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John M. Leask II, (Mac), a Certified Public Accountant Accredited in Business Valuation (CPA/ABV), a Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA), is Manager and President of John M. Leask II CPA, LLC, a CPA firm specializing in business valuation services. He is licensed to practice accounting in both Connecticut and New York.



Mac served as managing partner of Leask & Leask PC for over 25 years. While a principal in Leask and Leask he served initially as Director of Accounting and Audit services then as its Director of Business Valuation and Consulting Services. After Leask and Leask's merger with BlumShapiro, Mac formed John M. Leask II CPA, LLC, to exclusively provide Business Valuation and valuation related services free of Sarbanes-Oxley based issues with clients.

In addition to the ABV designation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Mac holds the CVA designation from the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA) and is a member of both organizations. He has valued between 20 and 50 businesses each year for over two decades. He has advised both buyers and sellers on the value of their business, assisted with due diligence, and has helped them structure the sale or purchase. In addition he has assisted businesses in succession planning and devising buy/sell agreements. Mac also values businesses for plaintiffs and defendants in litigation matters including business disputes, divorces, and other litigation. Mac has valued businesses for federal tax purposes including estates, gift tax returns, and asset allocation. He has served on the Business Valuation Committee of CPA Associates International and on the board of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts. He serves on the Editorial Advisory Board for "Viewpoint on Value," a newsletter published by Chicago-based PDI Global.

Over the years Mac has presented business valuation, marketing, managerial, costing, customer service, process improvement, and total quality management (TQM) seminars and served on panels for various organizations. They include the Association for Accounting Marketing (AAM), Associates for Accounting Administration (AAA), the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA), the Administrators and Office Managers Association of Connecticut (AOMAC), the Law Economics and Family Law Committees of the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA), the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA), The

Connecticut Quality Council (CQC), The National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts-Connecticut Chapter (NACVA-CT), The Practice Development Institute (PDI), and various state and national associations for CPAs over the years. Over the years he has lectured for SCORE, Fairfield University, and various Chambers of Commerce and Rotary Clubs throughout Connecticut. Topics have included: "Business Valuation", "Buying and/or Selling a Business", "Total Quality Management", "Relationship Marketing", "Activity Based Costing", "Strategic Planning", "Professional Firm Marketing", "Organization and Operations of a Small Business", "Sales Tax Issues", and "Improving Your Cash Flow". In November, 2003, Mac taught a course called "Business Valuations in Divorce: Understanding Theory, Case Law and Key Issues" with attorney Louise Truax that was sponsored by the CT Bar Institute Inc. and for which attendees were awarded Continuing Legal Education credit. They presented a shortened version for NACVA-CT in 2005.

In the past, Mac has authored an article on valuing a medical practice entitled "Valuing A Medical Practice" and on total quality management, including: "Total Quality = Greater Profits" for the Connecticut Quality Council; "Our Firm Made Quality Pay" for the Practice Development Institute; "Rethinking Quality" for the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants; various articles on customer service and quality management for CPA Firm Profitability and Quality Client Service, where he was named a contributing editor in October, 1993. Other articles he has written include "What Do I Do if the State Decides to Audit Me" (Bridgeport Regional Business Council's Progress Report) and "Interstate Sales and Small Business - The Potential for Unforeseen Tax Liabilities" (Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountant's CPA Quarterly).

Mac has combined practical experience with vision to develop marketing plans, seminars, and slide presentations. His management and marketing seminars have been given to the business community, accounting and legal profession and to not-for-profit and educational organizations throughout the area.

A magna cum laude graduate, Mac earned his B.S. degree from Bryant College (Rhode Island). He has been listed in both Who's Who in the East and Who's Who in the World. He has served as an adjunct professor at Fairfield University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA). He has served as a member of the Management of an Accounting Practice Committee and the Continuing Professional Education Committee of CSCPA and as co-chairman of the society's (Management of An Accounting Practice) conference. He received his training as a facilitator in Total Quality Management (TQM) from Steffen & Steffen Associates (Steffen), Inc. (Danbury, Connecticut). Upon completion, he became licensed to by Steffen to facilitate TQM training. He received additional facilitator training from Robert Dilisa Consulting Associates.

Mac has also found time to be active in community service. Mac, a Fairfield Rotarian since 1975, was Club President in 1989-90 when the Club earned its Two Star Presidential Citation from Rotary International as one of the top ten Clubs in his zone. For his outstanding contributions to the ideals of Rotary and his community service, he was awarded the Paul Harris Community Service Award in March 1989 by the Fairfield Rotary Club. As part of the award he

was made a Paul Harris Fellow. Jim Cooper presented him with a Sapphire in 1995 for his continued service to the District during 1994-1995 as did Ellen Mandes in 1998. Pam Akins presented him with his second ruby in 2005. Mac is proudest of the many Paul Harris recognitions he has earned for his personal contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Mac was Rotary District 7980 Governor during 1995-1996. Mac served the District in many capacities. He was District 7980 trainer for DG Ellen Mandes (1998-99), for DG Win Allen (2000-2001), and for DG Pamela Akins (2004-05). He served as Rotary District 7980 Foundation Chair for the first time 1990-93. He also served as District 7980 Foundation Chair a second time from 2005-2008. Mac was asked to serve a third time as District 7980 Foundation Chair from 2010-13. Mac has served as a Presidents' Representative, Trustees' Representative, and has been a frequent speaker and discussion leader at various Club, Single District, and Multi District Assemblies, various District and Zone conferences, Foundation seminars, and other Rotary events. Mac has served as a Trustee Representative at a Multi-District PETS and as a President's Representative at District conferences. He served as one of Trustee Chair Jonathan Majjiyagbe's 29 Foundation Ambassadors worldwide.

Mac was Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (2002-2004) for Zone 31, National Adviser in Zone 31 (1999-2002), Annual Fund Strategic Advisor (2004-06). In 1998 he founded and served as the Rotary Foundation Training Committee Chair for Zones 31 and 32 and was Chair of the Zone 31-32 Foundation Training Committee (for four RRFs).

Mac authored and RI's Gary Millman edited the Club Rotary Foundation Committee Guide (155-EN) now available on the Foundation section of the download center at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), which provides guidance to Club Rotary Foundation Chairs. This Guide also served as Chapter 4 of The District Rotary Foundation Committee Manual (300-EN) used worldwide by The Rotary Foundation.

In 1993 Mac was one of only 171 Rotarians worldwide to have been awarded the Citation of Merit by the Foundation of Rotary International. In 2000 Mac was one of 44 Rotarians worldwide to be named a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Trustees of the Rotary International.

Mac served as Program Chair for the Baltimore Zone Institute for Zones 31 & 32 in 2000. Mac was a member of the Zone 31 Membership Development Task Force in 2000-2001. Mac has also served repeatedly as a member of the Leadership Forum and Zone Institute Planning Team. He was the Chair of the Zone 31 Centennial Honors Committee (2004-06). He was Chair of the Zone 31 Water Task Force and was an Annual Funds Strategic Advisor for the Rotary Foundation in Zone 31 (2004-06). Mac was Chair of the 2005-06 Zone 31-32 Community Service Forum held in New York at Pace University for Director David Linnet. Mac served as Zone 32 Literacy Coordinator for 2009-10.

Mac served as president of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, Rotary's District 7980 treasurer, chairman of the Fairfield Festival of the Arts, and has been an active participant in the United Way of Southwestern Connecticut. In 1992, he and his brother, Walter M. Leask, were awarded the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce's Harold B. Harris Award for long-standing community involvement. The Rotary Clubs from the six towns around and including Bridgeport awarded

Mac the Norm Parsells Award in 1997. In 1998, the Bridgeport Dental Association awarded him their Community Service Award. The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA)/American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) awarded Mac their Public Service Award for 1997/98 “as one who represents the professions with distinction in ... community service.”

His wife Phoebe, a Realtor, is a Past President of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, and is also a Fairfield Rotarian. Phoebe served as her Rotary Club’s President during the 1999-2000 Rotary year. Phoebe served District 7980 as an Assistant Governor (2007-2010) and is Chair of the Paul Harris Society. She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. She is a former events and meeting planner. Mac and Phoebe have four children, Peter, Andrew, Joanna, and Jay. Mac and Phoebe are sustaining members of the Rotary International Foundation, Charter District 7980 Paul Harris Society Members and are major donors.