

ASM Appraisal Specialists Midwest

The Twin Cities' foremost qualified personal property appraisers



We are the #1 source for individuals, attorneys, accountants, collectors, museums, businesses, insurance companies and estates when they need to know the value of personal property. Appraisal Specialists Midwest is part of Chubb's Masterpiece Collection™ Network.

Commitment to Excellence

Our work adheres to the ethical & professional guidelines of the Appraisal Foundation's Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) and to the high standards of the Appraiser's Association of America (AAA).

ASM Reports Include

- Confidentiality Statement
- Item(s) identification and description
- Unbiased substantiated opinion of value
- Photographs
- Analysis of market

Ask about our personal property portfolio. One inventory appraisal can produce several different reports and documents (i.e., for insurance, estate division, and estate tax.)

Neutrality/Integrity

We are not dealers or auctioneers. Appraising is our only business, assuring you professional objectivity and confidentiality without conflict of interest.

Items Appraised

- Antique & Modern furnishings • Silver Flatware & Hollowware • Crystal • Art Glass • Art Pottery
- Collectibles • Stamps • Coins • Architectural Antiques
- Folk Art & Primitives • Militaria • Memorabilia
- Oriental Art Objects • Fine Art • Paintings • Prints
- Sculpture • Fine Jewelry

Asset Protection/ Insurance

Types of Appraisals

- A. **Home & Business Inventory.** Insurance companies usually settle claims for less than 50% of the value possessions lost without an inventory and proof of possession.
- B. **Obtain Insurance.** Avoid being over or under insured.
- C. **Damage & Loss Claims.** Diminution of value.
- D. **Continuity.** For clients who own more than one property, we can provide one concise report using the same methodology and assuring clients that all of the necessary items are included in the report. This is helpful when items can be moved from one location to another.

Estate

- A. **Estate Planning**
- B. **Inventory.** Protect your own assets or those of family members when you're not there.
- C. **Estate Tax and Probate.** We meet IRS and state requirements.
- D. **Equitable Division.** Our objective appraisals allow people to move forward without hard feelings.

Divorce

How do you know what is fair without a neutral and objective opinion of value?

- A. **Equitable Division.** Our discreet approach & professional objectivity are appreciated in difficult situations.
- B. **Fair settlement.**

Charitable Contribution

When you are planning your permanent legacy, we can provide donation appraisals. We meet IRS requirements.

Consultations

- A. **Walk-throughs.** We can quickly identify valuable items so they are not accidentally thrown away or end up in a garage sale.
- B. **Acquisition/Disposition** of items or collections.
- C. **Restoration.**
- D. **Preservation.**

Treasures Uncovered™

Book us for your next event. We can provide an *Antiques Roadshow*™-like experience for your clients or employees.