



JEWELLERY EVALUATION & MEDIATION SERVICES

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Principal Diamond, Gem, Jewellery & Watch Appraiser

Independent Registered Valuer® & Graduate Gemologist GIA

Résumé of Education & Experience, Professional & Business

- 1983 Grunewald & Adams retail jewellers, Tucson, Arizona, employed initially as an assistant, progressing to jewellery buyer with responsibilities for buying all estate jewellery and training sales personnel; advanced to senior diamond buyer and jewellery appraiser for three branches
- 1992 Established sole trader business, Iris International, Inc. (USA), offering jewellery appraisals to private clients and the high-end jewellery trade
- 1994 Cellini retail jewellers, Cambridge, employed as senior jewellery valuer and training officer for fifteen staff
- 1995 Partner and Co-Founder of *JEMS™* independent valuers to the general public and claim validators to the insurance industry, innovators of specialist documents, stationery, valuation systems and various aids for the professional jewellery appraiser and allied trades
- 1996 Co-Founder & Lecturer in the highly acclaimed APPRAISAL 2000® Master Class Programme
- 1998 Associate appraiser working in liaison with the London Jewellery Valuers Company, operating in Cambridge & London, undertaking Valuations for private clients and the high-end jewellery trade, including Garrard the Crown Jeweller, Asprey London and other prominent London and Provincial retail jewellers and Christie's Auctioneers
- 1999 Founding principal of Gemological Institute of America's Learning Center (GIA London), subsequently holding the post of Education Coordinator, offering the Institute's educational gemmological courses, seminars, and classes to international students
- 2003 Consultant to *JEMS™* (Jewellery Evaluation & Mediation Services), at that time an independent consultancy of specialist professional appraisers operating nationally and internationally. *JEMS™* was co-founded by Barbara in 1999 and now provides confidential jewellery related specialist risk services to the highest standards of excellence and ethics for VIP clients, law firms, accountants & financial institutions, specialist law enforcement agencies, including the police and other government departments, HM Revenue & Customs, and the United Kingdom Border Force. Expert Witness work is also an important element of the services provided by *JEMS™* and Barbara now conducts much of the necessary research work in this respect



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GIA (Gemological Institute of America) Graduate Gemologist

GIA Diamond Diploma

GIA Coloured Stone Diploma

GIA Advanced Diamond Grading Seminar

GIA Pearl Grading Certificate (using Master Strands)

GIA Coloured Stone Grading Certificate

AGS (American Gem Society) Certified Gemologist

Cartier Training Certificate

ASA (American Society of Appraisers) – USAP – Certificate for Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice and Code of Ethics

ASA – PP201 – Personal Property Valuation Introduction

ASA – PP202 – Personal Property Valuation – Research Analysis and Methodology

ASA – PP203 – Personal Property Valuation – Report Writing and Professional Standards

ASA – PP204 – Personal Property Valuation – Case Studies Government Regulations

ASA – Qualification of Master Gemologist Appraiser®

AGA (Accredited Gemologists Association) – Certificate of Achievement for Master Gemologist

Genesis 9x month intensive Gemmological Course (FGA Diploma+) at Epsom, Surrey

Fellow of the National Association of Jewellers' (NJA) Institute of Registered Valuers (FIRV 95114)

Fellow & Founder Member of the Jewellery Valuers Association (FJVA 20168)

JVA Independent Registered Valuer®

Member of the Genesis Graduate Gemmologist Group

Member of the Society of Jewellery Historians

Member of the Jewellery, Plate & Horologist Group (Membership by invitation only)

Founder & former Administrator & Education Coordinator of the GIA (London) Learning Center

Founder Member & former Secretary of the UK Gemological Institute of America (GIA) Alumni & Associates



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Former Education Chair – Accredited Gemologists Association – in charge of speakers for Tucson Gem Show

Current CAT Advisor tutoring aspiring valuers in the concepts, principals & methodologies of jewellery appraisal

Consultant valuer to Harrods Fine Jewellery, London

Consultant valuer to Cleave & Co, London, Court Jewellers & Medallists

Former consultant jewellery valuer to Garrard, the Crown Jeweller, London

Former consultant jewellery valuer to Asprey London

Former consultant jewellery valuer to Christie's Auctioneers, London

Many certificates of attendance awarded for participation in GIA Gemfests in Santa Monica, American Gem Society Conclaves, American Society of Appraisers Annual Conventions and numerous seminars, classes, evening speaker sessions and conferences both in America and the UK

Lecturer and Guest Speaker on various topics in relation to appraisal techniques and jewellery related subjects, including repeated presentations & workshops at the IRV annual Valuers Conference at Loughborough University

Regular attendee at the annual AGTA Gem & Jewellery Trade Fair in Tucson, Arizona, USA