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Livingston's Diane Christiana Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (March 9, 2011) – Diane V. Christiana, MAI, of Livingston, N.J., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's March "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VI.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VI consists of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Christiana is a member of the Metro New Jersey Chapter.

"Diane Christiana is an example of the outstanding individuals who belong to the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Joseph C. Magdziarz, MAI, SRA. "We're proud of the contributions Diane and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live."

A member of the Appraisal Institute for six years, Christiana earned her MAI designation last year. She currently serves as a member of her chapter's Board of Directors, is chair of the chapter's Government Relations Committee and has served on committees for the chapter's Fall and Princeton Conferences. She was instrumental in her chapter being appointed to the New Jersey Smart Growth Economic Development Coalition. Christiana is also an instructor for the Appraisal Institute.

Christiana has served as a Town Council member and as council president for the Borough of Roseland and is a member of the borough's Board of Adjustment. She is a past member of the Town Planning Board and Town Environmental Commission. She founded the Roseland Educational Foundation to raise funds and to form partnerships between the school community and area corporations. She also is a past member of the Roseland Board of Education and the Roseland Junior Women's Club. She was voted Volunteer of the Year in 2001 for the Borough of Roseland and was named Municipal Official of the Year in 2007 for Essex County, receiving a lifetime achievement award from the county last year.

Christiana, 48, has worked in the real estate valuation profession for seven years and currently is senior appraiser at Appraisal Consultants Corp. in Livingston, N.J. She earned her bachelor's degree in

business administration from Dowling College. She and her husband, Dr. William Christiana, have two sons, Andrew and Matthew.

To learn more about the Appraisal Institute's "Volunteer of Distinction" member recognition program, go to <http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/membership/VolunteerOfDistinction.aspx>.

The Appraisal Institute is a global membership association of professional real estate appraisers, with more than 24,000 members and 91 chapters throughout the world. Its mission is to advance professionalism and ethics, global standards, methodologies, and practices through the professional development of property economics worldwide. Organized in 1932, the Appraisal Institute advocates equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in the appraisal profession and conducts its activities in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws. Members of the Appraisal Institute benefit from an array of professional education and advocacy programs, and may hold the prestigious MAI, SRPA and SRA designations. Learn more at www.appraisalinstitute.org.

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