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Richmond's Kathryn Sturgis-Bright Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Sept. 5, 2012) – Kathryn Sturgis-Bright, MAI, of Richmond, Calif., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's September "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region I.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region I consists of Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Northern California and Nevada, as well as the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. Sturgis-Bright is a member of the Northern California Chapter.

"Kathryn Sturgis-Bright is an excellent ambassador for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Sara W. Stephens, MAI. "We're privileged to have members like Kathryn who actively contribute to the real estate valuation profession and to their local communities every day."

Sturgis-Bright will serve as secretary, Finance Committee chair and regional representative for the Northern California Chapter in 2013. She currently serves as secretary and Bylaws Committee chair. She was regional education liaison from 2010 to 2012, Admissions Committee chair in 2011, regional representative from 2008 to 2009 and Education Committee chair from 2007 to 2009. She developed and moderated one-day seminars on affordable housing valuation in 2009 and 2011. She became a member of the Appraisal Institute in 1997 and received her MAI designation in 2010.

She has been associate director of Navigant Capital Advisors in San Francisco since 2011 and has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 31 years.

She earned a bachelor's degree in business and an MBA from the University of California, Riverside.

She is married with three children.

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