



**AllstateAppraisal**  
*National Valuation and Review Services*

## **Litigation-Support**

Appraisal, Appraisal Review and Expert Witness Services

# Who We Are



- Privately owned Appraisal Firm established in 1959.
- Providing Residential and Commercial Appraisal, and Appraisal Review Services; Expert Witness Services; Appraisals on Machinery & Equipment; and Business Valuations.
- National Valuations Service Provider, headquartered in Illinois; performing over 50,000 Appraisal and Appraisal Reviews Annually.
- Core Competency in Valuation and Appraisal Review Services for Law Firms, Lenders, Insurance Companies, and the Federal Government.
- Clients include Law Firms, Loan Originators, Mortgage Insurers, Fannie Mae, HUD, FDIC, Wall Street, the IRS, The Federal Home Loan Bank Boards, and Local Municipalities. This Diverse Experience is reflected in Credible and Defensible Appraisal Services.
- Extensive Litigation Support/Expert Witness Experience.

# Credibility & Credentials



- **59 Years in Business**  
One of the Nations Longest-Operating Appraisal Firms – in Business since 1959.
- **Qualifications**  
Owned and Operated by Appraisers holding the Appraisal Institute's MAI and/or SRA designations; the Highest Qualifications attainable in the Appraisal Industry.
- **High Volume and Diverse Experience-Base**  
Performing over 50,000 Appraisals and Appraisal Reviews Annually.
- **Relied on Daily by the Federal Government**  
Selected as one of the Original Two Appraisal Firms in the U.S. to be Awarded a Contract with the FDIC to Manage the Appraisal Review Services for Failed Banks in Receivership.
- **Industry Involvement**  
Steven S. Albert, MAI, SRA holds Membership in The Appraisal Foundation's Industry Advisory Council.
- **Expert Witness Experience**  
Substantial Deposition and Trial Experience in Federal, State and Bankruptcy courts.

# Types of Assignments



## Current and Retrospective Appraisals and Appraisal Reviews for:

- Divorce Resolution
- Federal Estate Taxation Appraisals – Date of Death Valuations
- Assessment Appeal Appraisals
- Eminent Domain/Condemnation Appraisals
- Partition Suit Appraisals
- Alleged Appraiser Negligence
- Gifting Appraisals
- Charitable Contribution Appraisals
- Appraisals for Selling Property
- Appraisals for Buying Property
- Damage Estimates Due to Title Policy Error
- Market Rent Analysis
- Proposed Construction
- Zoning Board of Appeals

# A Few of our Local Clients



- Katz and Stefani, LLC
- Schiller DuCanto & Fleck, LLP
- Tameling & Associates, P.C.
- Frumm & Frumm
- Hecht & Seidman, LLC
- Grotta & Associates, P.C.
- Helen Sigman & Associates
- Law Offices of David N. Blocher
- Griffin McCarthy & Rice, LLP
- Miller Shakman & Beem, LLP
- Kamerlink, Stark, Powers & McNicholas, LLC
- Burke Costanza & Carberry LLP
- Fischel & Kahn, Ltd.
- Reed, Centracchio & Associates, LLC
- DLA Piper LLP
- Joel Zimmerman & Associates, LTD.
- O'Connor Family Law, P.C.
- Mauck & Baker, LLC
- Kuzniar & Simons, PC
- Law Offices of Leslie L. Veon
- Schwartz Wolf & Bernstein, LLP
- Levin & Brend, P.C.
- Beerman Pritikin Mirabelli Swerdlove LLP
- Law Office of Clare McMahon
- The Barclay Law Group
- Michael J. Chiero, LLC
- Panos & Associates, LLC
- LeVine Wittenberg Shugan & Schatz
- Irell & Manella
- Daniel J. Moriarty, P.C.
- Nottage and Ward, LLP
- Seyfarth Shaw LLP
- Law Offices of A. Marcy Newman
- Law Offices of Wayne and Jemilo
- M. Scott Gordon & Associates
- Birnbaum, Haddon, Gelfman & Arnoux, LLC
- Boyle & Feinberg, P.C.
- Law Offices of Carroll A. Barry
- Law Offices of Jeffrey M. Leving
- Law Offices of Bruce B. Cole
- Berger Schatz
- Mandel, Lipton, Roseborough & Sharma, Ltd.
- Todd E. Feiwell, P.C.
- Walters Law Group, Ltd.
- Blair Caravelli Law
- Quinn Emanuel Urqhart & Sullivan, LLP
- Weiss Kunz & Green, LLC
- Ventrelli Simon LLC
- Bradford & Gordon, LLC
- Law Offices of Jean Conde
- Arnold & Kadjan
- Pyes & Cherin
- Law Offices of Donna R. Farley
- BMB Law
- Marilyn Longwell & Associates, P.C.
- Weiler & Lengle, P.C.
- Rieff Schramm Kanter & Guttman LLC
- Harrison & Held, LLP
- Bennett & Bangser, LLC
- Seyfarth Shaw LLP
- Blocher Law
- Bradford & Gordon, LLC

# Core Competencies



## Residential and Commercial Valuation/Review and Expert Witness Services

- Current and Retrospective Appraisals – All Property Types, Nationally
- Appraisal Review – (Review Opposing Counsel's Appraisal)
- Expert Witness Services – Deposition, Trial, Consulting
- Customized Services
- USPAP SR Violation Consulting Service
- Market Studies
- Highest and Best Use Studies
- Impact Studies
- Feasibility Studies

# Key Personnel



- 65 full-time employees.
- Highly Experienced Staff – Average Tenure of 20 Years For Each Divisional Manager
- Highly Experienced Review Team – 100% of Reviewers are Certified Residential/Certified General and all with national review experience.
- Eight of our Full Time reviewers hold Appraisal Institute designations – (MAI and/or SRA).
- Former President of Appraisal Institute – Chicago Chapter – is Team Lead of our Residential QC (and an SRA).
- Commercial Valuation Review Team Headed by three full time MAI Appraisers.

# The Allstate Advantage



- In All of our Litigation-Support Cases, Our Goals include:
  - Preparing Credible and Defensible Appraisals
  - Each Report is Written in Anticipation of Potential Challenges from Opposing Side
  - Maintaining Complete, Organized, and Supportive File Material
  - Being Well Prepared for Anticipated Challenges
  - Maximizing Effectiveness of our Expert Witness Testimony
  - Offering any Requested Suggestions for the Deposition/Examination of Opposing Side's Appraiser(s)
  - Being Well Prepared for Opposing Counsel's Cross Examination Tactics
- Proof is in the Facts
  - 59 years in Business
  - Frequent Stipulations for Both Sides to Utilize Allstate
  - One of the First Two Appraisal Firms in the Nation to Receive a Contract with a Primary Federal Regulator for Appraisal Management and Review Services – Based on Extensive Audit of our Company in a Comprehensive Vendor Selection Process
  - A growing litigation support division as a result of credible and effective valuation and expert witness services



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