

# FAQs

## Litigation Professional Development Program (10/9/14)

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Participants who complete courses in the *Litigation Professional Development Program* may represent that they have completed the program's curriculum and passed the examinations. Participants may not represent themselves as having a specialization, certification, competency, or expertise based solely on the successful completion of the program. The program provider does not assume any duty to the public for the services provided by program participants, or any other person or entity.

**Q. Which courses make up the *Litigation Professional Development Program*?**

A. There are two options to complete the program.

Option 1

<i>The Appraiser as an Expert Witness: Preparation and Testimony (700)</i>	2 days	15 hours + 1 hour exam
<i>Litigation Appraising: Specialized Topics and Applications (705)</i>	2 days	15 hours + 1 hour exam
<i>Condemnation Appraising: Basic Principles &amp; Applications (710)*</i>	2 days	15 hours + 1 hour exam
<i>Condemnation Appraising: Advanced Principles &amp; Applications (720)*</i>	2 days	15 hours + 1 hour exam

\* 710 and 720 retired 2009

Option 2

<i>The Appraiser as an Expert Witness: Preparation and Testimony (700)</i>	2 days	15 hours + 1 hour exam
<i>Litigation Appraising: Specialized Topics and Applications (705)</i>	2 days	15 hours + 1 hour exam
<i>Condemnation Appraising: Principles &amp; Applications (715)*</i>	3 days	21 hours + 1 hour exam

\*715 premiered 2009; combined content from 710 and 720.

**Q. Must I be an Appraisal Institute Designated member to take the courses in the Litigation Professional Development Program?**

A. Anyone may take the courses in the *Litigation* program. Only Appraisal Institute Designated members, however, will be placed on the *Litigation* Registry.

**Q. If I become a Designated member after I have taken and passed the courses in the Litigation program, will I be placed on the Litigation Registry?**

A. Yes. Contact [education@appraisalinstitute.org](mailto:education@appraisalinstitute.org). Include your name and state in the subject line of your e-mail. Staff will review your files and process the appropriate paperwork.

**Q. What happens if I took the courses in Option 1, but did not take or pass the exams?**

A. If you are a Designated member and you sat through the courses in Option 1, but did not take or pass one or all of the exams, you may challenge the 700, 705, and/or the 715 exams (**Note.** The 715 exam combined questions from the 710 and 720 exams). If you pass the exams, you will be placed on the Registry. If you do not pass one or more of the exams, you may re-exam twice within one year. If you do not pass after two re-exams, you will need to retake the course(s) again and pass the exam(s). If you do not pass the 715 exam, you will need to take the 3-day *Condemnation Appraising: Principles & Applications* (715) course. (**Note.** The 710 and 720 exams were retired 1/1/09.)

**Q. Many years ago, I took 700, 705, and 710. I passed the three exams. All I need is 720, but it was retired. What do I do now?**

A. You have two options. You may take the “new” 3-day course that has combined 710 and 720, *Condemnation Appraising: Principles & Applications* (715) and pass the exam. Or, you may simply challenge the 715 exam. Be aware that if you challenge the exam, additional content that was covered in 720 will be tested. We leave it to your discretion whether or not you feel you have the knowledge needed to pass the exam.

**Q. I have taken 700, 705, and 720. I passed the three exams. All I need is 710, but it was retired. What do I do now?**

A. You have two options: 1) You may take the 3-day course that combined 710 and 720, *Condemnation Appraising: Principles & Applications* (715) and pass the exam OR 2) You may simply challenge the 715 exam. Be aware that if you challenge the exam, additional content that was covered in 710 will be tested. We leave it to your discretion whether or not you feel you have the knowledge needed to pass the exam.

**Q. The American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers offered a Litigation Valuation course (copyright 1980). Will this course count towards the Litigation Professional Development Program?**

A. No.

**Q. Are the courses in the *Litigation Professional Development* program approved for qualifying education (QE) credit?**

A. No. Because the content in these courses is advanced, the courses are only approved for continuing education (CE) and AI CE credit.

**Q. Are the courses in this program approved as advanced education options earning the highest point values for AI CE credit?**

A. Yes. AI CE credit for Designated Members, Candidates for Designation, and Practicing Affiliates will receive the following points:

*The Appraiser as an Expert Witness: Preparation and Testimony*

- Attend only = 150 points
- Attend and pass the exam = 200 points

*Litigation Appraising: Specialized Topics and Applications*

- Attend only = 145 points
- Attend and pass the exam = 200 points

*Condemnation Appraising: Basic Principles & Applications*

- Attend only = 180 points
- Attend and pass the exam = 200 points