



Volunteers of Distinction

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Evanston's Karen Emerle Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Sept. 9, 2015) – Karen Emerle, SRA, of Evanston, Illinois, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's September "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region III.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region III consists of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin. Emerle is a member of the Chicago Chapter.

"Karen Emerle is an outstanding representative of the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute
President M. Lance Coyle, MAI, SRA. "We are fortunate to work with dedicated volunteers like Karen,
who devote their time and energy to advancing the real estate valuation profession in their communities."

Emerle is the Chicago Chapter representative on the Illinois Coalition of Appraisers, a position in which she has served since 2011. In 2014, she received the chapter's Distinguished Service Award.

Emerle has been chair of the ICAP Finance Committee since 2013, and is also chair of the ICAP Illinois State Board Committee. She previously served on the Nominations Committee, as well as special committees for the organization's by-laws, administrative rules, C & R Survey and website and accounting contracts.

She has worked in the valuation profession for 13 years, and received her SRA designation in 2008.

Emerle is the owner of Appraisal Center, in Evanston. She volunteers for Bears of Hope, which makes handmade fabric bears for children and adults in crises, and Dress a Girl.

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