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Orlando's Elaine Liz-Ramirez Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (March 9, 2016) – Elaine Liz-Ramirez, MAI, of Orlando, Florida, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's March "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region X.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region X consists of Florida and Puerto Rico. Liz-Ramirez is a member of the East Florida Chapter.

"Elaine Liz-Ramirez is an outstanding example of the high standards held by Appraisal Institute professionals," said Appraisal Institute President Scott Robinson, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS. "We feel fortunate to have volunteers like Elaine, who are willing to devote their time and talent to helping their communities and advancing the valuation profession."

Liz-Ramirez serves the East Florida Chapter as vice president and regional representative. She was treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee in 2015; alternate regional representative from 2014-15, secretary in 2014 and chair of the Public Relations Committee in 2013. Liz-Ramirez was a participant in the national Leadership Development and Advisory Council Conference from 2013-15. She joined the Appraisal Institute in 1988 and received her MAI designation in 1997.

She has been an advisor for four MAI candidates and was the chair of the Sponsorship Committee for the Central Florida Real Estate Forum.

Liz-Ramirez is the director of appraisal management at the Hancock Bank, located in Gulfport, Mississippi, and has been in the valuation profession for 27 years. She received a bachelor's degree in business administration – finance from Stetson University, located in Deland, Florida.

Among her volunteer activities, Liz-Ramirez has been active in Monroe County leadership, and belonged to the chamber of commerce in Key West, Florida and Sebring, Florida. She also has been a volunteer at elementary, middle and high schools.

Liz-Ramirez has one son, Aaron Trujillo.

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