

MICHAEL SOLAKIAN, CPA, Managing Member

EXPERIENCE

- Approximately 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 the CSCPA Peer Review Committee and served on the AICPA Peer Review Board

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 system, engagement and report 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 Committee since 1991
- Board of Governors of CSCPA from 2003-2005, and Chair of Audit Committee and member of Nominating Committee
- Currently serving on AICPA CPE Advisory Committee

COMMUNITY/CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- **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**
- **Vice President and Board member of Sarah Seneca Residential Services-Branford**
- **Board member of Advanced Behavioral Health-managed care facility in Middletown, CT**
- **Member of the Board of Corporators of Guilford Savings Bank**
- **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**