



## **Professional Background**

### **College for Appraisers**

GCA Graduate Certified Appraiser  
MCA Master Certified Appraiser  
GGAC Graduate Gemology Appraiser Certificate  
USPAP Current Certification

### **Gemological Institute of America**

Pearls & Pearl Grading  
Counter Sketching

### **California State University**

Certificate Textiles Collections Management  
BA Physics/Business Administration

### **American Quilter's Society & National Quilting Association**

Quilt Appraising & Judging Courses

### **Memberships**

Antiques & Collectibles National Association  
Costume Society of America  
Gemological Institute of America Alumni  
California Citrus Label Society

## **THE CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS**

### **As Professional Appraisers, We Shall...**

*...provide our clients with all pricing information and fee structures prior to the start of any work.*

*...never receive any fee based upon a percentage of the appraised value.*

*...always conduct our business in a professional manner.*

*...perform competently and professionally in our inspection, observation, research and final valuation of an appraisal.*

*...treat all appraisals in strict confidence. Appraisal information is never disclosed to anyone without client consent.*

*...make ourselves aware of all legal matters applicable to an appraisal.*

*...be willing to testify in a court of law to support our conclusions of value.*

*...avoid all aspects and actions in an appraisal that might constitute a conflict of interest.*



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**Certified Personal Property Appraiser**

**Personal Property Appraisals**  
**Estate Sales**  
**Consulting Services**

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**Member**

**Guide to Professional**  
**Personal Property Services**

## What is personal property?

Personal property consists of antiques, collectibles or other items of value such as:

- Furniture, Clocks, Appliances
- Glass, Crystal, Ceramics & Pottery
- Artwork, Photos & Books
- Jewelry Old & Modern, including Costume
- Clothing, Quilts & Textiles

## Why appraise your personal property?

- Obtain adequate insurance coverage
- Claim loss for insurance
- Settle an estate for probate
- Equitable division of property

## What does an appraisal consist of?

- On-site visit to your home or business
- Examination & evaluation of each item
- Research & valuation of appraised items
- Written report with documented inventory
- Photographs of items

It is important to remember when requesting an appraisal that the purpose must be specified as the same item may have different values depending on appraisal use. Insurance values may vary from estate tax, consumer resale, liquidation, equitable distribution and casualty loss values.

## Verbal Valuations

Although they are not a replacement for researched appraisals, **Verbal Valuations** of your items are available for a reduced fee in the cases where a written report is not required, such as for Division of Property.

## What Licensing is Required?

There are currently no Federal or State licensing requirements for Personal Property Appraisers. It is recommended that an Appraiser be Certified by completing a Formal Program of Appraisal Studies, Maintain USPAP Compliance and belong to a Professional Association.



## Services Provided:

- Written Appraisal Reports
- Verbal Valuations
- Estate & Liquidation Sales
- Estate Sale Consultations
- Downsizing & Moving Sales
- Valuations for Division of Property
- Verbal Valuation Clinics
- Speaking for Your Group

## What is the cost involved for appraisal, valuation and consulting services?

Fees for appraisals, valuations and consults are charged by the onsite hour or a specified amount based on the length of time involved. In some cases additional fees may be necessary for extensive research, unique or rare items, large collections, use of outside consultants, court testimony or travel time.

Fees for Estate Sales are Competitive and Commission Based. Specific Commissions and Fees may vary according to the unique conditions of each sale.

Payment is due at the time of on-site visit unless other arrangements are made or in the case of an Estate Sale.

**For inquiries or to set up an appointment please call:**

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