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Dallas' Gregory Stephens Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Nov. 9, 2016) – Gregory E. Stephens, SRA, of Dallas, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's November "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VIII.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VIII consists of New Mexico and Texas. Stephens is a member of the North Texas Chapter.

"Greg Stephens 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 Greg, who are willing to devote their time and talent to helping their communities and advancing the valuation profession."

Stephens serves the North Texas Chapter as chair of the Candidate Guidance Committee, a position he also held in 2014 and as chair of the Government Relations Committee, a position he also held in 2015, 2010 and 2005-08. He was chair of the Nominating Committee (2014); chapter president (2013); vice president (2012); regional representative (2012, 2004-05); secretary (2011) and treasurer, chair of the Finance Committee and alternate regional representative (2010). Stephens was a member of the Client Advisory Committee (2005-06); and a member of the Government Relations Work Group (2004). He also served in various leadership capacities with the Society of Real Estate Appraisers, a predecessor organization to the Appraisal Institute.

Prior to joining the North Texas Chapter, Stephens was a member of the Northern California Chapter where he served as chair of the Candidate Guidance Committee- Residential (2001). As a member of the San Jose Chapter, he served as vice president (1997) and second vice president (1996). As a member of the South Bay Chapter, Stephens served as secretary (1995).

Stephens has been a member of the Appraisal Institute since 1991, received his SRA designation in 2000 and is a candidate for the AI-RRS designation.

Stephens has been the chief appraiser/compliance with Metro-West Appraisal Co., LLC, in Dallas, since 2011, and has been in the valuation profession for 35 years.

His volunteer activities include working with Special Olympics, the Greyhound Adoption League of Texas and the Children's Medical Center.

Stephens and his wife, Cheryl Rowland, SRPA, SRA, have four grandchildren.

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