



Volunteers of Distinction

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Columbia's Joseph B. Woods Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Oct. 4, 2017) – Joseph B. Woods, SRA, of Columbia, South Carolina, was recognized today as an Appraisal Institute third quarter "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region IX.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region IX consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee. Woods is a member of the South Carolina Chapter.

"Joe Woods 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 Joe who have dedicated themselves to the advancement of our organization, the valuation profession and their local communities."

Woods serves on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Chapter, and as a member of the Government Relations Committee, a position he also held in 2016. He previously was a member of the Nominating Committee in 2016; member of the Finance Committee in 2015 and 2013; chair of the Nominating Committee in 2014; president in 2013; chair of the Bylaws Committee from 2012-13; vice president in 2012; second vice president in 2011; regional representative from 2011-12; treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee in 2010; secretary in 2009; chair of the Public Relations Committee in 2004; and chair of the Candidate Guidance Committee-Residential, and chair of the Candidate Guidance Committee-General in 2000.

He served on the national Education Committee from 2013-16; member of the Regional Nominating Committee and member of the University Relations Panel in 2014; chair of the Regional Nominating Committee in 2012; chair of the Leadership Development and Advisory Council Conference in 2012; vice chair of LDAC in 2011; discussion leader at LDAC in 2010; a member of LDAC from 2007-09; and a contract screener on the Experience Screening Panel in 2000.

Additionally, Woods was part of the team that successfully helped secure the signing of the state's appraisal management company law in 2017.

Woods joined a predecessor organization of the Appraisal Institute in 1986, and received his SRA designation in 1994.

He has been an owner/partner at Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants, LLC, in Columbia, since 2000, and has been in the valuation profession for 31 years.

Among his community activities, Woods serves at his church and participated in the Leadership Committee at the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

Woods is married to Linda Woods.

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