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Aromas' Neil A. Lefmann Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Oct. 16, 2017) – Neil A. Lefmann, MAI, SRPA, SRA, of Aromas, California, was recognized today as an Appraisal Institute third quarter “Volunteer of Distinction” for Region I.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation’s largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region I consists of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, northern California, northern Nevada and British Columbia, Canada. Lefmann is a member of the Northern California Chapter.

“Neil Lefmann has shown a great commitment to the Appraisal Institute,” said Appraisal Institute President & Acting CEO Jim Amarin, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS. “We are proud to have volunteers like Neil who have dedicated themselves to the advancement of our organization, the valuation profession and their local communities.”

Lefmann serves as chair of the Government Relations Committee and on the Board of Directors of the Northern California Chapter. He also serves as chair of the Silicon Valley Branch Chapter. He previously was chair of the Finance Committee and treasurer in 2007 and 2001; regional representative in 2007, 2002 and 1999; president in 2003; and vice president in 2002. He served two terms as secretary; two terms as chair of the Education Committee; chair of the Seminar Committee; and vice chair of the Admissions Committee. Lefmann served on the Regional Ethics & Consulting Assistant Regional Committee and on the California Government Relations Subcommittee. He also has organized educational and networking events for the Northern California Chapter and the Silicon Valley Branch Chapter. Lefmann served on the national Peer Review Panel, and on the national Appraisal Institute faculty teaching continuing education courses. He joined a predecessor organization of the Appraisal Institute in 1989, received his MAI designation in 1983, and his SRPA and SRA designations in 1988.

He has been a senior appraiser at Valbridge Property Advisors/Hulberg & Associates, Inc. in San Jose, California, since 2012, and has been in the valuation profession for 48 years. He received a bachelor’s degree in business finance with an accounting minor from San Jose State University, and a real estate program and certificate in real estate from West Valley College in Saratoga, California.

Among his volunteer activities, Lefmann is active in the Masons of California.

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