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Livingston's Mark Sussman, MAI, Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (June 2, 2010) – Mark Sussman, MAI, of Livingston, NJ, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's June "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VI.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest organization of real estate appraisers; Region VI includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Sussman is a member of the Appraisal Institute's Metro New Jersey Chapter.

"Mark Sussman is an example of the outstanding individuals who belong to the Appraisal Institute," said Leslie P. Sellers, MAI, SRA, Appraisal Institute president. "We're proud of the contributions Mark and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live."

Sussman has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for 31 years. His service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving as president of the Metro New Jersey Chapter and as chair of the Associate Guidance Committee and the Conference and Program Committee. A former Region VI representative, he has served as an instructor of Appraisal Institute qualifying education, advanced education and continuing education courses.

Sussman has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 33 years. His service to the profession includes authoring an article for The Appraisal Journal on capitalization rate derivation, earning his CRE designation from the Counselors of Real Estate and working as a Certified Tax Assessor in the state of New Jersey. He has been certified as a general real estate appraiser by the states of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, and has been Principal of Lasser Sussman Associates, LCC since 1999.

In his community, Sussman has served for more than 15 years on the Board of Trustees for Family Connections, a nonprofit locally-based counseling and family service organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people of all ages and needs in the community. In addition, he currently serves as a

member of the Township of West Orange Zoning Board of Adjustment, of which he is also a past vice-chair.

Sussman, 58, joined one of AI's predecessor organizations in 1979 and earned his MAI designation in 1986. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lehigh University.

The Appraisal Institute is a global membership association of professional real estate appraisers, with more than 25,000 members and 91 chapters throughout the world. Its mission is to advance professionalism and ethics, global standards, methodologies, and practices through the professional development of property economics worldwide. Organized in 1932, the Appraisal Institute advocates equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in the appraisal profession and conducts its activities in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws. Members of the Appraisal Institute benefit from an array of professional education and advocacy programs, and may hold the prestigious MAI, SRPA and SRA designations. Learn more at www.appraisalinstitute.org.

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