



Margaret Olsen, ASA
Accredited Senior Appraiser
Personal Property

President, Westminster Appraisal & Consultation, Ms Olsen has been an appraiser for more than 30 years. Her designations through the American Society of Appraisers are: Personal Property - Numismatics (coins and currency) and Personal Property - Sports Collectibles and Memorabilia. Her specialties are sports memorabilia and collectibles, baseball and sports cards, as well as rare coins, gold, silver, platinum and palladium coins. She has published articles about the appraisal profession, sports memorabilia, and co-authored “The Gold Book, A Guide to Commonly Traded Gold Bullion Coins and Bars” and “The Platinum and Palladium Buyer’s Guide.”

Ms. Olsen has taught Personal Property Principles of Valuation Courses at Northwestern University, The University of Georgia (UGA), The University of Missouri at Columbia (UMC), The University of California at Irvine (UCI), University of Tennessee (UTK), George Washington University, and Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). She received a Distinguished Instructor Award from UCI. Olsen is a graduate of Northern Illinois University.

APPRAISAL EDUCATION

American Society of Appraisers - Courses Completed

Principles of Valuation, PP/GJ 201-204, 1992-93
Fine & Decorative Arts Principles Course, FD207, 1994
Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, 1999, 2004
Senior Member Re-accreditation, 1990, 1994, 1999, 2004

American Society of Appraisers - Seminars and Symposiums Completed

“Succeeding as an Expert Witness,” Denver, Colorado, 1995
“Getting Value from Your Appraiser: A Lawyer’s Guide”, Colorado 1998
“Legal Environment of Appraisal,” Denver, Colorado 1999
“Personal Property Insurance—Damage & Loss” Irvine, CA 2001
“Art and Cultural Property: Provenance; Due Diligence; Legal and Ethical Issues”, Washington DC, 2002

Other Appraisal Symposiums and Courses Completed

Handwriting Analysis, Front Range Community College, 1986
IRS Rules and Regulations: Report Writing Seminar and Workshop, Appraisers Association of America, Inc., 1999

APPRAISAL COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT

Appraiser's Toolkit: Fakes, Frauds, & Reproductions
Charitable Contributions: Do's and Don'ts
Insurance, Appraisers, and the Law
Personal Property Valuation Methodology—Research and Analysis
Personal Property Valuation—Report Writing
Personal Property Valuation—Advanced Report Writing
Silver: Is It Real?
The Business of Appraising

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of Appraisers - National Level

Personal Property Committee Education chair
Personal Property Course Developer

Member of the following committees

Personal Property Committee
International Board of Examiners
Personal Property Distance Education Coordinator

Professional Organizations

American Numismatic Association
Baseball Hall of Fame - Individual Member
Canadian Numismatic Association
Colorado Gemological Association
Colorado Independent Publishers Association
Manuscript Society
Washington Historical Autograph and Certificate Organization

Over thirty YEARS PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL EXPERIENCE

Ms. Olsen is a frequent guest speaker. A recognized authority on Personal Property, she is often called upon for expert witness testimony and appraisal related corporate and tax consultation. Ms Olsen has worked with many organizations, museums, insurance companies, CPA firms, lawyers, banks, and courts. Included in this group are:

The Smithsonian Institution
The Baseball Hall of Fame
The National Park Service
The Denver Mint
National Insurance Companies including Chubb, AIG, USAA and more
Bank Trust and Administrative Departments
Independent Adjusters
Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC)
Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC)