer Review Committees

EDUCATION

- **Graduated from Notre Dame High School in West Haven**
- **Graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Financial Accounting from University of New Haven**

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- **Certified Public Accountant**
- **Member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)**
- **Member of Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA)**
- **Qualified reviewer in the AICPA Peer Review Program since 1990 and has performed over 500 reviews**
- **Chair of Standards Task Force as a member of AICPA Peer Review Board (2000-2002) and former Chairman of CSCPA Peer Review Committee (1998-2000); member of CSCPA Committee since 1991 and currently serving a second term on the AICPA Peer Review Board**
- **Board of Governors of CSCPA from 2003-2005, and Chair of Audit Committee and member of Nominating Committee**
- **Served on AICPA CPE Advisory Committee from 2006-2007**

COMMUNITY/CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- **President and Board member of Sarah Seneca Residential Services-Branford**
- **President and Board member of Advanced Behavioral Health-managed care facility in Middletown, CT**
- **Past Member of the Board of Corporators of Guilford Savings Bank**
- **Past President and member of the Board of Directors – Branford, CT Rotary Club**
- **Past president of East Haven, CT Rotary Club**
- **Awarded Paul Harris Fellow, highest recognition of Rotary Service Above Self**
- **Treasurer of the Branford Annual Festival from 1996-2010**
- **Member of the CT Association of Non Profits**
- **Former Chairman of North Branford Zoning Board of Appeals**
- **Former Campaign Treasurer for State Representative Robert Ward**
- **Advisor to the Board of Directors of Kids for Kids - Dancing for Life, Inc.**
- **Member of New Haven and Branford Chambers of Commerce**
- **Former President and Founding Member of North Branford Chamber of Commerce**
- **Past Member of Regional Economic Development Committee of South Central CT**
- **Participant in past White House Small Business Conferences**
- **Coach of various youth sports teams**