

How Much Do You Know About the Appraisal Business?

Is there something special about it that you could share? Do you have expertise in a certain field? Have you developed a technique or crafted a certain way of looking at an appraisal problem that may benefit others?

There is a bit of teacher in all of us...however some of us need more coaxing than others. This article is being written in an effort to *encourage* you to share your appraisal knowledge with us all. We are the mentors of the future generation in the appraisal profession. What we already know as appraisers is vital to those that are struggling with similar problems. We need to share that knowledge with those that need our help.

How many times have you searched the web for answers to an appraisal problem that you just need a bit of advice on? Sometimes those bits of advice are just what you were looking for to help with your problem. Your knowledge on a certain subject could live way beyond your time here and be of great assistance to other appraisers.

The Real Property discipline has been working very hard to establish a "Library or Reference Center" for appraisers that will be used for years to come... But we need your help and expertise to accomplish our goal.

Please consider contributing your knowledge to our library. Let's build this knowledge base to be one of the premier sources of reference material for real property appraising. If you are interested in helping the cause, or have something you might wish to contribute, please email me at <u>lb@lbaainc.com</u>.

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